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RESOLUTION NO. 23-055

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND WJ BARNES ELECTRIC CONTRACT FOR  
ADDITIONAL WORK TO FOUNDATIONS**

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Introduced by Commissioner Walton, seconded by  
Commissioner DeFrancesch.

**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**, 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 is working with W J Barnes Electric, contractor, to complete the repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, W J Barnes original scope is valued at \$1.02M. However, after further investigation it was determine that an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 is required to properly construct and install OCS pole foundations that were recently discovered to be damaged beyond repair or removed during the demolition of the Hard Rock Hotel remnants. This additional amount is to be funded through local account 1.1510.109. As with associated with Board Resolution 22-055 this cost will also be tracked for financial recovery purposes; 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, authorization to amend WJ Barnes Electric contract to include this Change Order in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

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>2</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Raymond, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK RAYMOND, JR.  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS