



Regional Transit Authority
2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119-6307

RESOLUTION NO. _____

FILE ID NO. 25-113

**STATE OF
LOUISIANA PARISH
OF ORLEANS**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RTA'S STATE OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER
RECOVERY POLICY (SAF7)**

Introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is responsible for ensuring the safety, security, and continuity of public transit services for the Greater New Orleans region before, during, and after emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the RTA previously adopted Resolution No. 20-022, establishing an internal policy on emergency declarations, primarily centered on the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, the prior policy is no longer sufficient in scope and does not fully address current operational, regulatory, and reimbursement requirements for all-hazards preparedness, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency and Disaster Recovery Policy (SAF7) have been developed to provide comprehensive guidance on emergency declarations, delegation of authority, documentation standards, emergency pay eligibility, and transition to disaster recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, the revised policy aligns with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, FEMA guidelines, and the agency's All Hazards Plan; and

WHEREAS, the policy further establishes clear procedures for declaring, rescinding, and documenting emergencies in accordance with the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) to ensure transparency, accountability, and audit readiness; and

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WHEREAS, incorporating this policy into the All-Hazards Plan ensures operational integration and supports eligibility for federal and state reimbursement during declared emergencies and disasters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that:

- The State of Emergency and Disaster Recovery Policy (SAF7) is hereby adopted and approved and shall serve as the governing framework for all future RTA emergency declarations; and
- Resolution No. 20-022 is hereby rescinded in its entirety; and
- The Department of Safety, Security and Emergency Management shall be responsible for the implementation, and enforcement of State of Emergency and Disaster Recovery Policy (SAF7) and Human Resources shall be responsible for distributing the policy.

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 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

**FRED A. NEAL, JR.
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**