



## Mountain Rides Transportation Authority

### Public Notice

#### Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Thursday, June 24, 2026, 9:30am

Ketchum City Hall, 191 5<sup>th</sup> St West, Ketchum, ID 83340

#### Mountain Rides Board of Directors

*Chair Grady Burnett (Sun Valley), Vice-Chair Tom Blanchard (at-large), Secretary Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Mike Burchmore (Sun Valley), Pete Prekeges (Ketchum), Martha Burke (Hailey), Christina Giordani (Bellevue), Muffy Davis (Blaine Co.)*

### Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Comments** from the Chair, Members, and Staff
3. **Action item:** Approve Purchase of One (1) Heavy-duty Battery Electric Bus
4. **MRTA Strategic Workshop**
5. **Adjourn**

*Public information regarding agenda items is available from Mountain Rides at 800 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North, Ketchum, or 208-788-7433. Anyone needing special accommodation to attend the above-noticed meeting should contact Mountain Rides, at 208-788-7433, two days prior to the meeting.*

# Mountain Rides Agenda Action Item Summary

Date:

June 24, 2026

From:

Carlos Tellez Maintenance, Fleet and Facilities Director

Action Item:

3. Approve Purchase of One (1) Heavy-duty Battery Electric Bus

Committee Review:

Yes  No

Committee  
Purview:

Previously  
discussed at board  
level:

Yes  No

Recommended  
Motion:

I move to approve the Purchase of One (1) Heavy-duty Battery Electric Bus; authorize the Executive Director to execute the Purchase Order for same; and authorize the Executive Director, subsequent to the submittal of the Purchase Order to expend up to an additional \$50,000 on the purchase.

Fiscal Impact:

FY27 Capital Budget

Related Policy or  
Procedural Impact:

MRTA Procurement Policy, Idaho State Code

Background:

This is the purchase of a 3rd Gillig BEB, according to the same specs as the first two Gillig BEBs, which were delivered to MRTA in 2025. The lion's share of the purchase (80%) will be funded by a 5339b Bus & Bus Facilities grant awarded to MRTA, as a sub-recipient of ITD, in May 2026.

We anticipate the delivery of this bus to occur in late summer / early fall of 2027.



# Purchase Order

Date: June 24, 2026

No.: MRTA-35LFBEB-260624-01

**Mountain Rides Transportation Authority**

800 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North  
PO Box 3091  
Ketchum, Idaho 83340-3091  
208.788.7433 (tel)

**Vendor: GILLIG LLC**

451 Discovery Drive  
Livermore, CA 94551

Shipping	Ship To	Delivery Dates/Schedule
Vendor will ship.	Mountain Rides 800 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue North Ketchum, Idaho 83340	One (1) 35' Battery Electric Low Floor Bus (see below) to be delivered to Mountain Rides on or before August 31, 2027.

Quantity (Units)	Item	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
1	35' Battery Electric Low Floor Bus; 686 KWH Battery Storage Capacity	Per GILLIG Not-to-Exceed Budget Letter ("Quote"), attached hereto for reference; and GILLIG LLC's Contract with the State of Washington.	\$ 1,405,500.00	\$ 1,405,500.00
			<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 1,405,500.00</b>
			<b>Sales Tax</b>	<b>--</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,405,500.00</b>

- (a) Please send two (2) copies of all invoices.
- (b) Purchase order relies on GILLIG Not-to-Exceed Budget Letter ("Quote"), dated June 15, 2026.
- (c) Please confirm order details upon receipt.
- (d) Please send all correspondence to:

Wally Morgus  
wally@mountainrides.org  
208.788.7433 x. 101

cc: Carlos Tellez  
carlos@mountainrides.org  
208.788.7433 x. 107

**Issued and Authorized by:****Received and Accepted by:**

  
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 Wallace E. Morgus (date)  
 Executive Director  
 Mountain Rides Transportation Authority

\_\_\_\_\_ June 24, 2026  
 Richard D. Bissell  
 Regional Sales Manager  
 GILLIG LLC



June 15, 2026

**Wally Morgus**  
**Executive Director**  
**Mountain Rides Transportation Authority**  
**800 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue**  
**N. Ketchum, ID 83340**

Dear Wally,

Thank you for your interest in purchasing (1) 35' Battery-Electric Low Floor Plus Buses by utilizing the State of WA DES Contract No. 04824-01.

GILLIG has prepared the following not-to-exceed budget based on the vehicle specifications for Mountain Rides's previous delivery of (2) GILLIG Battery-Electric Low Floor Plus Buses (VIN 202687, 202688):

**(1) 35' BATTERY-ELECTRIC LOW FLOOR PLUS BUS**

**\$1,405,500.00 each**

This price is valid for 90 days and is FOB Ketchum, ID. Price excludes any taxes or license fees. The production start date of this order will begin within 10 – 14 months from receipt of firm purchase order.

The current Administration has recently placed substantial tariffs on goods imported into the United States, and there have been indications that additional or different tariffs may be imposed. Although we are actively working with our suppliers to determine the financial impact these tariffs may ultimately have on our material and production costs, we believe in some cases (bus configuration) it will add a significant cost to the bus price which GILLIG is unable to absorb. As a valued partner, you have our commitment and assurance that we will do everything possible to minimize the impact as we navigate this developing situation. However, contract modifications and price adjustments will likely be necessary to offset any cost increases due to these tariffs.

We thank you for this opportunity and appreciate your interest in GILLIG and our products. We at GILLIG look forward to building another order for Mountain Rides and in so doing, continuing to build our lasting partnership. Working together, GILLIG is confident we can manage the tariff situation and continue to build and deliver the best transit buses in the industry along with the highest level of customer satisfaction.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 201-4642.

Sincerely,

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Richard Bissell  
GILLIG Northwest Regional Sales Manager

# Mountain Rides Agenda Discussion Item Summary

Date:

June 24, 2026

From:

Executive Director

Discussion Item:

4. MRTA Strategic Workshop.

Committee Review:

- yes
- no

Committee Purview:

Fiscal Impact:

Related Policy or Procedural Impact:

Background:

Kat Vanden Heuvel is facilitating this year's Workshop, to be held on Wednesday, June 24, from 9:30a until ~4:00p, at Ketchum City Hall.

The agenda for the Workshop is included herewith.



**Mountain Rides**  
**Board & Staff Retreat Agenda**  
**June 24, 2026 9:30-4:00 p.m.**



- 9:30 Welcome  
Warm Up
- 9:45 Celebrate Successes
- 10:15 Vision, Mission, MRTA Strategic Framework
- 10:45 City/County priorities that rely on, connect with or benefit from transportation
- 11:30 Microtransit discussion  
Overview  
Interest, phasing, funding options
- 12:30 Communications plan - Internal and external with the community
- 1:15 Lunch
- 1:45 Federal funding cut – fiscal thinking through 2028  
Our priorities  
Other ways to deal with the loss of funding
- 2:30 Communications plan for next 2 years  
Include microtransit and any changes over the next 18 months  
Community survey?
- 3:15 Return to Strategic Framework  
Any updates needed
- 3:45 Idea Lot  
Consider the future – what else is out there?
- 4:00 Conclusion – whip around

Notes: