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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2004**

SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY EMISSIONS FROM METROLINK OPERATIONS

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file a status update on opportunities to reduce Metrolink air quality emissions.

ISSUE

Directors LaBonge, Fasana, and Proo directed staff to work with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) to explore new opportunities to reduce Metrolink air quality emissions and report back to the Operations Committee in September on issues and potential options.

DISCUSSION

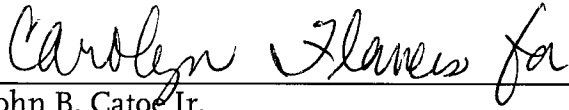
Metro Vehicle Technology staff has met with SCRRA staff and the Advanced Technology Vehicle Consortium (ATVC) consultant to review past studies, discuss current activities and programs, and investigate future opportunities and technologies aimed at reducing locomotive emissions. Metro staff also contacted the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) staff, which works closely with the SCRRA on areas of air quality improvement.

Metro staff is reviewing all available information and exploring new federal regulations as well as emerging technology on locomotive operations. Staff is also working with other agencies in the country that are faced with this same issue. As this is a very complicated issue, we anticipate it will take many more months if not longer to come forward with recommendations that are workable and affordable. We will continue to coordinate our activities with the SCRRA staff in this effort.

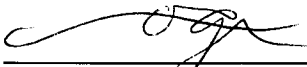
NEXT STEPS

Metro staff will update the Board on its progress and make recommendations as soon as possible.

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