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RESOLUTION NO. 22-002

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL FUNDS TO REPLACE NON-REVENUE VEHICLES**

Introduced by Commissioner Raymond,
seconded by Commissioner Wegner.

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana DOTD is receiving applications from the large urban areas for FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities grants. If awarded, the applicant would be direct grantee to the FTA and not LA DOTD; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is requesting \$1,687,728 to fund the replacement of 4 SUV's, 2 passenger vans, 1 utility van, 10 half-ton pickup trucks, 11 one-ton pick-up trucks, 11 one-ton pickup trucks, 2 one-ton welding truck, and a midsize wrecker; and

WHEREAS, these non-revenue vehicles are to replace vehicles that, surpass the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) minimum required years of use and will be retired, and increase the fleet to efficiently support the agency's continuous improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the non-revenue fleet plays a critical role in the success of any agency. Daily supervision, critical support staff all require vehicles that are safe and reliable to support the daily operations and ensure the rider experience is premium; and



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WHEREAS, the ability to respond timely and reliable to mechanical problems that occur when the buses are on the route is a requirement of any transit agency; and

WHEREAS, the nineteen 19 vehicles that are part of this request have surpassed the number of years of service required by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) and will be retired once the replacements are placed into service; and

WHEREAS, the 4 SUVs would be hybrid vehicles, in addition to helping to meet many of the Federal, State and Local government environmental initiatives, these vehicles are best suited for weather and road conditions of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans is undergoing a major roads reconstruction program and the frequent rainstorms often lead to street flooding so a vehicle that is suited for this environment is best; and

WHEREAS, the hybrid technology has the potential to save the agency roughly \$3,500 per year, per vehicle due to the savings from not idling the gas engine and miles per gallon savings of a hybrid; and

WHEREAS, additionally, as we move to increase our On-Time Performance (OTP) and service reliability across all modes our fleet of trucks that mechanics use to respond to road calls, rail track maintenance and safety conditions need to be reliable; and

WHEREAS, although RTA staff adhere strictly to OEM-recommended preventive maintenance schedules, breakdowns and road calls for the bus fleet have gradually risen in past years as the fleet ages; and



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WHEREAS, the ability to respond to field repairs in the shortest amount of time will greatly reduce the downtime and increase the OTP; and

WHEREAS, the RTA will be responsible for the local match if the grant is awarded. That amount is expected to be \$411,432.00; 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, is authorized to allow staff to submit a Grant Application for Federal Funds to replace non-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 25TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

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

**FLOZELL DANIELS
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**