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AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2021 PASSENGER FERRY GRANT PROGRAM

	Introduced by Commissioner _	Wegner	, seconded by
Commissioner	Raymond		·

WHEREAS, the Strategic Mobility Plan has a goal of being reliable, prioritizing the rider experience and connecting riders to opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Passenger Ferry Grant Program is a competitive grant program that the RTA is eligible to participate. The available pool is \$38 million, and the application deadline is October 5, 2021.

WHEREAS, staff is requesting \$8,083,189 to replace the Algiers Point Landing Barge and drydock and modernize both the Levy and Armiger Ferry Boats; and

WHEREAS, the barge at this location has served beyond its useful life. The agency is seeking funds to replace the barge, standardize as many components as feasible as part of the agency's effort to maximize the flexibility of the marine fleet; and

WHEREAS, funds are also requested to comply with regulatory agencies requirements to drydock and modernize both ferry Boats; and



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WHEREAS, the Levy is a car ferry that service the Lower Algiers/Chalmette route and the Armiger is one of the passenger ferries that service the Algiers Point/Canal route.

WHEREAS, the RTA will be responsible for the local match of \$1,893,647 if the entire grant amount is awarded; 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, is authorized to allow staff to submit a Grant Application for FY 2021 Passenger Ferry Grant Program.

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

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AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE <u>28TH</u> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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