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RESOLUTION NO. 21-073

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

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**AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ALLOCATE PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS TO ALLOW  
RTA TO LEVERAGE OPERATION LIFESAVER RAIL TRANSIT SAFETY EDUCATION  
GRANT AWARD**

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Introduced by Commissioner Walton,  
seconded by Commissioner Raymond.

**WHEREAS**, for over 49 years the rail safety non-profit organization, Operation Lifesaver (OLI), has been educating the public about the need to remain safe around railroad tracks and trains. Since 2002, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has partnered with OLI to apply its safety programs to transit rail systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has identified a critical need for enhanced public outreach campaigns to promote safe motorist, pedestrian, and bicyclist behaviors along the RTA Trackway (a non-separated portion of the City of New Orleans “Right-of-Way”) and increase public awareness of the hazards associated with streetcar operations in mixed traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA intends to apply the grant funds to the development of public awareness campaigns using a combination of in-house resources and professionally-produced and edited media clips. Media releases by RTA and in partnership with OLI Louisiana will go out during the peak of the campaign activity. Right-of-way signage upgrades will also be featured as a safety improvement during media release; and



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**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2021 revised operating budget which was approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 27, 2021, includes \$12,500 for addressing left-turn conflicts with adverse motorists and other safety hazards present in the RTA streetcar network; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA's application for the OLI Rail Transit Safety Education Grant was awarded the requested amount of \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS**, an in-kind match of \$6,667 is needed to qualify for the awarded grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is aligned with RTA's goal to deliver safe and reliable transit services to the residents of and visitors to the greater New Orleans region.

**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 re-allocate previously budgeted funds, in the approved, revised Fiscal Year 2021 budget, in the amount of \$6,667, and therefore be able to leverage and commence work pursuant to the OLI Rail Transit Safety Education Grant Application to enhance rail safety in and around the RTA streetcar network.

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

<b>YEAS:</b>	<u>8</u>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<u>0</u>



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**AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Flozell Daniels Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**FLOZELL DANIELS  
CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**