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RESOLUTION NO. 25-032
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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ROME
OFFICE FOR THE CLIMATE ADAPTIVE TRANSIT SHELTER DESIGN PROJECT**

Introduced by Commissioner Daniels, seconded by
Commissioner Walton.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") is committed to improving the comfort, safety, and accessibility of its transit system for all riders; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 17% of RTA bus stops currently include transit shelters, leaving riders vulnerable to extreme weather conditions such as high heat, heavy rainfall, and intense sun exposure; and

WHEREAS, the RTA is eager to improve the quality of its transit shelters to provide better protection for riders from the elements, to enhance rider comfort, and to have a shelter design that reflects the unique culture and creativity of New Orleans while being affordable to produce and to maintain; and

WHEREAS, the RTA's Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP), first adopted in 2018 and updated in 2023, and the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program both identify a climate-adaptive transit shelter design as a high-priority investment to enhance rider experience, support climate-resilience, and expand access to mobility; and



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WHEREAS, the RTA issued a Request for Qualifications (No. 2024-034) on October 29th, 2024, seeking professional services to develop modular, climate-adaptive transit shelter designs; and

WHEREAS, Rome Office submitted the highest scoring proposal in response to the RFQ and was determined by the technical evaluation committee to be the most qualified firm; and

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

WHEREAS, the funding is currently available through a federal RAISE 21 grant (LA-2024-035) and local match funds via account code 01-0000-00-1501-000-00-000000-000000 for a total cost not to exceed \$650,000; 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 Rome Office in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the Climate Adaptive Transit Shelter Design project.



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

YEAS:	<u>6</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 24th DAY OF JUNE 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Neal", is written above a horizontal line.

**FRED NEAL
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**