

<b>Regional Mobility Grant Program</b>		
Transportation Demand Management Grant Agreement		
<b>Agreement Number</b>	PTD0782	<b>Contractor:</b>  <b>Whatcom Transportation Authority</b> <b>4011 Bakerview Spur</b> <b>Bellingham, WA 98226-8066</b>  <b>Contact:</b> Erin Knudsen <b>Email:</b> erink@ridewta.com
<b>Term of Agreement</b>	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027	
<b>Vendor #</b>	911529029	
<b>Service Area</b>	San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom	

**THIS AGREEMENT**, entered into by the Washington State Department of Transportation, hereinafter "WSDOT," and the Contractor identified above, hereinafter the "CONTRACTOR," individually the "PARTY" and collectively the "PARTIES."

WHEREAS, the State of Washington in its Sessions Laws of 2023, Chapter 472 Section 221 authorizes funding for Public Transportation Programs and other special proviso funding as identified in the budget through its 2023-2025 biennial appropriations to WSDOT; and

WHEREAS, WSDOT Public Transportation Division administers Regional Mobility Grant Program funds to provide assistance solely for transportation projects as identified in LEAP Transportation Document 2023-2 ALL PROJECT as developed on April 21, 2023, Program- Public Transportation Program (V);

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR has requested funds for the project(s) or program(s) shown under the heading titled "Funding by Project" (hereinafter known as the "Project(s)") which has been selected by WSDOT for funding assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants, and performances contained herein, or attached and incorporated and made a part hereof, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

### Section 1 SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET

#### Funding by Project

**Project Title:** Whatcom Transportation Authority - Whatcom Smart Trips (WST)

**UPIN #** 20230004

**Scope of Work:** Expand the reach of the region's transportation demand management program

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Current Percentage</b>	<b>Current Funds</b>	<b>Projected Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Regional Mobility	45%	\$ 439,971	\$ 408,800	\$ 848,771
Contractor's Funds	55%	\$ 547,998	\$ 509,174	\$ 1,057,172
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 987,969</b>	<b>\$ 917,974</b>	<b>\$ 1,905,943</b>

**Budget:** Current Funds reflect total funding appropriated by the Washington State Legislature for the Project in the 2023-2025 biennium.

## **Section 2**

### **Purpose of Agreement**

The purpose of this AGREEMENT is for WSDOT to provide funds to the CONTRACTOR for public transportation services that meet the needs of persons in the State of Washington.

## **Section 3**

### **Scope of Project**

The CONTRACTOR shall undertake and complete the Project described and detailed in **Section 1- Scope of Work**. The CONTRACTOR shall operate the service within the service area described in Section 1, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 4**

### **Term of Agreement**

The CONTRACTOR shall commence, perform, and complete the work identified under this AGREEMENT within the time defined in the caption space header titled "Term of Agreement" on this AGREEMENT regardless of the date of signature and execution of this AGREEMENT unless terminated as provided herein.

## **Section 5**

### **General Compliance Assurance**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all instructions as prescribed in the *WSDOT Public Transportation State Grant Programs Guidebook*, hereinafter referred to as the "Guidebook", and any amendments thereto, found at <https://wsdot.wa.gov/business-wsdot/grants/public-transportation-grants/manage-your-grant> which by this reference is incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 6**

### **Contractor's Share of Project Costs**

- A. The Total Project Cost shall not exceed the amounts detailed in **Section 1**. The CONTRACTOR agrees to expend eligible funds, together with any Contractor's Funds allocated for the Project, in an amount sufficient to complete the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to expend eligible funds, together with other funds allocated for the Project, in an amount sufficient to complete the Project as detailed in **Section 1**. If at any time the CONTRACTOR becomes aware that the cost of the Project will exceed or be less than the amount identified in **Section 1**, the CONTRACTOR shall notify WSDOT in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of making that determination. Nothing in **Section 6(A)**, shall preclude the requirements specified in **Section 7 (B)** for payments at the end of the biennium.
- B. **Minimum Match:** The CONTRACTOR is required to provide a minimum match of funds for the Project as identified in **Section 1**, indicated as Contractor's Funds.

## **Section 7**

### **Reimbursement and Payment**

- A. Payment will be made by WSDOT on a reimbursable basis for actual costs and expenditures incurred while performing eligible direct and related indirect Project work during the life of the Project. Payment is subject to the submission to and approval by WSDOT of properly prepared invoices that substantiate the costs and expenses submitted by the CONTRACTOR for reimbursement. Failure to send in progress reports and financial information as required in **Section 9 –Reports** may delay payment. The CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice detailing and supporting the costs incurred. Such invoices may be submitted no more than once per month and no less than once per year, during the course of this AGREEMENT. If approved by WSDOT, properly prepared invoices shall be paid by WSDOT within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall submit an invoice for completed work in the same state fiscal year in which it was incurred. Pursuant to RCW 43.88.020(12) “fiscal year” is defined as the year beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th. Reimbursement requests must be received no later than July 15 of the following state fiscal year. If the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide an invoice by this date, the CONTRACTOR shall provide an estimate of the charges to be billed so WSDOT may accrue the expenditures in the proper fiscal year. Any payment request received after the timeframe prescribed above will not be eligible for reimbursement.

## **Section 8**

### **Assignments and Subcontracts**

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall submit to WSDOT a copy of any contract, amendment, or change order thereto pertaining to this Project for review and documentation. This includes any completed Project facilities and/or infrastructure under this AGREEMENT, or other actions obligating the CONTRACTOR in any manner with any third party with respect to its rights and responsibilities under this AGREEMENT, including any leasing and/or lending the Project or any part thereof to be used by anyone, not under the CONTRACTOR’s direct supervision.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees to include all applicable sections of the AGREEMENT such as **Section 5, Sections 8 through 20, and Section 27**, of this AGREEMENT in each subcontract and in all contracts, it enters into for the employment of any individual, procurement of any materials, or the performance of any work to be accomplished under this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 9 Reports**

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall prepare quarterly reports regarding services provided pursuant to this AGREEMENT and other related information as prescribed in the Guidebook, and any amendments thereto, whichever is applicable, or as requested by WSDOT. Due to Legislative and WSDOT reporting requirements, any required quarterly progress reports shall be submitted for the duration of the AGREEMENT period regardless of whether the underlying funding sources have been exhausted. Post-grant annual performance reporting may also be required as prescribed in the Guidebook. Those reports include, but are not limited to:
1. Project Passenger Trips Provided
  2. Project Service Hours Provided
  3. Project Revenue Service Miles Provided
  4. Narrative Progress Report
  5. Financial Status/Summaries of the Project.
- B. Failure to meet any of the above-identified report submittal timelines may result in the CONTRACTOR being considered to be in breach of contract and “Not In Good Standing” as defined in the Guidebook referenced in **Section 5 - General Compliance** of Agreement of this agreement. Failure to meet the above-identified report submittal timelines may also prevent the CONTRACTOR from receiving future PT Rideshare grant funds in the next biennium.

## **Section 10 Energy Credit**

To the extent CONTRACTOR receives any monies from the sale or disposition of energy credits, decarbonization credits, environmental credits, or any other monies through its participation of a like program, CONTRACTOR agrees to reinvest those monies into services and projects consistent with the STATE’S public transportation grant program. CONTRACTOR’S obligation to reinvest these monies under this provision shall be in an amount no less than the proportion of the STATE’S funding of this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 11 No Obligation by the State Government**

No contract between the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall create any obligation or liability for WSDOT with regard to this AGREEMENT without WSDOT’s specific written consent, notwithstanding its concurrence in, or approval of, the award of any contract or subcontract or the solicitations thereof.

## **Section 12 Personal Liability of Public Officers**

No officer or employee of WSDOT shall be personally liable for any acts or failure to act in connection with this AGREEMENT, it being understood that in such matters they are acting solely as agents of WSDOT.

### **Section 13**

#### **Ethics**

1. Relationships with Employees and Officers of WSDOT. The CONTRACTOR shall not extend any loan, gratuity or gift of money in any form whatsoever to any employee or officer of WSDOT, nor shall CONTRACTOR knowingly rent or purchase any equipment and materials from any employee or officer of WSDOT.
2. Employment of Former WSDOT Employees. The CONTRACTOR hereby warrants that it shall not engage on a full-time, part-time, or another basis during the period of this AGREEMENT, any professional or technical personnel who are or have been, at any time during the period of this AGREEMENT, in the employ of WSDOT without the written consent of WSDOT.

### **Section 14**

#### **Civil rights**

The CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any WSDOT-assisted contract or in the administration of its public transportation services.

### **Section 15**

#### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

- A. The CONTRACTOR agrees to abide by all applicable state and federal laws and regulations including but not limited to, those concerning employment, equal opportunity employment, nondiscrimination assurances, project record keeping necessary to evidence compliance with such federal and state laws and regulations, and retention of all such records. The CONTRACTOR will adhere to all applicable nondiscrimination provisions in chapter 49.60 RCW.
- B. Additionally, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the following:
  1. SB 5974 Move Ahead Washington
  2. RCW 70A.02 Healthy Environmental for All (HEAL) ACT, and
  3. RCW 70A. 65.260 Climate Commitment ACT.
- C. Except when a federal statute or regulation preempts state or local law, no provision of the AGREEMENT shall require the CONTRACTOR to observe or enforce compliance with any provision, perform any other act, or do any other thing in contravention of state or local law. If any provision or compliance with any provision of this AGREEMENT violates state or local law or would require the CONTRACTOR to violate state or local law, the CONTRACTOR agrees to notify WSDOT immediately in writing. Should this occur, WSDOT and the CONTRACTOR agree to make appropriate arrangements to proceed with or, if necessary, expeditiously, terminate the AGREEMENT.

## **Section 16**

### **Environmental and Regulatory Requirements**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to secure any necessary local, state, and federal permits and approvals, and comply with all applicable requirements of Chapter 43.21C RCW State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of Executive Order 21-02, Archaeological and Cultural Resources, for all capital construction projects or land acquisitions not undergoing Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106).

## **Section 17**

### **Accounting Records**

- A. Project Accounts.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to establish and maintain for the Project either a separate set of accounts or separate accounts within the framework of an established accounting system that can be identified with the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees that all checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders, or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to the Project shall be clearly identified, readily accessible and available to WSDOT upon request, and, to the extent feasible, kept separate from documents not pertaining to the Project.
- B. Documentation of Project Costs and Program Income.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to support all allowable costs charged to the Project, including any approved services contributed by the CONTRACTOR or others, with properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts, or vouchers describing in detail the nature and propriety of the charges. The CONTRACTOR also agrees to maintain accurate records of all program income derived from implementing the Project.

## **Section 18**

### **Audits, Inspection, and Retention of Records**

- A. Submission of Proceedings, Contracts, Agreements, and Other Documents.** During the performance period of the Project and for six (6) years thereafter, the CONTRACTOR agrees to retain intact and to provide any data, documents, reports, records, contracts, and supporting materials relating to the Project as WSDOT may require. Project closeout does not alter these recording and record-keeping requirements. Should an audit, enforcement, or litigation process be commenced, but not completed, during the aforementioned six-year period then the CONTRACTOR's obligations hereunder shall be extended until the conclusion of that pending audit, enforcement, or litigation process.
- B. General Audit Requirements.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any other audits required by WSDOT at CONTRACTOR's expense. Project closeout will not alter the CONTRACTOR's audit responsibilities.

- C. **Inspection.** The CONTRACTOR agrees to permit WSDOT and the State Auditor, or their authorized representatives, to inspect all Project work materials, payrolls, and other data, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors pertaining to the Project. The CONTRACTOR agrees to require each third party to permit WSDOT, and the State Auditor or their duly authorized representatives, to inspect all work, materials, payrolls, and other data and records involving that third party contract, and to audit the books, records, and accounts involving that third party contract as it affects the Project.

### **Section 19 Labor Provisions**

Overtime Requirements. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor contracting for any part of the Project work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in such workweek CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable provisions of Title 49 RCW, Labor Regulations.

### **Section 20 Changed Conditions Affecting Performance**

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to immediately notify WSDOT of any change in conditions or law, or of any other event, which may affect its ability to perform the Project in accordance with the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

### **Section 21 Coordination of Special Needs Transportation**

It is the policy of WSDOT to actively support the coordination of special needs transportation in the state. As a condition of assistance, the CONTRACTOR is required to participate in local coordinated planning as led by CONTRACTOR's relevant Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and/or Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). Persons with special transportation needs means those persons, including their personal attendants, who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation.

## **Section 22**

### **Remedies for Misuse or Noncompliance.**

If WSDOT determines that the Project has been used in a manner materially different from **Section 1- Scope of Work**, WSDOT may direct the CONTRACTOR to repay WSDOT the State-funded share of the Project. WSDOT may also withhold payments should it determine that the CONTRACTOR has failed to materially comply with any provision of this AGREEMENT.

## **Section 23**

### **Disputes**

- A. **Disputes.** Disputes, arising in the performance of this AGREEMENT, which are not resolved by agreement of the PARTIES, shall be decided in writing by the WSDOT Public Transportation Division Assistant Director or designee. This decision shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date of the CONTRACTOR's receipt of WSDOT's written decision, the CONTRACTOR mails or otherwise furnishes a written appeal to the Director of the Public Transportation Division or the Director's designee. The CONTRACTOR's appeal shall be decided in writing by the Director of the Public Transportation Division within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appeal by the Director of the Public Transportation Division or the Director's designee. The decision shall be binding upon the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR shall abide by the decision.
- B. **Performance During Dispute.** Unless otherwise directed by WSDOT, CONTRACTOR shall continue performance under this AGREEMENT while matters in dispute are being resolved.
- C. **Claims for Damages.** Should either PARTY to this AGREEMENT suffer injury or damage to person, property, or right because of any act or omission of the other PARTY or any of that PARTY's employees, agents or others for whose acts it is legally liable, a claim for damages therefore shall be made in writing to such other PARTY within thirty (30) days after the first observance of such injury or damage.
- D. **Rights and Remedies.** All remedies provided in this AGREEMENT are distinct and cumulative to any other right or remedy under this document or afforded by law or equity, and may be exercised independently, concurrently, or successively and shall not be construed to be a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies of the PARTIES hereto. No action or failure to act by WSDOT or CONTRACTOR shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under this AGREEMENT, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.



## **Section 24**

### **Termination**

- A. Termination for Convenience. WSDOT and/or the CONTRACTOR may suspend or terminate this AGREEMENT, in whole or in part, and all or any part of the financial assistance provided herein, at any time by written notice to the other PARTY. WSDOT and the CONTRACTOR shall agree upon the AGREEMENT termination provisions including but not limited to the settlement terms, conditions, and in the case of partial termination the portion to be terminated. Written notification must set forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in case of a partial termination the portion to be terminated. However if, in the case of partial termination, WSDOT determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the award was made, WSDOT may terminate the award in its entirety. The PARTIES may terminate this AGREEMENT for convenience for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:
1. The requisite funding becomes unavailable through the failure of appropriation or otherwise;
  2. WSDOT determines, in its sole discretion, that the continuation of the Project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds;
  3. The CONTRACTOR is prevented from proceeding with the Project as a direct result of an Executive Order of the President with respect to the prosecution of a war or in the interest of national defense; or an Executive Order of the President or Governor of the State with respect to the preservation of energy resources;
  4. The CONTRACTOR is prevented from proceeding with the Project by reason of a temporary preliminary, special, or permanent restraining order or injunction of a court of competent jurisdiction where the issuance of such order or injunction is primarily caused by the acts or omissions of persons or agencies other than the CONTRACTOR; or
  5. The State Government determines that the purposes of the statute authorizing the Project would not be adequately served by the continuation of financial assistance for the Project;
- B. In the case of termination for convenience under subsections A.1-5 above, WSDOT shall reimburse the CONTRACTOR for all costs payable under this AGREEMENT that the CONTRACTOR properly incurred prior to termination. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly submit its claim for reimbursement to WSDOT. If the CONTRACTOR has any property in its possession belonging to WSDOT, the CONTRACTOR will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner WSDOT directs.
- C. Termination for Default. WSDOT may suspend or terminate this AGREEMENT for default, in whole or in part, and all or any part of the financial assistance provided herein, at any time by written notice to the CONTRACTOR, if the CONTRACTOR materially breaches or fails to perform any of the requirements of this AGREEMENT, including:

1. Takes any action pertaining to this AGREEMENT without the approval of WSDOT, which under the procedures of this AGREEMENT would have required the approval of WSDOT;
  2. Jeopardizes its ability to perform pursuant to this AGREEMENT, United States of America laws, Washington state laws, or local governmental laws under which the CONTRACTOR operates;
  3. Fails to make reasonable progress on the Project or other violation of this AGREEMENT that endangers substantial performance of the Project; or
  4. Fails to perform in the manner called for in this AGREEMENT or fails, to comply with, or is in material violation of, any provision of this AGREEMENT. WSDOT shall serve a notice of termination on the CONTRACTOR setting forth the manner in which the CONTRACTOR is in default hereunder. If it is later determined by WSDOT that the CONTRACTOR had an excusable reason for not performing, such as events which are not the fault of or are beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR, such as a strike, fire or flood, WSDOT may: (a) allow the CONTRACTOR to continue work after setting up a new delivery of performance schedule, or (b) treat the termination as a termination for convenience.
- D. WSDOT, in its sole discretion may, in the case of a termination for breach or default, allow the CONTRACTOR ten (10) business days, or such longer period as determined by WSDOT, in which to cure the defect. In such case, the notice of termination will state the time period in which cure is permitted and other appropriate conditions. If the CONTRACTOR fails to remedy to WSDOT's satisfaction the breach or default within the timeframe and under the conditions set forth in the notice of termination, WSDOT shall have the right to terminate this AGREEMENT without any further obligation to CONTRACTOR. Any such termination for default shall not in any way operate to preclude WSDOT from also pursuing all available remedies against CONTRACTOR and its sureties for said breach or default.
- E. In the event that WSDOT elects to waive its remedies for any breach by CONTRACTOR of any covenant, term or condition of this AGREEMENT, such waiver by WSDOT shall not limit WSDOT's remedies for any succeeding breach of that or of any other term, covenant, or condition of this AGREEMENT.
- F. If this AGREEMENT is terminated, whether for convenience or for default, before the specified end date set forth in the caption header, "Term of Agreement", WSDOT and the CONTRACTOR shall execute an amendment to this AGREEMENT identifying the termination date and the reason for termination.

## **Section 25**

### **Forbearance by WSDOT Not a Waiver**

Any forbearance by WSDOT in exercising any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise afforded by applicable law, shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any such right or remedy.

**Section 26**  
**Lack of Waiver**

In no event shall any WSDOT payment of grant funds to the CONTRACTOR constitute or be construed as a waiver by WSDOT of any CONTRACTOR breach, or default. Such payment shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to WSDOT with respect to any breach or default.

**Section 27**  
**Limitation of Liability**

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless WSDOT, its agents, employees, and officers and process and defend at its own expense any and all claims, demands, suits at law or equity, actions, penalties, losses, damages, or costs (hereinafter referred to collectively as "claims"), of whatsoever kind or nature brought against WSDOT, arising out of, in connection with or incident to the execution of this AGREEMENT and/or the CONTRACTOR's performance or failure to perform any aspect of this AGREEMENT. This indemnity and defense provision applies to all claims against WSDOT, its agents, employees, and officers arising out of, in connection with, or incident to the negligent acts or omissions of the CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, officers, and subcontractors of any tier. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall require the CONTRACTOR to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless or defend WSDOT, its agents, employees, or officers to the extent that claims are caused by the sole negligent acts or omissions of WSDOT, its agents, employees or officers; and provided further that if such claims result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the CONTRACTOR its employees, agents, officers or contractors and (b) the STATE, its employees or authorized agents, or involves those actions covered by RCW 4.24.115, the indemnity and defense provisions provided herein shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the negligence of the PARTY, its employees, officers, authorized agents, and/or contractors. The indemnification and hold harmless provision shall survive termination of this AGREEMENT.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall be deemed an independent contractor for all purposes, and the employees of the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors and the employees thereof, shall not in any manner be deemed to be the employees of WSDOT.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees that its obligations under this AGREEMENT extend to any claim, demand, and/or cause of action by, or on behalf of its employees or agents while performing under this AGREEMENT. For this purpose, the CONTRACTOR, by MUTUAL NEGOTIATION, hereby waives any immunity that would otherwise be available to it against such claims under the Industrial Insurance provisions in Title 51 RCW.
- D. In the event either the CONTRACTOR or WSDOT incurs attorney's fees, costs or other legal expenses to enforce the provisions of this section of this AGREEMENT against the other PARTY, all such fees, costs and expenses shall be recoverable by the prevailing PARTY.

## **Section 28**

### **Agreement Modifications**

Either PARTY may request changes to this AGREEMENT. Any changes to the terms of this AGREEMENT must be mutually agreed upon and incorporated by written amendment to this AGREEMENT. Such written amendment to this AGREEMENT shall not be binding or valid unless signed by the persons authorized to bind from each of the PARTIES. Provided, however, that changes to the federal award identification number, DUNS, project title, federal ID number, CFDA number, milestones, PIN the contact person of either PARTY, or dollar amount changes that do not affect the Project total cost, will not require a written amendment, but will be approved and documented by WSDOT through an administrative revision. WSDOT shall notify the CONTRACTOR of the revision in writing.

## **Section 29**

### **WSDOT Advice**

The CONTRACTOR bears complete responsibility for the administration and success of the Project as defined by this AGREEMENT and any amendments thereto. If the CONTRACTOR solicits advice from WSDOT on problems that may arise, the offering of WSDOT advice shall not shift the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR for the correct administration and success of the Project, and WSDOT shall not be held liable for offering advice to the CONTRACTOR.

## **Section 30**

### **Venue and Process**

In the event that either PARTY deems it necessary to institute legal action or proceedings to enforce any right or obligation under this AGREEMENT, the PARTIES hereto agree that any such action shall be initiated in the Superior Court of the State of Washington situated in Thurston County. The PARTIES agree that the laws of the State of Washington shall apply.

## **Section 31**

### **Subrogation**

- A. Prior to Subrogation. WSDOT may require the CONTRACTOR to take such reasonable action as may be necessary or appropriate to preserve the CONTRACTOR's right to recover damages from any person or organization alleged to be legally responsible for injury to the Project Equipment as defined in the scope of work or other property in which WSDOT has a financial interest.
- B. Subrogation. WSDOT may require the CONTRACTOR to assign to WSDOT all rights of recovery against any person or organization for loss, to the extent of WSDOT's loss. Upon assignment, the CONTRACTOR shall execute, deliver, and do whatever else reasonably necessary to secure WSDOT's rights. The CONTRACTOR shall do nothing after any loss to intentionally prejudice the rights of WSDOT.

- C. Duties of the CONTRACTOR. If WSDOT has exercised its right of subrogation, the CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with WSDOT and, upon WSDOT's request, assist in the prosecution of suits and enforce any right against any person or organization who may be liable to WSDOT due to damage to Project Equipment. The CONTRACTOR shall attend hearings and trials as requested by WSDOT, assist in securing and giving evidence as requested by WSDOT, and obtain the attendance of witnesses as requested by WSDOT.

### **Section 32 Counterparts**

This AGREEMENT may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original having identical legal effect.

### **Section 33 Complete Agreement**

This document contains all covenants, stipulations, and provisions agreed upon by the PARTIES. No agent or representative of WSDOT or the CONTRACTOR has authority to make, and neither WSDOT nor the CONTRACTOR shall be bound by or be liable for, any statement, representation, promise or agreement not set forth herein or made by written amendment hereto.

### **Section 34 Severability**

If any covenant or provision of this AGREEMENT shall be adjudged void, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or obligation of performance of any other covenant or provision, or any part thereof, which in itself is valid if such remainder conforms to the terms and requirements of applicable law and the intent of this AGREEMENT. No controversy concerning any covenant or provision shall delay the performance of any other covenant or provision except as herein allowed.

### **Section 35 Order of Precedence**

Any conflict or inconsistency in this AGREEMENT and its attachments will be resolved by giving documents precedence in the following order:

1. State law
2. This AGREEMENT
3. The WSDOT Public Transportation State Grant Programs Guidebook

**Section 36  
Execution**

This AGREEMENT is executed by the Director, Public Transportation Division, State of Washington, Department of Transportation, or the Director's designee, not as an individual incurring personal obligation and liability, but solely by, for and on behalf of the State of Washington, Department of Transportation, in the capacity as Director, Public Transportation Division, or as a designee.

**Section 37  
Binding Agreement**

The undersigned acknowledge that they are authorized to execute this AGREEMENT and bind their respective agency(ies) and or entity(ies) to the obligations set forth herein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the PARTIES hereto have executed this AGREEMENT on the day and year last written below.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

CONTRACTOR

*Sayma Rahman*

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Brian Lagerberg, Director  
Public Transportation Division

*Les Reardanz*

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Authorized Representative

General Manager

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November 20, 2023

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