

Proposed CY2026 RTA Revised Budget
Operating Revenue and Operating Expense Account Explanations

\$ 12,025,496	PASSENGER FARES
\$ 1,943,903	Streetcar fares based on projected ridership of 3,568,911 and average fare of \$0.84 based on YTD 2025 actual average fare.
\$ 3,258,494	Bus fares based on projected ridership of 12,079,797 and average fare of \$0.66 based on YTD actual average fare
\$ 6,468,451	All Pass Sales including 1-day Regional Ride Pass; Ticket Vending Machine; 31-day Jazzy Passes; 1-way ride: Integrated Pass - 1 Day; Integrated Pass - 5 Day; 1-day Jazzy Pass: 3-day Jazzy Pass; and 7-day Jazzy Pass.
\$ 354,648	Para fares based on projected ridership of 225,752 and average fare of \$1.46 based on YTD actual average fare.
\$ 68,000 CHARTER	
\$ 68,000	Streetcar charters anticipated based on annualized actuals at \$1,000 per charter
\$ 1,750,000 ADVERTISING	
\$ 1,750,000	Based on 2025 actuals and prior year trends. Company will be working with Vector Media, a third-party advertising vendor who manages the sales and installations of all transit advertising.
\$ 94,992,129 SALES TAX	
\$ 78,696,516	General Use Sales Tax - based on City of New Orleans' projections and historical trends.
\$ 9,600,000	Hotel/Motel Sales Tax - based on City of New Orleans' projections and historical trends.
\$ 6,695,613	State Motor Vehicle Sales Tax - based on City of New Orleans' projections and historical trends.
\$ 2,910,441 OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	
\$ 2,910,441	Other Revenue - Includes capital investment income, operating investment income, revenues from filming, scrap metal, IDs and other (reimbursements for service disruptions, etc.).

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\$ 91,929,965	LABOR AND FRINGE BENEFITS
\$ 67,298,251	Labor for all RTA positions. ATU-525 contract positions (operators and contract support staff); IBEW- 174 contract positions (mechanics, et al and contract support staff); Administrative-163 positions, and ULU-8 positions. Budgeted increases include 2.5% for ATU effective 7/1; 2.5% for IBEW effective 7/1; and 0% for Administrative.
\$ 24,631,714	Fringe Benefits for all RTA positions - payroll taxes, retirement plans, health benefits, long term and short term disability, life Insurance, workers compensation, uniform and tool allowances, and other fringes.

\$ 20,117,309	SERVICES
\$ 1,200,000	Legal Fees for board representation.
\$ 1,900,000	Legal fees and expenses for outside law firms representing the RTA.
\$ 202,181	Auditing and Accounting - general insurance audit(s); RTA annual financial audit(s); and the AUP, and other Statewide audit(s).
\$ 2,995,000	Consultants - Board, CEO, Rail consultant, Rideline QAQC program, Advertising, media buys, and website consultants, Risk management, Safety and security - write OSHA compliance, SMS Safety certification, intersection safety/rail, Employee development, IT, Accounting, Finance area, ELT Coaching, On-call engineers for capital planning, Consultants for bus projects, On-call real estate advisors for capital projects, on call engineering for capital projects, consultants for service planning, Federal representation, DBE consultant to aid with the DBE program, Facilities maintenance - general engineering.
\$ 430,250	Training - Infrastructure division, agency-wide online training courses and security awareness training, Training consultants for ATU, IBEW and Ops administrative staff development, Fleet technology; Safety and Emergency Management; Chief Financial Officer division; Rail Maintenance, Marketing training; and DBE business development training.
\$ 195,000	Medical Exams - employee physicals for pre-employment physicals and drug screening and DOT-required testing for safety-sensitive employees.
\$ 20,000	Credit and Employment Verification for the screening process.
\$ 15,000	Lubricant Analysis of coolants, diesel fuel, engine oils, hydraulic fluid, etc.
\$ 3,143,020	Data Processing Services for the entire agency including services for the Board, Oracle, Clever, the ADP payroll system, the Paratransit Scheduling, Booking, & Eligibility software, VPN and many others.
\$ 1,526,250	Other Outside Services - Cost charged by New Orleans Public Belt for maintaining signals on the Riverfront Streetcar Line; printing for all departments; Marketing photoshoots, purchased media, events, etc.; Department of Environmental Quality Disposal/Testing; HR other outside services; cost of electronic withdrawals for payroll; Labor contract negotiations and arbitrations; DBE advertisement; miscellaneous outside services for the Board. Contingency for Emergency Management.
\$ 40,000	Environmental Services - disposable of contaminants and hazardous material and substances.
\$ 150,000	Temporary Help

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\$ 1,986,500	Contract Maintenance Services: Transmissions, damages, safety inspections, engines, A/C units, Revenue collection, glass, Fare collection system maintenance , Maintenance - ENO, MOW - control of vegetation along streetcar lines, Maintenance - Algiers Point, outside services for general repairs of buildings, grounds, shelters, and fixtures, cost of outside services for general repairs (lock repairs to revenue facilities, overhead doors, hydraulic fabrication, bus lift repairs, etc), Cost of outside services for general repairs of buildings, grounds, and fixtures for Admin Facilities, Maintenance - automobiles: ENO, office machines and equipment
\$ 1,151,000	Other Contract Maintenance Services: Streetcar repairs, Bus simulator, General pest control, Bus towing and fire suppression service, Paratransit other contract maintenance, Cost of outside radio repairs, maintenance and repairs of mobile communication equipment, Inspection and maintenance of substations, Cost of cleaning and maintaining bus and streetcar shelters - CBD area, Facilities maintenance equipment cost, All facility pest control incl. ferry terminal, Garage/bus wash/tire shop/SIS/vault fueling, Admin buildings facility maintenance, Other maintenance, Maintenance Warehouse and ferry terminal, MOW Lavatory facilities for track crews. CAD/AVL Software/hardware maintenance.
\$ 667,768	Custodial Services for the entire agency.
\$ 1,200,000	Interagency Agreement with City of New Orleans
\$ 3,044,340	Security Services; Transit Police Unit: (1) unit commander and (3) patrol officers; police detail for added patrols of the system; private security services for all RTA facilities; card access system service agreement and repairs to surveillance equipment; vehicle security upgrades; armored car service for money counting room, Alarm systems, other security systems
\$ 226,000	Other Services - bank charges; public ads, notices and hearings; and the printing of RTA stationary, envelopes, and business cards.
\$ 25,000	Outgoing freight charges.
\$ 13,070,685	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
\$ 5,058,937	Bio-diesel Fuel: Fixed Route Bus - \$5,150,222
\$ 791,491	Gasoline: Paratransit - \$598,174; Service Vehicles - \$193,317
\$ 370,000	Other Lubricants - bus; rail; and paratransit and support vehicles.
\$ 546,345	Leased and Purchased Tires - bus, paratransit and support vehicles.
\$ 3,342,296	Revenue Vehicle Parts - bus; streetcar; paratransit; fleet technology; fare collection; and other.
\$ 174,950	Office Equipment and Supplies for the agency
\$ 336,132	Transfers
\$ 5,000	Schedules/Maps/Timetables
\$ 200,000	Data Processing Supplies
\$ 36,300	Training Materials & Supplies including TAPCO New Hire Operator Guides & Curriculum Materials, Rail Curriculum Guides, In - house instruction training video equipment; materials for quarterly safety meetings, campaigns etc.
\$ 30,600	Roadway Paving - highway mesh, rods, sand, gravel etc.
\$ 559,000	Buildings/Fixtures/Grounds - materials and supplies for general repairs at all facilities.

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\$ 13,070,685	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES (continued)
\$ 53,550	Cost of equipment to inspect and maintain fixed route and service vehicles
\$ 1,228,084	Other Materials and Supplies include materials and supplies used to repair and maintain revenue and support vehicles, catenary parts and connectors for the streetcar lines, giveaways and promotional items for marketing and public outreach, onboarding materials, cost of safety materials including PPE, and streetcar MOW improvements, materials for comfort stops/swag items for transportation, materials for communications events, cost of sand for streetcar and tracks, and various other miscellaneous materials and supplies.
\$ 65,000	Soaps for use in maintenance of revenue vehicles.
\$ 23,000	Freight charges for incoming shipments.
\$ 250,000	Equipment and Furniture - includes replacement radios, furniture as a result of office relocations, custodial materials/supplies for grounds, equipment & furniture for Physical Security and contractors, and other equipment used agency-wide.
\$ 2,016,065	UTILITIES
\$ 480,578	Propulsion Power - St. Charles, UPT, and Canal.
\$ 1,535,487	Other Than Propulsion Power - Electricity, Gas, Water & Sewer, office & cell phone service, and internet service for all facilities; and communication systems for the Mobile Command Center.
\$ 14,279,500	CASUALTY AND LIABILITY
\$ 9,479,500	Premiums - based on the most recent renewal rates as approved by the Board - Excess Liability, Excess Physical Damage, Directors/Officers Liability, Flood Insurance, Property Damage, 3-D Crime.
\$ 4,800,000	Insurance reserves; claim payouts.
\$ 372,881	TAXES
\$ 18,000	Vehicle Licensing and Registration Fees - Cost of vehicle brake tags, licenses and registration fees for buses, paratransit vehicles and service vehicles.
\$ 354,881	Fuel and Lubricant Taxes - Bio-diesel fuel and gasoline taxes (\$0.21/gal.).
\$ 858,100	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES
\$ 115,200	Dues and Subscriptions - membership in APTA, SWTA, WTS, LPTA, COMPTO, GFOA; membership for staff attorneys in legal organization; IT-related entities; and procurement related dues.
\$ 427,400	Travel and Meetings - auto reimbursement, local and out-of-town travel for the Board and RTA employees, per diems for the Board, refreshments and other amenities for Board meetings.
\$ 15,000	Advertising/Promotion/Media for distribution material at ADA events and for RTA and the Board.
\$ 75,000	Educational Expenses for staff.
\$ 225,500	Other Miscellaneous - an Employee Recognition Program and various expenses for the CEO, the Board and RTA programs.
\$ 240,916	LEASES AND RENTALS
\$ 125,000	Revenue Vehicle Movement Control Facility for the antenna lease.
\$ 115,916	Other General Admin Facilities

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\$ 1,347,058	TMSEL CARRYOVER COSTS
\$ 860,983	Health Costs - long term disability payments, hospital/medical costs, prescription benefits, administrative fees, dental plan, and life insurance for TMSEL inactives.
\$ 75,000	Workers' Compensation for active TMSEL employees.
\$ 411,075	Other Costs - outside legal fees, and fees for the TMSEL program administrator.

MARITIME	
\$ 1,200,000	PASSENGER FARES (FERRY)
\$ 1,200,000	Passenger Fares increased from 2025 annualized actuals.
\$ 165,956	LABOR AND FRINGE BENEFITS (FERRY)
\$ 131,016	Labor for one Ferry administrative position
\$ 34,940	Fringe Benefits for one Ferry administrative position: Payroll taxes, Retirement plans, Health benefits, Long term and Short term Disability, Life Insurance, Workers compensation, other fringes.
\$ 1,200,000	SERVICES (FERRY)
\$ 300,000	Consultants for dredging of Lower Algiers Terminal
\$ 850,000	Contract Maintenance Services: Fare Collection System and Repairs to communication equipment, drydocking of up to 3 barges
\$ 50,000	Cost of other services not covered by O&M agreement
\$ 571,580	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES (FERRY)
\$ 570,580	Fuel and Lubricants: Based on a projected cost of \$3.59/gal. and fuel consumption of 158,937 gallons.
\$ 1,000	Other Materials and Supplies: Ticketing and fare collection supplies; uniforms for Marine Operations staff.
\$ 7,933	TAXES (FERRY)
\$ 7,933	Fuel and Lubricant Taxes: Based on a projected cost of \$0.05/gal. and fuel consumption of 158,937 gallons.
\$ 10,525,778	PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION (FERRY)
\$ 10,525,778	Purchased Transportation: Labmar Contract - Crew Costs, Vessel Insurance, R&M Supplies, Management Fees, G&A Personnel Expense, Insurance, Workmans Comp, Auto Insurance, Misc Office Admin Expenses, Professional Services, Surge Services.
\$ 6,000	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (FERRY)
\$ 6,000	Other Miscellaneous: Travel and meeting expense