



Date of Memo: August 28, 2023
Current Meeting: October 23, 2023
Board Meeting: October 26, 2023

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) Board of Directors
THROUGH: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
FROM: Treasury Manager, Jon Mann
SUBJECT: Consideration and approval of the purchase of 23 new Genfare fareboxes

ACTION ITEM A – 7

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize IPTC CEO to enter into a purchase agreement for 23 new Fast Fare fareboxes for a total cost of \$381,409.

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 ceased in 12/2022. Genfare will continue to offer spare and repairs parts for the Odyssey farebox, as long as, those parts are available. Periodic software releases and updates for major software bugs will continue to through 2025. This purchase will be the second purchase 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 adjustments for Coach Operators, Garage Personnel, and Riders. These upgraded fareboxes come with enhancements, such as mobile payment. The replaced Odyssey fareboxes from the 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 2023 capital budget.

DBE/XBE DECLARATION:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION:

This action will be reviewed by the Service Committee on October 19, 2023 and Finance Committee on October 23, 2023.