



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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-016
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**Authorization to Allow Staff to Submit a Grant Application for FY2024
Low/No Emission Vehicle and Bus & Bus Facilities Competitive Grant
Programs**

Introduced by Commissioner Daniels, seconded by Commissioner
Neal.

WHEREAS, RTA has committed to transitioning its fleet to low and zero emission vehicles (Strategic Mobility Plan, Action SH1) and begun implementing with 15 hybrid buses arriving in mid-2024 and 20 battery-electric buses with charging infrastructure in 2027; and

WHEREAS, An additional twenty-five (25) fixed-route buses are needed before 2027 to complete replacement of vehicles in current fleet that are well past their existing useful life of twelve years; and

WHEREAS, The ENO bus maintenance facility requires several upgrades and modernizations that will improve both its resilience from stormwater flooding and become a maintenance employment facility of choice; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting not-to-exceed \$27,500,000 in federal funds for the purchase of low emissions vehicles and renovation of the ENO bus maintenance facility from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) combined FY24 Low/No Emission Vehicles and Bus & Bus Facility competitive grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the RTA will be responsible for the local match not-to-exceed \$5,300,000 to be paid from its capital budget as part of 5-year Capital Investment Grant Program, if the entire grant amount is awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the RTA Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman of the Board or its designee to submit a grant application for FY2024 Low/No Emissions and Bus & Bus Facilities Grant programs.

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

YEAS:	<u>8</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 23rd DAY OF April, 2024.



MARK RAYMOND
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS