



Regional Transit Authority
2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119-6307

RESOLUTION NO. _____
FILE ID NO. 26 - 113

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE COOPERATIVE
ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS (CNO)
AND THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)
TO CONTINUE THE ZERO-TRANSIT FARE FOR OPPORTUNITY YOUTH PROGRAM
AND TO RECEIVE FUNDING TOTALING \$1,315,090.13**

Introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner
_____.

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans (CNO) and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) need to enter a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) for the purpose of implementing a pilot program to facilitate zero-fare transit access to opportunity youth; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the New Orleans City Council allocated **\$2.5 million** in American Rescue Plan Act funding for this pilot program with RTA to receive \$2,425,000;

WHEREAS, the program will provide third-party payment to the RTA so eligible riders may use appropriate fare media at no cost to themselves; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans will pay fare prices on behalf of program participants; and

WHEREAS, this CEA sets up the necessary framework for CNO and RTA to utilize funds in the City's Youth Fare Transportation Fund for program activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the City of New Orleans and RTA amended the CEA to extend the date of the agreement through December 2026 and to reduce the budget to \$1.8M.

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WHEREAS, in 2026, the City of New Orleans has further reduced the budget, allocating \$1,315,090.13 for the provision of transit services under this program; and to date the RTA has invoiced the City of New Orleans approximately \$957,408.25. We anticipate that the remaining balance of \$357,681.88 will be fully exhausted by the end of this current amendment.

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, authorize the Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to receive and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the City of New Orleans for the purpose of establishing the funding to the RTA to facilitate the pilot program entitled "Zero Transit Fare for Opportunity Youth Program."

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

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE ____ DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

**ANN DUPLESSIS
CHAIRWOMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**