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RESOLUTION NO. 25-064

FILE ID NO. 25-131

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO AECOM
TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR EAST-WEST BANK BUS RAPID TRANSIT
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AND NEPA CLEARANCE SERVICES**

Introduced by Commissioner Sams seconded by Commissioner Colin.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (“RTA”) is advancing the East-West Bank Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) project as a major capital initiative identified in the RTA’s Strategic Mobility Plan and included in the 2025–2029 Capital Investment Program; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 15.1-mile BRT corridor was adopted as the Locally Preferred Alternative by the RTA Board of Commissioners through Resolution No. 23-008 in January 2023, based on ridership potential, community benefits, and operational feasibility; and

WHEREAS, the BRT project will deliver a high-capacity, reliable, and accessible transit service that will improve travel times, reliability, access to jobs and services, and the overall rider experience; and

WHEREAS, the RTA issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ No. 2025-018) on May 16, 2025, seeking professional services to complete preliminary engineering of the BRT project and clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”); and

WHEREAS, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (“AECOM”) submitted the only response to the RFQ; and



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WHEREAS, AECOM’s proposal was reviewed by a technical evaluation committee and selection panel, and AECOM was determined to be exceptionally qualified to perform the required services; and

WHEREAS, AECOM was found to be both a responsive and responsible respondent; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, RTA estimated the budget for preliminary engineering and NEPA clearance for the BRT project to be \$5,322,955, which RTA used as the basis for its Independent Cost Estimate (“ICE”) for these services; and

WHEREAS, AECOM and RTA have agreed to a not-to-exceed price of \$5,700,000 for these services, which staff determined to be satisfactory to achieve RTA’s goals, deliverables, and timeline and which staff determined to be within a reasonable range of the ICE; and

WHEREAS, the services will be funded entirely by American Rescue Plan grant funds (grant number LA-2023-008) with no local match for a total cost not to exceed \$5,700,000 from the FY2025-29 capital budget, budget code 01-0000-00-1501-000-00-000000-000000-00; 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 AECOM in an amount not to exceed \$5,700,000 for BRT Preliminary Engineering and NEPA Clearance services.



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

YEAS:	<u>4</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>3</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred A. Neal, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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