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RESOLUTION NO. _____
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

APPROVAL OF 2022 RTA MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

Introduced by Commissioner _____seconded by Commissioner_____.

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is committed to creating equitable processes and outcomes across our region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) believes that diversity, equity and inclusion makes us stronger, as individuals and as an organization; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has been complying with (49 Code of Federal Regulations [“CFR”] Part 26) which requires recipients of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, such as RTA, to develop and implement a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Appendix D to Part 26 discusses the Mentor-Protégé Program Guidelines; and

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WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to further the development of DBE's, including but not limited to assisting them to move into non-traditional areas of work and/or compete in the marketplace outside the DBE program, via the provision of training and assistance from other firms; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Mentor Protégé Program is also intended to improve the performance of RTA prime contractors and subcontractors, foster the establishment of long-term business relationships between DBE's and prime contractors, and increase the overall number of DBE's that participate in RTA contract and subcontract awards; and

WHEREAS, the program must be approved by the agency's Board of Director's; and

WHEREAS, to operate a mentor-protégé program, a recipient must obtain the approval of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

WHEREAS, this mentor-protégé program was jointly reviewed and developed by staff in accordance with all State and Federal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the RTA that the 2022 RTA Mentor-Protégé Program, as recommended by staff, is hereby approved.

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

YEAS: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

FLOZELL DANIELS, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS