

**MOTION BY DIRECTORS LA BONGE, FASANA AND PROO
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
INTRODUCED ON MAY 20, 2004**

Whereas, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is a joint powers authority created to plan, design, build, and operate the Metrolink commuter rail service in Southern California;

Whereas, Metrolink operates 38 locomotives that provide 142 train trips per weekday on seven routes to 53 stations over 514 route miles;

Whereas, Metrolink has a stated commitment to environmental sensitivity, and is working with the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on an ongoing basis to mitigate the impact of its operations on air quality in Southern California;

Whereas Metrolink uses ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel in its locomotives, which is the cleanest diesel fuel available at this time;

Whereas, Metrolink estimates that its service significantly reduces carbon dioxide greenhouse gas emissions by promoting alternatives to the single-occupant automobile;

Whereas, recent federal regulations will require that Los Angeles County and the entire South Coast Air Basin meet increasingly stringent ozone standards;

Whereas, MTA is the largest of the five members of the Metrolink joint powers authority, providing approximately 59% of the annual operating subsidy and a 47% share of the member agency funding for systemwide capital investments such as locomotives;

Whereas, MTA has implemented a proactive Alternative Fuels Initiative to reduce emissions from its fleet;

Whereas, MTA desires to work with its regional transit partners to explore ways to further improve and reduce emissions in the region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board directs MTA staff to work with SCRRA staff to explore new opportunities to reduce air quality emissions from Metrolink operations and report back to the Board within 90 days on issues and potential options.