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RESOLUTION NO. 21-051

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL FUNDS TO REPLACE FARE TECHNOLOGY MEDIUM AND TO CREATE OR  
ENHANCE NEWLY IDENTIFIED REGIONAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFER HUBS  
WITH OPERATOR COMFORT STATIONS**

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Introduced by Commissioner Sarwar,  
seconded by Commissioner Tillery.

**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 New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is requesting \$24.226 million in federal funding to implement the recommendations from New Links, a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) that included a full bus network redesign; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal for the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program will provide funding to allow the agency to replace the fare technology medium and to create or enhance newly identified regional and neighborhood transfer hubs with operator comfort stations; and



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**WHEREAS**, New Links was a project led by the region's MPO, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC), to reimagine how public transit connects Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes. The transit network was redesigned to create more reliable, equitable, and connected bus and streetcar service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Links was a project led by the region's MPO, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC), to reimagine how public transit connects Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes. The transit network was redesigned to create more reliable, equitable, and connected bus and streetcar service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the RTA adopted these recommendations in March 2021 and the RTA staff will begin implementation of the operational recommendations in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is aligned with two of the goals in the agency's Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP), Prioritize the Rider Experience and Be Reliable; and

**WHEREAS**, upgrading the fare technology medium significantly contributes to achieving both these goals by reducing the boarding delays that are encountered with heavy use of cash transactions- over 70% of the total; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of the regional and neighborhood transfer hubs will provide for a pedestrian safety and reduces the potential for conflicts with automobiles. These facilities will also provide much needed relief for operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA will be responsible for the local match if the grant is awarded. That amount is expected to be \$6,056,400; and



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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 Grant Application for Federal Funds to replace Fare Technology Medium and to create or enhance newly identified Regional and Neighborhood Transfer Hubs with Operator Comfort Stations..

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 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2021.

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

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FLOZELL DANIELS  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS