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RESOLUTION NO. 22-031

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT A JOINT GRANT APPLICATION  
WIITH THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THE  
DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER: A Regionally Significant Project**

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Introduced by Commissioner Tillery,  
seconded by Commissioner Wegner.

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260, December 27, 2020) (FY"2021 Appropriations Act") appropriated \$1 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for National Infrastructure Investment (now known as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants.); and

**WHEREAS**, RAISE Grants are for capital investments in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Orleans, in partnership with the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is requesting \$25 million to build a Downtown Transit Center and enhance the rights of way of the connecting corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will enable safer and more efficient connectivity between RTA's bus routes and streetcar network and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, this will address the Rider Experience item PR 21: Establish a Downtown Transfer Center (Phase 2023-2027) of the Strategic Mobility Plan adopted by the Board; and



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**WHEREAS**, the City and RTA intend to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) to define the roles of each party in implementing the components of the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, broadly, the City will manage the grant administration with USDOT, manage the relationship with the 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA will be responsible for the local match if the grant is awarded. if the grant is awarded. That amount is expected to be \$4.7 million.

**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 allow staff to submit a Joint Grant Application with the City of New Orleans for Federal Funds to construct the Downtown Transit Center.



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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 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flozell Daniels Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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FLOZELL DANIELS  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS