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RESOLUTION NO. 22-055

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO WALTER J.
BARNES ELECTRIC CO. LLC FOR THE RAMPART STREETCAR LINE RECOVERY
PROJECT**

Introduced by Commissioner Coulon,
seconded by Commissioner Neal.

WHEREAS, as the collapse of the Hard Rock Hotel in 2019 caused the removal of service on the Canal and Rampart Streetcar lines decreed by Mayor LaToya Cantrell in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, RTA staff was able to repair and return the Canal Streetcar line to service in December 2021, and RTA staff are working to restore the Rampart Streetcar Line by the end of December 2022; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021, the Developer removed demolition equipment and crane mats along Canal Street and Rampart allowing RTA's engineer AECOM to complete damage assessments of the Canal Streetcar Line and Rampart Streetcar Line; and

WHEREAS, the repair package was completed on April 16th, 2021. RTA Staff are now working to solicit for a contractor to complete the repairs; and

WHEREAS, as the City has reopened Rampart Street from Canal St. to Elysian Fields Ave. to vehicular traffic, RTA Staff are requesting Board Authorization to award a Construction Contract early in order to meet the schedule to restore the Rampart Streetcar Line by the end of December 2022; and



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WHEREAS, AECOM’s Opinion of Construction Cost to restore the Rampart Streetcar Line was \$1,131,408.38 with the Barnes Electric Co. LLC bid coming in at \$1,021,000.00 below the estimated cost we can move forward with a contract which will be funded through local account 1.1510.109. All cost associated with this work will be tracked for financial recovery purposes; 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, authorization to award a construction contract to Walter J. Barnes Electric Co. LLC for the Rampart Streetcar Line Recovery Project.

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 26th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

FLOZELL DANIELS
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS