MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement is made as of the date set forth below by Regional Transit Service, Inc. ("RTS") and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 282 ("Union"). The parties met to discuss the ability for ATU Clerical employees to work remotely.

Accordingly, notwithstanding any conflicting language in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between RTS and the Union, or in any other agreement between RTS and the Union, RTS and the Union enter into the following agreement:

- Telecommuting is a work arrangement that allows employees to work at home or at some other off-site location for all or some of their regularly scheduled work hours. Although not all jobs can be performed satisfactorily from other locations, RTS recognizes that in some cases, telecommuting arrangements can provide a mutually beneficial option for both the company and employee.
- 2. RTS will consider requests for telecommuting from any employee who has completed 90 days of service with RTS and has had no performance related issues in the previous 12 months, regardless of their role. Employee must also demonstrate good time-management and organizational skills, and be self-motivated, self-reliant, and disciplined. Not all jobs can be performed from off-site locations. In general, positions requiring face-to-face interaction with customers and office personnel are not suitable for telecommuting arrangements.
- 3. The following basic requirements must be met:
 - a. Employee must be able to carry out the same duties, assignments, and other work obligations at their home office as they do when working on RTS premises.
 - b. The standard workweek is 40 hours, with employee scheduled to work eight hours per day with a minimum of a 30-minute lunch in accordance with NYS Labor Law.
 - c. Employee must be available to their manager/supervisor and co-workers during work hours.

- d. Employee must be available to attend scheduled meetings and participate in other required office activities at the corporate office as needed. (i.e. 1:1, Department meetings, Quarterly meetings, Board meetings, celebration events, etc.) Except for extraordinary circumstances, RTS normally provides at least 24 hours' notice for such events.
- e. Clerical employees are expected to be on-campus at least 2 full shifts a week except for the Customer Service Call Center who may be allowed with Company permission to work all their shifts from home. (Note: There will be Customer Service Call Center shifts that cannot work from home due to back up coverage for the front desk)
- f. Employee is expected to use video and audio for all meetings. Their work phone should be forwarded to either a Company issued cell phone if provided or to their computer email.
- g. The employee's schedule generally must be fixed for the term of the telecommuting agreement and cannot vary week to week. A new pick may change the telecommuting schedule for that employee. The Employee is required to post their work from home schedule in their work area onsite.
- h. Employee must abide by the company safety policies.
- i. Employee must arrange for regular child and adult care during their work hours.
- j. If an employee does not have internet access or loses their internet, they must come into the office physically to work.
- 4. The employee must submit a Telecommuting Agreement Form to their manager/supervisor setting out a proposed telecommuting schedule, anticipated duration of the schedule, reason for the request, and expected impact on the employee's ability to carry out his or her job duties. Telecommuting is approved by a manager/supervisor, department head and the People Department on an individual basis after considering departmental needs. Telecommuting may not be feasible within some departments or for certain positions within departments. Seasonal or cyclical changes in workloads also may restrict the ability of departments to offer telecommuting during certain times of the year. After a six-week

trial period, the manager/supervisor will evaluate whether telecommuting can be offered to the employee on a continuing basis. Telecommuting will generally be in effect for sixmonth intervals. RTS will consider the employee's job performance and company and customer needs when determining whether the arrangement will be renewed. Managers/Supervisors must forward a copy of all Telecommuting Agreement Forms and documentation to the People Department to be kept on file.

5. RTS does not provide telecommuting employees with equipment or office furnishings for their home offices. Employees are responsible for equipping and maintaining their home offices so that they can accomplish their work in an efficient and expeditious manner. Depending on the nature of their jobs, this may require having computers, printers, computer software, fax machines, data and telecommunications equipment, and other equipment available for their use. RTS will provide a laptop computer with the appropriate software.

RTS requires a minimum of a cable or higher speed broadband connection. Connections from Dial-Up or DSL do not meet the minimum requirements for systems to work properly. RTS does not provide a monetary stipend for internet costs.

Employees are responsible for providing office furnishings, such as desks, chairs, file cabinets and lighting, at their own expense. RTS is not responsible for the maintenance or repair or associated costs of office equipment or furniture supplied by the employee.

RTS will provide common office supplies, such as paper, pencils, pens, and paper clips, for employees' use for Regional Transit Service business conducted in their home offices.

6. Employees who telecommute will be required to record all hours worked on a daily timesheet. Hours worked in excess of the agreed-upon hours, including overtime hours, require the advance written approval of the employee's manager/supervisor. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in immediate termination of the telecommuting arrangement.

Telecommuting employees will be expected to ensure the protection of proprietary company information accessible from their home office consistent with the company's

expectations of information security.

Injuries sustained by telecommuting employees in the course of their job duties are

normally covered by RTS Workers' Compensation Policy. Telecommuting employees are

required to notify the company immediately of any such injuries, in accord with the

company's Workers' Compensation Policy.

RTS has the right to cancel or suspend employee telecommuting privileges at any time, for

any reason or for no reason. An employee's telecommuting arrangement can be modified

at the company's discretion to meet varying business conditions

This Agreement will go into effect on or before May 2, 2022. Start dates may vary by

department.

Date:

March 7, 2022

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