



Regional Transit Authority
2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119-6307

RESOLUTION NO. 23-008

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

Adoption of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) East-West Bank Corridor Project

Introduced by Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner Walton.

WHEREAS, RTA is the sponsor of the BRT East-West Bank Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, the RTA intends to seek a Small Starts Capital Investment Grant (CIG) from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to contribute to the capital cost of construction of the BRT East-West Bank Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the FTA requires project sponsors to seek a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in order to qualify for such grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the RTA staff developed the recommended LPA, described in the attached Board report, during a year-long planning process in consultation with the community including representatives from neighborhoods, small businesses, major employers, institutions, the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development, and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the next phase of the BRT East-West Bank Corridor project following LPA adoption is an environmental review and initial design – a ten to fourteen-month process that includes several rounds of additional community engagement; and

WHEREAS, RTA will continue to work with riders, neighborhood residents, City of New Orleans and State officials on the design of the corridor concerning potential impacts to traffic and parking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the RTA Board of Commissioners adopts the language set forth in this Resolution as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the BRT East-West Bank Corridor 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 JANUARY, 2023.



MARK RAYMOND
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS