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RESOLUTION NO. 23-076

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2024-2025 STATE
CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE FERRY CAPITAL PROGRAM**

Introduced by Commissioner Neal,
seconded by Commissioner DeFrancesch.

WHEREAS, in 2014 the LADOTD and the RTA entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) that allows the RTA to operate and maintain ferry services in Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement is a result closure of the Crescent City Connection Division (CCCD) of LADOTD and the removal of the tolls on the CCC; and

WHEREAS, The LADOTD still owns the fixed and most of the movable assets, specifically these maintenance barges; and

WHEREAS, the agency was successful in securing Priority 5 funding for the replacement of these two barges in Act 117 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, there is a requirement to apply for Capital Outlay funds every year until the funding is spent; and

WHEREAS, the RTA has successfully applied for and received \$41,526,083 in federal grant funds to support the infrastructure needs for the ferry service. Upcoming projects include: Algiers Ferry Buildings Renovation (\$9,576,336 total costs), and replacement of landing barges at Algiers Point and



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Lower Algiers (\$13,670,149 total costs). These two projects are just starting design. In addition, other upcoming projects to support ferry infrastructure are needed in 2024, including eligible dry docking and maintenance barge conversion. RTA has already spent \$4,824,259 for local match with an additional \$4,649,299 of local match funds required to complete the program of projects. The staff is seeking funds from the State to pay for these required local match funds for upcoming projects totaling \$9,473,558 from the Louisiana State Capital Outlay.

WHEREAS, there is no cost to RTA should the application be successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that the Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is authorized to submit a grant application for FY 2024-2025 State Capital Outlay for Ferry Capital Program.

THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:	<u>7</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Raymond", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Raymond
Chairman
RTA Board of Commissioners