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RESOLUTION NO. 25-045

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**RATIFICATION OF STAFF'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY2025  
BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

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Introduced by Commissioner Sams  
seconded by Commissioner  
Colin.

**WHEREAS**, the RTA has committed to restoring and expanding its bus fleet with cleaner and more reliable vehicles (Strategic Mobility Plan, Major Action Area 8) to improve service reliability and workforce conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2028 the RTA will have replaced all the aging buses past their useful life and will have restored the total fleet from its current 108 buses back to 132 buses; and

**WHEREAS**, RTA bus ridership through the first five months of 2025 is on pace to surpass pre-COVID 2019 levels when the fleet size was 140 buses; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA has a strategic need to restore the fleet back to the pre-COVID 2019 fleet size of 140 buses by acquiring an additional eight (8) clean diesel buses by the end of 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, a 140-vehicle fleet will improve reliability, increase service frequency on the busiest routes, and accommodate additional ridership growth; and



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**WHEREAS**, the Canal and New Orleans East (ENO) bus maintenance facilities require critical facility upgrades and resilience improvements to support efficient operations, fleet maintenance, and workforce attraction and retention; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has requested federal funds not to exceed \$27,200,000 for the purchase of buses and for facility modernization through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) FY2025 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA will be responsible for a local match not to exceed \$6,800,000 to be paid from its capital budget as part of the 2025–2029 Capital Investment Program, if the entire grant amount is awarded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners that the Board ratifies the CEO's or designee's submission of a grant application for the FY2025 Buses and Bus Facilities Grant Program.



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

YEAS:	<u>6</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 29th OF JULY 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Neal, Jr.", is written above the printed name.

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FRED NEAL, JR.  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS