



Regional Transit Authority
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO HDR
ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE STREETCAR SYSTEM MODERNIZATION MASTER
PLAN**

Introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded
by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") has operated streetcar service in New Orleans for over 185 years, providing both vital public transportation and a cherished cultural asset; and

WHEREAS, the current streetcar system faces operational challenges including slow travel speeds, safety incidents, and accessibility challenges along the St. Charles Avenue line; and

WHEREAS, the RTA's Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP), first adopted in 2018 and updated in 2023, and the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program both identify modernization of the streetcar network as a critical priority to improve system performance, reliability, and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the RTA Capital Projects team established a project budget of \$1,200,000 for a Streetcar System Modernization Plan funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and by local operating funds for capital project planning in the FY2025 Budget and included in the 2025-2029 5-year Capital Investment Program (CIP); and



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WHEREAS, in January 2025, the RTA executed a settlement agreement with a plaintiff committing to study improvements to the streetcar system, including enhancements to accessibility and ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, the RTA issued a Request for Qualifications (No. 2025-009) on February 12, 2025, seeking professional services to prepare a Streetcar System Modernization Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, HDR Engineering, Inc. submitted the highest scoring proposal in response to the RFQ and was determined by the technical evaluation committee to be the most qualified firm; and

WHEREAS, HDR Engineering, Inc. was found to be both a responsive and responsible respondent; and

WHEREAS, HDR Engineering, Inc. and the RTA have agreed on a not-to-exceed price of \$1,200,000.00 to complete the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the funding is currently available through ARPA funds (grant number LA-2023-008) and local operating funds via account codes 01-2800-02-7070-173-00-00-00000-00000-00000 and 01-2800-02-7070-176-00-00-00000-00000-00000 for a total cost not to exceed \$1,200,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the RTA that the Chairman of the Board or his designee, is authorized to award a contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for the development of a Streetcar System Modernization Master Plan.



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**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 17th DAY OF JUNE 2025.

**CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**