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RESOLUTION NO. 22-050

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF FY2022 LO NO AND BUS AND BUS
FACILITIES GRANT**

Introduced by Commissioner Coulon, seconded by
Commissioner Neal.

WHEREAS, the RTA operates with 43% of the buses purchased in 2008 and 2010, following Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, before Katrina the agency had a rolling stock of 372 buses compared to the 134 buses today. By the end of 2021 53% or 71 of the 134 buses have surpassed their useful life in years or miles, further compounding the need to acquire replacement vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the aging fleet makes it difficult for the agency to provide reliable service, and the older buses are increasingly below standard for comfort of riders. As the agency seeks to improve service for the riders and the region, a dependable fleet is required; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that 23 low-floor 40' diesel buses are needed to support the smoothing out of the RTA's massive fleet replacement needs; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 10 new buses are needed to meet the spare ratio required in 2024 without delaying the requirement to retire 13 buses that have exceeded 12 years of service; and



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WHEREAS, the RTA will be responsible for the local match of \$2,852,000. There is an expectation that maintenance cost will be reduced, by retiring the older vehicles; 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, ratify the submission of FY2022 Lo No Bus and Bus Facilities Grant application.

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 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flozell Daniels Jr." in a cursive script.

FLOZELL DANIELS
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS