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On the Run: Board Member Bonnie Lowenthal Travels Green to Metro



Jan. 24, 2008 -- Board member Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor of the City of Long Beach, drove a biodiesel-fueled Volkswagen Beetle to the monthly Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting at Metro Headquarters on Wednesday. The alternative fuel proponent is urging the City of Long Beach to consider using biodiesel blends in lieu of petrodiesel in the city's fleet of diesel vehicles. While 95 percent of the Metro fleet of buses burn compressed natural gas, 150 buses have diesel engines. These operate out of Venice Division 6, which cannot accommodate a CNG facility. -- from Gayle Anderson

It's a FAQ:

Biodiesel is the name of a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from domestic, renewable resources. Biodiesel contains no petroleum, but it can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend. It can be used in compression-ignition (diesel) engines with little or no modifications.

Biodiesel is simple to use, biodegradable, nontoxic, and essentially free of sulfur and aromatics.



Photos: Gayle Anderson