



Date of Memo: September 08, 2022
Current Meeting: September 15, 2022
Board Meeting: September 22, 2022

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Chief Financial Officer Bart Brown
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of the purchase of 21 new Genfare fareboxes

ACTION ITEM A – 5

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize IPTC CEO to enter into a purchase agreement for 21 new Fast Fare Fareboxes, two new Vault Receivers, two new Universal Probes, two new ID Controllers, and spare parts for a total cost of \$397,422.95.

BACKGROUND:

Our current fleet consists of approximately 200 Genfare Odyssey fareboxes that were installed in 2007. According to our current vendor Genfare, production of the Odyssey fareboxes will cease 12/31/22. Genfare will continue to offer spare parts and repair parts for the Odyssey farebox, as long as, those parts are available. Periodic software releases for major software bugs will continue through 2025. This purchase will be the first year of our annual partial replacement of fareboxes, which is included in the five-year Capital Plan.

DISCUSSION:

IPTC will operate with both Odyssey and Fast Fare Fareboxes for the next several years. The current infrastructure will support both farebox models so there will not be a significant investment in the transition. Many key processes will remain the same that will require minimal adjustment for Coach Operators, garage personnel, and riders. These upgraded fareboxes come with enhancements such as mobile payment. The replaced Odyssey fareboxes from fixed route vehicles will be installed on Purple Line vehicles until new Fast Fare boxes can be purchased for the entire BRT fleet.

ALTERNATIVES:

Continue operations with our current Odyssey fareboxes, which will lose vendor support after 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost for replacement of fareboxes was included in the 2022 capital budget.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

No goals were set for this procurement since there are no XBE's provide this product.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Service Committee on September 15, 2022.