

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Upgrade/Purchase of Fast Fare Fareboxes with Accessories for METRA
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the upgrade/purchase of twenty-two (22) fast fare fareboxes with accessories from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$470,542.58.

Genfare has discontinued the Odyssey fareboxes used for METRA's farebox system in order to phase in the latest technology, Fast Fare Farebox. Genfare will no longer accept orders for Odyssey fareboxes. Consequently, the Department must upgrade existing fareboxes. The Fast Fare farebox is equally reliable while accepting a wider range of fare payments from contactless credit and debit cards, and mobile wallets such as Apple Pay, Google Pay.

In 2009, Per Resolution #286-09, Genfare was awarded the contract to provide an electronic validating farebox system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source, per the Procurement Ordinance, article 3-114, to provide the fast fare fareboxes

Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – ARPA-FTA(5307) – Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3425 – MARP – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADE/PURCHASE OF TWENTY-TWO (22) FAST FARE FAREBOXES WITH ACCESSORIES FROM GENFARE - A DIVISION OF SPX CORPORATION (ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$470,542.58.

WHEREAS, Genfare has discontinued the Odyssey fareboxes used for METRA’s farebox system in order to phase in the latest technology, Fast Fare Farebox. Genfare will no longer accept orders for Odyssey fareboxes. Consequently, the Department must upgrade existing fareboxes. The Fast Fare farebox is equally reliable while accepting a wider range of fare payments from contactless credit and debit cards, and mobile wallets such as Apple Pay, Google Pay; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, Per Resolution #286-09, Genfare was awarded the contract to provide an electronic validating farebox system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source, per the Procurement Ordinance, article 3-114, to provide the fast fare fareboxes.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to upgrade/purchase of twenty-two (22) fast fare fareboxes with accessories from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$470,542.58. Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – ARPA-FTA(5307) - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3425 – MARP – 7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2025 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