



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

RESOLUTION NO. _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR CLOSED POINT OF DISPENSING ["POD"] SITE WITH
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner
_____.

WHEREAS, RTA staff, in its commitment to optimal health and safety in the current COVID-19 environment, have explored numerous options for efficient and effective mass prophylaxis of its employees as well as those employees of its ferry and security contractors dedicated to RTA operations; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health ("LDH") coordinates the COVID-19 vaccine distribution effort in Louisiana, and has provided RTA with a specific process to be followed to request authorization to administer the vaccine through a Closed Point of Dispensing ("POD"), specifically under the LDH Phase 1B-Tier 2 designation which is inclusive of transit employees; and

WHEREAS, the LDH and the Louisiana Office of Public Health ("OPH") have agreed to provide mass prophylaxis to RTA employees (including those within its ferry operation and dedicated security force) through their Occupational POD Plan, and upon approval by the Governor of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, under the POD Plan, the RTA is required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with LDH/OPH to effectuate this activity, entitled "Memorandum of Agreement-Closed Point of Dispensing Site"; and

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WHEREAS, RTA staff, in the current COVID-19 environment, needs to execute this essential agreement with all due expediency, and

WHEREAS, RTA staff has been in contact with other entities within the Greater New Orleans metropolitan area, inclusive but not limited to the City of New Orleans, Ochsner Hospital, and Tulane Medical Center, for potential additional assistance pursuant to its goal of efficient mass prophylaxis under the direction and through the guidance of LDH/OPH, and needs to ensure swift action as necessary and appropriate with these entities; and

WHEREAS, any and all costs related to such mass prophylaxis programs as described above shall be at no cost or expense to RTA, its employees or contractors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority hereby authorizes the following RTA employees to execute the “Memorandum of Agreement-Closed Point of Dispensing Site” with LDH/OPH as referenced herein, and further, to execute any similar agreement(s) providing for efficient and effective mass prophylaxis of RTA and related employees in furtherance of health and safety considerations during the COVID-19 crisis:

Alex Z. Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer

Mark A. Major, Deputy CEO/Administration and Finance

Michael J. Smith, Chief Safety Officer

Korrie Mapp, Director of Occupational Safety and Health

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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 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

FLOZELL DANIELS, JR.
CHAIRMAN
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS