



RESOLUTION NO. 21-011

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**New Links Redesign Plan - Final Recommendations**

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Introduced by Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner Tillery.

**WHEREAS**, Transit in greater New Orleans has not been re-thought in a long time. Many of the features of the current system are based on a scaled down version of the regional network run by the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) before Hurricane Katrina in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these “legacy” services are not well-suited to the current needs of the region. Since Katrina, from 2006-2019, there has been significant growth in the region and major changes to the places where residents are living and working, but the transit network has not fully kept up with those changes; and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2018, the RTA board adopted their Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP), a 20-year comprehensive plan for enhancing the agency’s transit service. As part of that plan, the agency committed to implementing a network redesign; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the New Links project is to develop a set of short-term recommendations for improving transit service that can be implemented quickly using existing funding. The project involves two major components: A Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) of existing transit and a planning process for a network redesign of the region’s transit system.

**WHEREAS**, the New Links Redesign Plan provides recommendations to redesign the RTA network with a focus on equity to better serve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Final Recommendations within New Links are designed to not increase the operating budget of the RTA, although upfront and capital costs will be associated with implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to committing the agency to any financial obligations the staff will notify the Board, and request approval where required; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Transit Authority hereby approves the attached *New Links Redesign Plan: Final Recommendations* and authorizes RTA to implement the recommendations therein where practical, pending analysis and review by agency staff.

**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 \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MONTH, 2021.**



**FLOZELL DANIELS, JR.  
CHAIRMAN  
RTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**