

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. At that time, it was anticipated that RTA would develop and implement a physical security deployment strategy (whether in-house or contracted) by May 31, 2025. The Physical Security Department is currently still in the process of researching and reviewing options at this time. Therefore, staff is requesting an extension of the current services (at existing levels) to continue through September 30, 2025.

On average, RTA pays \$25,872 to SEAL per week for transit security services. This includes services that were added in September 2022 and August 2023 to provide coverage for the transit hubs implemented with New Links and the Canal Street Ferry Terminal, respectively.

Calculation

With this service agreement, the projected total cost to continue services at current levels through September 30, 2025 is approximately \$496,934. This is the estimated amount needed for services from June 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, at an average rate of \$25,872/week for 17 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} = \3696 weekly

$\$3696 \times 7 \text{ hubs (Willow Barn, Duncan Plaza, Lake Forest, Admin Front Desk, NOLA East, Rear Gate, Money Room)} = \$25,872 \text{ weekly} \times 17 \text{ weeks} = \$439,824$

In August 2022, Canal Street service was added at a rate of \$22/hr. Canal Street service is 114 hrs per week $\times 17 \text{ weeks} = 1,938 \text{ hours} \times \$22/\text{hr} = \$42,636$

Total amount estimated from June 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025: \$482,460

Including the 3% contingency, we estimate needing \$496,934 to cover invoices from June 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, approximately 17 weeks.

$\$482,460 + 3\% (\$14,473.80) \approx \textbf{\$496,934}$

Total requested service agreement amount: \$496,934