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RESOLUTION NO. 23-051

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONTRACT FOR
EMERGENCY ON-SITE FLEET SERVICE**

Introduced by Commissioner Walton, seconded by
Commissioner Coulon.

WHEREAS, over the last few years, the agency has also lost some of its skilled labor as much of the workforce has reached retirement. The agency is still working to hire qualified mechanics; however, finding qualified individuals takes time and there seems to be a labor shortage for this skilled; and

WHEREAS, as a result of lost staff and the fleet getting older, it becomes increasingly more difficult to keep vehicles on the road. 42% of the fleet has exceeded its useful life, an additional 6% of the fleet will be over its FTA end-of-life threshold (12 years 500,000 miles) is about to reach the end of its useful life in the next 12 months. As the agency has picked up additional service miles, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the agency to keep these aged buses on the road; and

WHEREAS, with an aged fleet, and a new workforce coming in, the agency needs additional skilled labor for the repair of its buses. Much like traveling nurses in the medical field, there are companies that provide traveling mechanics. Due to labor shortages across the country, and the status of our current fleet, staff will reach out to multiple agencies to provide technicians. The agency is looking to contract 8 positions through as many companies as needed to get assistance; and



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WHEREAS, while these technicians are here, we intend to reduce out of service buses and get the fleet into a stable working condition. The staff is also working on setting up training for our current technicians to help sharpen diagnostic skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these emergency services is \$1,000,000. It is estimated that this would provide technicians to the agency for a period of around four to five months; 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, authorize to CEO to approve fleet service for revenue service vehicles.

THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, AND 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 25th DAY OF JULY, 2023.

MARKK RAYMOND, JR.,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS