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RESOLUTION NO. 22-066

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE ALGIERS POINT FERRY TERMINAL ENHANCEMENT AND
LOWER ALGIERS MAINTENANCE FACILITY STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROJECTS**

Introduced by Commissioner Neal,
seconded by Commissioner Ewell.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the opportunity to apply for \$294.5 million in competitive grants under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Passenger Ferry Grant Program (Passenger Ferry Program) (\$36.5M), Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (Low-No Ferry Program) (\$49M), and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program (Rural Ferry Program) (\$209M); and

WHEREAS, the Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5307 (h)) authorizes FTA to award grants for passenger ferries through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, projects funded under this program will improve the condition and quality of existing passenger ferry services, support the establishment of new passenger ferry services, and repair and modernize ferry boats, terminals and related facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is under this program that the RTA has traditionally qualified for funding; and



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WHEREAS, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is requesting \$5.225 million in federal funding to make enhancements to two facilities in its Ferry portfolio; Algiers Point Ferry Terminal and the Maintenance Facility located at Lower Algiers. Algiers Point Ferry Terminal currently is a single-story facility with a two-story vaulted ceiling; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is to enclose the ceiling and thereby adding a second floor. The second floor would be used as administrative offices for the Ferry Operations Team and the first floor would be used for ticket sales and rider convenience; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Facility has several building systems that are at the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. These may include and are not limited to repairs due to termite damage, roof replacement and HVAC system replacements; and

WHEREAS, the RTA will be responsible for the local match if the grant is awarded. That amount is expected to be \$1,306,241; 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, authorization to allow staff to submit a grant application for federal funds for the Algiers Point Ferry Terminal Enhancement and Lower Algiers Maintenance Facility State of good Repair projects.



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

YEAS:	<u>7</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 23rd DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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

MARK RAYMOND, JR.
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS