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RESOLUTION NO. 22-073

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2022 ALL STATIONS  
ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM**

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Introduced by Commissioner Coulon, seconded by  
Commissioner Walton.

**WHEREAS**, RTA operates four streetcar lines. Since 1835, the St Charles streetcar is the oldest continuously operated urban railway in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, while there have been several improvements and changes to the line over the decades, the vehicles are generally of the original 1920's vintage, and the stops and route have not changed since 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, in accordance with a 2017 consent decree, 4 heritage-style streetcars with wheelchair-accessible lifts were repainted to match the vintage St Charles cars and 6 of the 54 total stops along the route were adapted to be compliant with 1990 American with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

**WHEREAS**, these 54 stops are spread out over a total route of 6.5 miles from Downtown to Uptown, with an average spacing of 645 ft per stop – or about 2 blocks, and



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**WHEREAS**, RTA is looking to develop a fully accessible system, regardless of service type and history; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff proposes to take the first step of a planning study as part of the FTA's All Stations Accessibility Program to develop a program of improvements to have **all** stops and immediately connecting infrastructure fully accessible for the thousands of residents and visitors that use this vital and scenic service; and

**WHEREAS**, this study will include developing stop typologies that meet both accessibility needs, beyond ADA, and fit the iconic historic context; and

**WHEREAS**, the study will also evaluate possible stop consolidation, to improve travel speed and reduce total program costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA will be responsible for the local match of \$50,000. The federal obligation is expected to be \$200,000.00; and

**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, to apply for grant funding for the planning of accessible stations on eligible legacy rail corridors.



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

YEAS:	<u>5</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>1</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Raymond".

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MARK RAYMOND  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS