


Date: June 24, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr. 

Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-21 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH TAIT COMMUNICATIONS FOR RADIO SYSTEM MANAGED SERVICES**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution authorizes the General Manager or his designee to execute a contract modification (Modification) with Tait Communications (Tait) for Radio System Managed Services (Services).

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification from Sole Source Contract
- Other _____

3. Reason for Board Action

TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorization is required for all contract modifications which exceed amounts previously authorized by the Board.

4. Type of Action

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1st Reading
- Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Other _____

5. Background

TriMet’s Information Technology (IT) Division has renegotiated the existing sole source contract with Tait for Services to extend the term of the Contract for two additional years in exchange for lowering the annual cost of services resulting in a cost savings of \$129,061.35 for fiscal years 2027 through 2029 and anticipated cost savings totaling \$103,518.90 for fiscal years 2030 through 2031.

TriMet’s Land Mobile Radio system is a mission-critical, high-priority system. It provides a communication link that supports day-to-day operations and is necessary for the safety of TriMet staff and the public. To ensure high reliability, this essential system must be continually monitored and managed 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

The Land Mobile Radio system supports approximately 2,900 radios:

- 662 radio mobiles in buses
- 256 radio mobiles in light rail trains
- 100 radio mobiles in non-revenue vehicles (supervisors)
- 270 radio mobiles in para-transit vehicles
- 1,500 portable radios for supervisors, transit police, security and other foot personnel
- 100 mobile radios installed in fixed locations for operations and inside buildings

The system comprises of ten sites – two control sites and eight radio sites – interconnected by a redundant combination of TriMet private microwave links and the TriMet Informational Technology (IT) fiber network. Below is a list of the sites:

- Center Street – Primary Control (High Availability Node)
- Junction – Backup Control (High Availability Node)
- Council Crest – Radio Site 1
- Mount Scott – Radio Site 2
- Pete’s Mountain – Radio Site 3
- Polivka – Radio Site 4
- Bald Peak – Radio Site 5
- Livingston – Radio Site 6
- Hillsboro – Radio Site 7
- Parkrose – Radio Site 8

The Tait P25 radio network is comprised of infrastructure manufactured by Tait, Avtec radio dispatch consoles, and Tait portable and mobile radios. This system provides sufficient capacity for all TriMet operations. Under the Modification, Tait will continue to provide 24-hour system health monitoring and support; engineering diagnostic and troubleshooting services; collaborative system enhancements, including ongoing functionality and security improvements; and regular system capacity and usage analysis, meeting current and future agency needs. Additionally, Tait will maintain existing and new servers, software, services and critical backup communication systems.

At its June 26, 2024 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 24-06-37, which authorized a five-year sole-source contract with Tait for mobile radio network management and monitoring in the amount of \$2,029,522.50, with a term through June 2029.

In response to the long-term budget deficit TriMet is facing, the TriMet IT Division has proactively negotiated new cost savings in the support contract for Land Mobile Radio services. This Resolution would authorize a Modification to extend the contract for two years. While it will increase the costs by \$579,228.75, this contract extension will actually reduce TriMet’s annual support costs as shown below:

Contract Year	Original Amount	Re-Negotiated Amount	FY27-31 Savings
Year 1 (FY25)	\$405,904.50	\$405,904.50	---
Year 2 (FY26)	\$405,904.50	\$405,904.50	---
Year 3 (FY27)	\$405,904.50	\$362,884.05	\$43,020.45
Year 4 (FY28)	\$405,904.50	\$362,884.05	\$43,020.45
Year 5 (FY29)	\$405,904.50	\$362,884.05	\$43,020.45
Total	\$2,029,522.50		\$129,061.35
Year 6 (FY30)	---	\$354,145.05	\$51,759.45*
Year 7 (FY31)	---	\$354,145.05	\$51,759.45*
			\$103,518.90*
Total		\$2,608,751.25	\$232,580.25

** Presumptive savings based on current costs; actual savings likely higher due to avoidance of future inflated costs*

Approval of this Resolution allows TriMet to continue benefiting from Tait’s expertise in maintaining and enhancing this critical radio system while saving money each year. The total contract value over the longer, seven-year period will increase by \$579,228.75, bringing the total contract value to \$2,608,751.25.

The pricing for the Modification is based on the previous pricing, with a discounted rate starting in contract year 3 (FY27). Savings in fiscal years 2027 through 2029 total \$129,061.35. Pricing was deemed fair and reasonable based on previous prices paid.

6. Description of Procurement Process

The Contract was established via a sole source procurement process. Tait Radios are proprietary equipment and software. Monitoring and support of the system can only be done by Tait staff. In accordance with TriMet Contract Review Board Rules, TriMet published its notice of intent to award a sole source contract on June 5, 2026. No comments were received.

7. Financial/Budget Impact

The savings from this Modification appear in fiscal years 2027 through 2029 and total \$129,061.35. The additional cost (\$579,228.75) for extending the term of this Contract will be included in future IT Division budgets and are anticipated to come from general funds.

8. Impact if Not Approved

If the Resolution is not approved, TriMet will not recognize cost savings and will need to pay the full rate for the remaining three contract years. As stated above, this is a sole source contract due to the proprietary nature of the equipment and software. These services cannot be obtained from another source.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-21 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A
CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH TAIT COMMUNICATIONS FOR RADIO
SYSTEM MANAGED SERVICES**

WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into a contract modification with Tait Communications (Tait) for Radio System Managed Services (Modification); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-06-37, dated June 26, 2024, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorized a contract in the amount of \$ 2,029,523, over a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-06-29, dated June 25, 2025, the Board adopted a Statement of Policies requiring it to authorize contract modifications which exceed the authority previously granted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this Modification exceeds the contract amount previously authorized by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Modification shall conform with applicable law.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the Modification in the amount of not more than \$579,228.75, for a new total contract amount of \$2,608,751.25, through the termination date of June 30, 2031.

Dated: June 24, 2026

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department