CITY OF COMMERCE
AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

Item No. ____

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH REMIX SOFTWARE INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRANSIT PLANNING SOFTWARE SYSTEM

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the resolution approving the agreement with Remix Software, Inc., for the purchase of a transit planning software system.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This agenda item relates to the 2016 Strategic Plan - Goal #6: "Enhance Community Quality of Life"; as this project will streamline the transit planning process and have a positive impact on transit operations.

BACKGROUND:

On March 7, 2017, City Council approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the purchase of a transit planning software system. The RFP was posted and advertised for thirty (30) days, which resulted in one proposer, Remix Software, Inc. Staff completed a comprehensive web search and review of other software dedicated to transit service, and found no other software with the same features as Remix Software, Inc.

Staff consulted with other transit agencies who posted RFP's for transit planning software systems (Torrance Transit, River City Transit, North County Transportation District, and Butler County Regional Transportation Authority) and each of them confirmed that they only received one bid as well; which resulted in a sole source procurement with Remix for the same reasons noted above.

This project shall be funded using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant (CA-90-Z093) funds, at a cost not to exceed $12,000.

ANALYSIS:

The transit planning software system is a web-based transit planning software platform that provides rapid route design, import/analysis/modification of existing transit routes, demographics analysis, operating cost calculations, travel time visualizations, and Title VI analysis into a single integrated platform for transit planning.

It is in the City's best interest to take advantage of opportunities to increase staff efficiency and keep up-to-date with emerging technology. Remix's software is a tool for streamlining the City's transit service planning process by providing staff with the unprecedented ability to complete core functions of the service planning workflow with one single tool. City staff will be able to import existing route and schedule data via GTFS (the standard feed for transit data), create quick routing and scheduling scenarios through geospatial map overlays, and compute and export instant and accurate cost and resource utilization estimates, with the ability to easily share this information both internally and in the public communication process, all in a single web-based application that staff can access and use with limited training.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Move to approve recommendation.
2. Provide staff with further direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed activity can be paid for out of the approved Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) grant funding allocation below:

FTA Grant (CA-90-Z093): $12,000
                   TOTAL FUNDING   **$12,000**

Project Cost Estimate:
Transit Planning Software System $12,000
                   TOTAL EXPENSES   **$12,000**

Combined with all other reasonably known, planned and approved expenditures, the proposed project can be absorbed without having an additional impact to Fiscal Year 2016-17 operating budget.

Recommended by: Claude McFerguson, Director of Transportation
Fiscal impact reviewed by: Vilko Domic, Director of Finance
Approved as to form by: Eduardo Olivo, City Attorney
Respectfully submitted: Matthew C. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agreement – Transit Planning Software