



*Regional Transit Authority*

April 14, 2022

Hon. Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: FY 2022 RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant Program  
Local Match Commitment and Letter of Intent for Project Administration**

To the Honorable Secretary Buttigieg,

The City of New Orleans, in partnership with the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), is seeking funding under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program to build a Downtown Transit Center and enhance the rights-of-way of connecting corridors. The Project will consist of a Transit Center located in the Central Business District that will enable safer and more efficient connectivity between RTA's bus routes and streetcar network, and routes operated by Jefferson Parish Transit.

RTA intend to use proceeds from local revenues generated from a one-cent sales tax dedicated to public transit for the \$4,700,000 required 20% local match for the Transit Center. Our partners at the City of New Orleans intend to use \$1,550,000 from the City's 2020 Bond Program to provide the required 20% local match for the rights-of-way improvements.

The City and RTA intend to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) to define the roles of each party in implementing the components of this proposal. Broadly, the City will manage the grant administration with USDOT, manage the relationship with RTA as a subrecipient of funds to implement the Transit Center scope of work, and implementation of the right-of-way improvements scope of work. The RTA will manage the implementation of the Transit Center scope of work.

*Re: FY 2022 RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant Program Local Match Commitment  
and Letter of Intent for Project Administration RPC 2021 Areas of Persistent*

An award will assist the City and RTA in improving transit connectivity in the core of the city and across the region. It would be an opportunity for the community to receive an infrastructure investment that provides economic benefit for the entire region and would allow the City and RTA to improve the safety and quality of life for residents.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Alex W. Wiggins



Chief Executive Officer, New Orleans Regional Transit Authority

April 9, 2021

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The City intends to use \$1,550,000 from the City's 2020 Bond Program to provide the required 20% local match for the rights-of-way improvements. Our partners at RTA intend to use proceeds from the RTA Series 2020 Revenue Bonds Fund for the \$4,700,000 required 20% local match for the Transit Center.

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Sincerely,

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Acting Director, New Orleans Department of Public Works

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