

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Solar-Powered Bus Stop Lights (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0025
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of solar-powered bus stop lights from Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA) at a cost of \$350.00 per unit, and total estimated contract value of \$175,000.00.

METRA will purchase the bus stop lights on an ‘as needed’ basis, and staff will perform the installation. It is the intent of METRA to install these solar lights in various bus stops throughout the City where visibility is very limited during nighttime hours. This will increase passenger visibility and safety at METRA’s bus stops.

The contract term will be for three (3) years.

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City’s website and Georgia Procurement Registry on February 8, 2024. Six (6) bid responses were received on March 13, 2024. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

VENDORS	SOLAR-POWERED BUS STOP LIGHTS		
	UNIT COST	INSTALLATION COST <i>(Optional)</i>	TOTAL COST (Est. QTY: 500)
Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA)	\$350.00	No Bid	\$175,000.00
Inergy Solutions (Alpharetta, GA)	\$399.00	\$150.00 per pole	\$199,500.00
Urban Solar (Beaverton, OR)	\$1,239.00	No Bid	\$619,500.00
Regency Supply (Chatsworth, CA)	\$1,420.46	No Bid	\$710,230.00
SELS USA LLC (High Point, NC)	\$1,472.18	\$225.00 per / \$112,500.00 total	\$736,090.00
GridShift Solar Lighting (Edmond, OK)	\$1,537.00	No Bid	\$768,500.00

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – Transit Trust Fund Program – Capital Expend-Under \$5,000; 0751-610-2450-TTFP-7763. The funding for this project was awarded to METRA through the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 23 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) grant for a total of \$747,662.00, which is 100% state funded with no local match required; see Res. No. 147-23 and Res. No. 161-23 for additional information.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SOLAR-POWERED BUS STOP LIGHTS FROM GAMA SONIC USA, INC. (NORCROSS, GA) AT A COST OF \$350.00 PER UNIT, AND TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE OF \$175,000.00.

WHEREAS, METRA will purchase the bus stop lights on an ‘as needed’ basis, and staff will perform the installation. It is the intent of METRA to install these solar lights in various bus stops throughout the City where visibility is very limited during nighttime hours. This will increase passenger visibility and safety at METRA’s bus stops; and,

WHEREAS, the contract term shall be for three (3) years.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase solar-powered bus stop lights from Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA) at a cost of \$350.00 per unit, on an ‘as needed’ basis; and total estimated contract value of \$175,000.00. The funding for this project was awarded to METRA through the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 23 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) grant for a total of \$747,662.00, which is 100% State funded with no local match required; see Res. No. 147-23 and Res. No. 161-23 for additional information. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – Transit Trust Fund Program – Capital Expend-Under \$5,000; 0751-610-2450-TTFP-7763.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Begley 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