

## Justification to Extend Transit Security Service with Security Experts and Leaders (SEAL)

### Explanation

Security Experts and Leaders (SEAL) will continue to provide transit security services on a month-to-month basis to RTA, as was authorized by the Board of Commissioners on June 25, 2024 through Resolution No. 24-036. Staff have developed a comprehensive Scope of Work (SOW) and are currently in the process of selecting a security provider through RFP # 2025-031. Staff is seeking an additional change order to maintain security services with the current vendor. Staff is requesting an extension of the current services (at existing levels) through April 30, 2026.

On average, RTA pays \$25,872 to SEAL per week for transit security services. This includes all regular posts including the Canal Street Ferry Terminal and two 24/7 transit hubs.

### Calculation

With this service agreement, the projected total cost to continue services at current levels through April 30, 2026 is approximately \$263,083. This is the estimated amount needed for services from March 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026, at an average rate of \$25,872/week for 9 weeks. This includes a 3% contingency to help support special events such as festival season, public meetings hosted by RTA, and other ad hoc requests for specialized security services. See calculation, below:

$\$22/\text{hr rate} \times 24 \text{ hrs per day} = \$528 \text{ per day} \times 7 \text{ days} = \$3,696 \text{ weekly}$

$\$3696 \times 7 \text{ hubs (Willow Barn, Duncan Plaza, Lake Forest, Admin Front Desk, NOLA East, Rear Gate, Money Room)} = \$25,872 \text{ weekly} \times 9 \text{ weeks} = \$232,848$

In August 2022, Canal Street Ferry Terminal service was added at a rate of \$22/hr = 114 hrs per week x 9 weeks = 1,026 hours x \$22/hr = \$22,572

It is anticipated that additional services will be needed in support of the Mardi Gras service plan, in keeping with previous years. This consists of securing Riverfront streetcars that are staged overnight at Canal and Convention Center Blvd. and securing RTA facilities during the Endymion parade. The actual amount for these services is unknown, but staff are recommending continuing with the existing 3% contingency added to the Change Order amount:

$\$255,420 + 3\% (\$7,663) \approx \mathbf{\$263,083}$

Total amount estimated from March 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026 (not to exceed): \$263,083

**Total requested change order amount not to exceed: \$263,083**