

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Electric Buses for Metra - Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) 40 ft Electric Bus, in the amount of \$1,376,275.00, and two (2) 35 ft Electric Buses, in the amount of \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 each), from Gillig (Livermore, CA); the grand total purchase amount is \$4,102,235.00, plus any price increases due to manufacturer changes or freight charges. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-01. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

METRA will utilize these new buses to add to METRA's fleet for citizen transportation.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Competitive Solicitation No. 06719-01, initiated by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, whereby Gillig was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Transit Buses. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Washington State Department of Enterprise Services offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities. The RFP process utilized by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: Transportation Fund –Transportation – Clean Fuels Grant Program - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3440 – MFTA – 7761 (FTA 80% and City 20%).

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 40 FT ELECTRIC BUS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,376,275.00, AND TWO (2) 35 FT ELECTRIC BUSES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 EACH), FROM GILLIG (LIVERMORE, CA); THE GRAND TOTAL PURCHASE AMOUNT IS \$4,102,235.00, PLUS ANY PRICE INCREASES DUE TO MANUFACTURER CHANGES OR FREIGHT CHARGES. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSIT BUS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #06719-01. ADDITIONALLY, APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, METRA will utilize these new buses to add to METRA's fleet for citizen transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Competitive Solicitation No. 06719-01, initiated by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, whereby Gillig was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Transit Buses. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Washington State Department of Enterprise Services offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities. The RFP process utilized by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee are hereby authorized to one (1) 40 ft Electric Bus, in the amount of \$1,376,275.00, and two (2) 35 ft Electric Buses, in the amount of \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 each), from Gillig (Livermore, CA); the grand total purchase amount is \$4,102,235.00, plus any price increases due to manufacturer changes or freight charges. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-01. Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: Transportation Fund –Transportation – Clean Fuels Grant Program - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3440 – MFTA – 7761 (FTA 80% and City 20%).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____

Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor