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RESOLUTION NO. 22-012

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
DISASTER RELATED FEDERAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE REVENUE VEHICLES**

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Introduced by Commissioner Raymond,  
seconded by Commissioner Wegner.

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 staff made a request to the Louisiana State Office of Community Development (OCD) to be an applicant for the Katrina/Rita Disaster Community Development Block Grant Funds (D-CDBG) program; and

**WHEREAS**, this request was recently approved. The request is flexible and scalable to help OCD spend any remaining grant funds within less than one year of any grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, when the RTA received final payouts because of Hurricanes Katrina/Rita, from its insurance provider and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) it only received 35% of the amount needed to replace the fleet of buses that ran prior to Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to Katrina, the RTA had a rolling stock of three hundred seventy-two (372) buses compared to the one hundred twenty-three (123) buses it was able to purchase with FEMA funds in 2008 and 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, this is due primarily to how replacement value was calculated for equipment by FEMA and the insurance industry. The buses were depreciated based on the age of the vehicles then a value was determined; and



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**WHEREAS**, in 1998, one hundred twenty-five (125) buses were placed into service and were seven years old at the time of the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the New Links Implementation staff is determining the appropriate size and number of busses required for each route.

**WHEREAS**, New Links and the fleet condition assessment of the Transit Asset Management (TAM) will inform the estimate needed for the grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, below is a potential scenario of the number of buses that may be requested; and

Item	Quantity	Estimate	Total
35' Bus	3	\$610,000	\$1,830,000
40' Bus	2	\$700,000	\$1,400,000
Paratransit van	5	\$250,000	\$1,250,000
	<b>10</b>		
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$4,480,000</b>
Escalation	5%		\$224,000
Project Admin/Management	3%		\$134,400
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,838,400</b>

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that more funds may become available as OCD continues to close out existing grants with eligible grantees; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant is 100% federal funds and there is no local match for this grant. There is an expectation that maintenance cost will be reduced, by retiring the older vehicles; and



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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, is authorized to allow staff to submit a Grant Application for Disaster related Federal funds to purchase revenue vehicles.

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

YEAS:	<u>8</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flozell Daniels Jr." in a cursive script.

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FLOZELL DANIELS  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS