

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Assessment of Premium Dial-A-Ride Services for METRA Transit System – Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the estimated amount of \$105,050.00 for an assessment of premium Dial-A-Ride services for METRA Transit System. The estimated amount is contingent upon additional services required outside the initial scope of work, to include an assessment of microtransit services. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Contracts and Procurement Department, Contract No. 2022-05.

Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will assess the costs and parameters of offering premium Dial-A-Ride service exceeding the minimum Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Currently, METRA operates paratransit service to eligible customers according to the requirements of the ADA as a complement to its fixed route service.

METRA Dial-A-Ride service is compliant with all ADA requirements. It operates within the ADA-required three-fourths (¾) mile buffer on each side of METRA fixed bus routes (i.e., the service area referenced above). Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will complete an assessment of premium Dial-A-Ride service beyond the required ¾ of a mile buffer, in a manner that is compliant with the federal ADA regulations.

Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will document current Dial-A-Ride operations, including any challenges METRA is facing delivering complementary paratransit service that is in full compliance with ADA requirements, both currently and in the future. Using available data and demographic information, the study will estimate future demand for service, including travel beyond the ¾ mile ADA minimum. Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will estimate costs and suggest ways to deliver these services while continuing to deliver ADA-compliant complementary paratransit service.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via RFP No. 2022-05, initiated by the Contracts and Procurement Department of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, whereby Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. was the successful vendor for providing a comprehensive master plan and implementation strategy. The contract, which commenced on August 15, 2022, is good through September 30, 2023. The RFP process utilized by the Contracts and Procurement Department of the Chatham Area Transit Authority meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funding is available in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – T-SPLOST
Capital – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5000; 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH NELSON/NYGAARD CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, INC. (ATLANTA, GA) IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$105,050.00 FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF PREMIUM DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES FOR METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM. THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT IS CONTINGENT UPON ADDITIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED OUTSIDE THE INITIAL SCOPE OF WORK, TO INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF MICROTRANSIT SERVICES. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, CONTRACT NO. 2022-05.

WHEREAS, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will assess the costs and parameters of offering premium Dial-A-Ride service exceeding the minimum Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to a contract with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the estimated amount of \$105,050.00 for an assessment of premium Dial-A-Ride services for METRA Transit System. The estimated amount is contingent upon additional services required outside the initial scope of work, to include an assessment of microtransit services. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Contracts and Procurement Department, Contract No. 2022-05. Funding is available in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – T-SPLOST Capital – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5000; 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Barnes voting _____
Councilor Begly voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor