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RESOLUTION NO. _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND WOODWARD-APC'S CONTRACT TO
INCLUDE REPAIR WORK TO THE JACKSON AVENUE BARGE**

Introduced by Commissioner _____,
seconded by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, in September 2020, at RTA's request, APC Construction completed additional testing to the Jackson Avenue Barge. These tests were to confirm barge did not sustain damaged due to the critical state observed back in May 2020; and

WHEREAS, while APC's Naval Architect concluded that new damage did not occur, existing damage not previously identified was discovered. While testing was completed in 2017, as the barge has remained inactive and adjacent to an active Mississippi River, it has sustained additional wear and tear. In order to place the barge safely into revenue service, additional repair work is required; and

WHEREAS, RTA has requested to also add additional improvements to the temporary berthing design in order to improve operability. These include widening the access gangway to allow for faster movement of passengers, demolishing the stair tower, additional utilities and ballast system repairs these were previously value engineered out of the project due to budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, added items will reduce operational functions, as well as allow the RTA to maintain shorter headways. While these added items are not needed to put the temporary berthing into revenue service, they will improve overall operational efficiency; and



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WHEREAS, this amendment does not include improvements made to the permanent barge. An amendment for changes to the Permanent barge will be submitted upon completion of the redesign; and

WHEREAS, the rough order of magnitude to complete the additional repairs is \$610,000, and will be funded through Grant LA 2017-01912.73.00, which has an available balance of \$1,130,629. Staff will continue to negotiate this price as the pricing is finalize. The following is a breakdown of the \$610,000 cost: \$339,400 for repair work not previously identified, and \$270,000 for improvements requested by Ferry Operations.

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 amend Woodward-APC's contract to include repair work to the Jackson Avenue Barge.

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 JANUARY, 2021.

**FLOZELL DANIELS
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**