



RESOLUTION NO. 24-033

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS**

**Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Regional Transit Authority (RTA)
and Jefferson Parish**

Introduced by Commissioner Daniels, seconded by Commissioner Neal.

WHEREAS, Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private organization, corporation or individuals; and

WHEREAS, as indicated by LSA-R.S. 48:1651 *et al.*, Regional Transit Authority (RTA), a statutorily created local political body of the State of Louisiana with the constitutional and statutory authority to contract, including entering into Cooperative Endeavor agreements; and

WHEREAS, RTA and Jefferson Parish are authorized to enter into this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1324 which permits any parish, municipality or political subdivision of the state, or any combination thereof, to make agreements between or among themselves for purposes of mass transportation; and

WHEREAS, RTA and Jefferson Parish have Mobility Impaired Transportation Systems ("MITS"), which provide transportation for persons with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transit services; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently "transfer points" between both PARTIES, wherein a MITS rider would have to transfer from one agency's MITS vehicle to another in order to go to and from Orleans and Jefferson Parish; and,

WHEREAS, this transfer between PARTIES requires the MITS passenger to pay two fares for a single trip; and;



WHEREAS, The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) commissioned a study to improve the operations of LIFT and MITS. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute issued

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a report on 2/15/2023 which can be found at <https://www.norpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Final-Report-Volume-I-LIFT-021523.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, the report recommends that the Paratransit rider call the system based on residency location and arrange for the entire round trip with that agency; and

WHEREAS, to eliminate this “double-fare ride” between Orleans Parish and Jefferson Parish, the PARTIES agree to remove the “transfer points” and instead complete the full route; and;

WHEREAS, the public purpose of the Project is described as the mutual cooperation and coordination among regional transportation agencies and projects will provide Parish residents who are MITS riders more seamless and quicker trips and will eliminate the current “double-fare ride” between Parishes; and

WHEREAS, the RTA desires to cooperate with Jefferson Parish in the implementation of the project as hereinafter provided by entering into a five-year agreement with the option to renew for an additional five years;

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 receive and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Jefferson Parish for the purpose of providing clear guidance based such that each agency will provide round trip service into neighboring parishes based on the residency of the client.



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**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 JUNE, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Raymond, Jr.", is positioned above a horizontal line.

**MARK RAYMOND, JR
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**