



Regional Transit Authority  
2817 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119-6307

RESOLUTION NO. 24-042

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ACTION TO  
EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER AGREEMENT FOR FERRY SERVICE OPERATIONS  
AND MAINTENANCE**

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Introduced by Commissioner NEAL, seconded by Commissioner  
CISCO.

**WHEREAS**, the Agency signed a long-term agreement with LabMar Ferry Services, LLC on January 29th, 2021, to operate and maintain ferry services, including the Chalmette route; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) vessel, servicing the Chalmette route exclusively since March 2022, has reached the manufacturer's recommended service hours, necessitating an overhaul of all its engines to ensure continued safe and reliable operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency approved the 2024 ferry budget for LabMar Ferry Services for \$10,978,119.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to overhaul the engines of the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) vessel is **not to exceed THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-ONE CENTS (\$360,939.51)**, state funds and timely maintenance is crucial to prevent potential engine failures which could pose safety risks to passengers and disrupt ferry services;

**WHEREAS**, funding for all costs associated with the overhauling of the engines of the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) will be coded to the following: 01-6100-02-9314-051-07-00-00000-00000;

**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 execute a change order contract for maintenance services of the Thomas Jefferson (engine overhaul to be performed by LabMar Ferry Services.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2024.



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MARK RAYMOND, JR.  
CHAIRMAN  
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS