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SYRACUSE TO PURCHASE NEW PARKING PAY STATION MODEMS

*Choosing Cost-Effective Option, City Will Purchase 270 New
Modems, Continue Exploring Options for Future Upgrades*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The City of Syracuse Department of Public Works has announced the city will purchase new modems for all 270 parking pay stations as a solution to keep the current system of parking pay stations operational and accepting credit cards. The new modems will cost \$250 each for a total of \$67,500.

“This cost-effective solution will keep our pay stations functional, accepting credit cards and communicating with our back office operations, and allows us to continue exploring our options for future upgrades to the system,” said Pete O’Connor, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

The city opted to make this purchase after receiving bids from a number of companies for installing an entirely new system of pay stations. The bids, each for a three year period costing over \$2 million, did not adequately meet the city’s specifications. Earlier this year, the current provider of pay stations announced their third party wireless provider planned to change their systems requiring the City of Syracuse to upgrade the technology or risk losing the ability to accept credit cards and wireless back office communication links.

The City of Syracuse plans to continue investigating the options going forward, including future bids, leasing, and overall privatization of the parking system.

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