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RESOLUTION NO. _____

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND WOODWARD-APC'S CONTRACT DUE TO
STEEL ESCALATION COST**

Introduced by Commissioner _____,
seconded by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, in June of 2021, the Board authorized staff to negotiate a change order for the permanent barge Ferry Terminal project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$700,681.16; and

WHEREAS, staff was able to reduce the amount and process the change order in the amount of \$657,443.16. Any consideration of increase of steel cost due to escalation was removed from this change order; and

WHEREAS, the contract price for the construction of the permanent barge was established in April of 2020; and

WHEREAS, staff eliminated the Half Grand Union (HGU) rail connection and utilized the savings to make some design changes that improve operational efficiencies by allowing operations to service larger volumes of passengers quicker, providing operations a secondary method to service ferries utilities, and reduce operation functions by including an internal ballasting system which requires less manpower than the previous system; and



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WHEREAS, while the original plan was to use the HGU savings to support the revised permanent barge cost, the FTA has granted authorization for RTA to use savings from new Ferry Boats purchase. The HGU savings will now be allocated to the project's contingency; and

WHEREAS, redesigns were expected to be completed earlier this year, but delayed due to slowdowns in regulatory agency permitting. Permitting took longer than expected due to staff availability being reduced by COVID restrictions; and

WHEREAS, RTA staff issued a Construction Change Directive (CCD) to mitigate the risk of steel prices further increasing and are submitting this Board Agenda item prior to finalizing negotiations in order to mitigate further cost escalations due to increasingly rising material prices; and

WHEREAS, these price escalations are unpredictable, unprecedented, and a result of material shortages due to COVID restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this work is expected not-to-exceed \$250,000.00 and will be funded through the Grant LA 950006.12.34.05 which has a balance of \$673,072.01. Staff will continue to negotiate this price down as the pricing is finalize. If costs exceed the \$250,000.00, RTA staff will resubmit a Board Agenda item to ratify the Amendment; and.



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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 due to Steel Escalation Cost.

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 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

**FLOZELL DANIELS
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**