

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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

It is requested that Council approve the upgrade/purchase of twenty-six (26) fast fare fareboxes from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$591,358.00.

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 FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund –Transportation –FTA - Metra FTA - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 7761 (FTA 80% and City 20%).

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADE/PURCHASE OF TWENTY-SIX (26) FAST FARE FAREBOXES FROM GENFARE - A DIVISION OF SPX CORPORATION (ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$591,358.00.

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 is hereby authorized to upgrade/purchase of twenty-six (26) fast fare fareboxes from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$591,358.00. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund –Transportation –FTA - Metra FTA - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 7761 (FTA 80% and City 20%).

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