

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Integrated Transit System (Annual Contract) – Only Known Source
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract with Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics (Los Angeles, CA) for an integrated transit system in the estimated annual amount of \$128,893.00 for METRA Transit System. This cost may increase based on the need for hardware/software upgrades and replacements. The contract term will be for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

The integrated transit system includes a public platform, automatic vehicle locators (AVL) and computer aided dispatch (CAD), which will allow METRA staff and passengers the ability to track revenue vehicles in real-time through a publicly available website and application. The automatic vehicle announcement (AVA) components will continue commitment to providing ADA-compliant automatic voice and Visual announcements, which will notify passengers of their location While riding and to announce other messages of public interest. The Fleet Health Monitoring/Maintenance Monitoring components will expand upon maintenance capabilities by providing real-time vehicle diagnostics. Components will give the METRA Maintenance team the ability to respond to issues quicker and further expand upon their abilities to resolve a problem before it becomes a more serious and costly issue.

The original purchase was completed via RFP No. 20-0015, which was awarded to Syncromatics Corporation on June 23, 2020, per Resolution No. 168-20. Per Resolution No. 201-23, dated June 13, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), METRA Transit System classified Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics as an Only Known Source because the system components, corresponding data system, and mobile phone application of the current integrated transit system are only supported by Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics. Changing vendors would require removal and replacement of the existing system components, data transfer to a new system, and the creation of a new public mobile phone app. Therefore, in keeping with FTA Circular 4220.1F, 11/01/18, Rev. 1, 04/14/09, Rev .2, 07/01/10, Rev .3, 02/15/11, Rev. 4, 03/18/13, Ch. VI. Pg18, Section c, it is likely that the award to another contractor would result in substantial duplication of costs that are not expected to be recovered through competition.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for ongoing expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA– Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT WITH SYNCROMATICS CORPORATION DBA GMV SYNCROMATICS (LOS ANGELES, CA) FOR AN INTEGRATED TRANSIT SYSTM IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$128,893.00 FOR METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM. THIS COST MAY INCREASE BASED ON THE NEED FOR HARDWARE/SOFTWARE UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENTS. THE CONTRACT TERM WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029.

WHEREAS, the integrated transit system includes a public platform, automatic vehicle locators (AVL) and computer aided dispatch (CAD), which will allow METRA staff and passengers the ability to track revenue vehicles in real-time through a publicly available website and application. The automatic vehicle annunciation (AVA) components will continue commitment to providing ADA-compliant automatic voice and Visual announcements, which will notify passengers of their location While riding and to announce other messages of public interest. The Fleet Health Monitoring/Maintenance Monitoring components will expand upon maintenance capabilities by providing real-time vehicle diagnostics. Components will give the METRA Maintenance team the ability to respond to issues quicker and further expand upon their abilities to resolve a problem before it becomes a more serious and costly issue; and,

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

That the City Manager and/or designee is hereby authorized to approve the annual contract with Syncromatics Corporation dba GMV Syncromatics (Los Angeles, CA) for an integrated transit system in the estimated annual amount of \$128,893.00 for METRA Transit System. This cost may increase based on the need for hardware/software upgrades and replacements. The contract term will be for a period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for ongoing expense: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA– Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-7761.

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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor