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RESOLUTION NO. 24-055

FILE NO. 24-089

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**REAUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH NEW FLYER FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3)
LOW-NO EMISSION BUSES AND CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Introduced by Commissioner _____ Walton _____,
seconded by Commissioner _____ Daniels _____.

WHEREAS, the RTA Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 23-025 on April 25th, 2023, authorizing the award of a contract to New Flyer for the purchase of Low-No emission buses and related charging equipment; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend Resolution No 23-025 due to delays in the delivery of FTA grant funding for this project which resulted in delays in the procurement schedule and hindered the contract's execution; and

WHEREAS, these delays have resulted in an increase in the project cost due to supply chain issues and inflationary pressures; and

WHEREAS, the project team has verified with the FTA and RTA Procurement that no public solicitation is required as partnerships with vehicle manufacturers are encouraged and allowed by FTA for this grant program; and

WHEREAS, the project team has also verified that a turn-key solution would be the most cost-effective method to achieve the endeavors outlined in the FY2021 grant proposal; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is now \$6.4 million, which is approximately \$620,000 more than the \$5.7 million for the project that was approved by the Board in Resolution No. 23-025 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the FY2021 FTA Low-No Emissions Grant will cover \$5.15 million of the \$6.4 million total project cost of the project, with the balance of the project to be paid by the RTA; and



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WHEREAS, additional funds may be needed as a cost contingency to cover unforeseen project costs, for which staff has budgeted \$380,000; and

WHEREAS, the \$620,000 cost increase in the project and \$380,000 contingency will be paid from the RTA's adopted 2024 capital budget from account number 01-0000-00-1501-000-00-00-00000-00000 for an project total amount not to exceed \$6.4 million; and

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 award a contract to New Flyer for the purchase of three Low-No emissions buses and construction of associated charging infrastructure.

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

YEAS:	<u>5</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred A. Neal, Jr.", is written above a horizontal line.

FRED A, NEAL, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS