

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OF MEASURES TO REDUCE AIR POLLUTION BY
COG MEMBER GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington region does not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and fine particles; and

WHEREAS, the local jurisdictions in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) who participate with the states of Maryland, Virginia and the District on the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) are developing a regional plan to improve the air and meet federal health standards by reducing emissions that cause pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC-MD-VA metropolitan region is classified as a moderate nonattainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard and is required to submit a revision to the region's state implementation plan (SIP) by June 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the states have committed to adopt and implement control measures beyond those explicitly required by the Clean Air Act to attain the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and

WHEREAS, MWAQC has investigated a broad range of measures for attainment, including short-term measures to attain the 8-hour ozone standard in 2009 and long-term approaches that go beyond traditional control measures; and

WHEREAS, MWAQC identified innovative approaches to reduce emissions through public policy initiatives such as purchase of wind power and environmental performance contracting; and

WHEREAS, the measures adopted by local jurisdictions have the potential to provide additional emission reductions necessary to meet the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard, and to reduce eight-hour ozone levels which have been shown to produce detrimental human health effects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. COG encourages members to adopt programs to reduce harmful emissions causing air pollution such as purchasing wind energy, retrofitting diesel school and transit buses, purchasing low emissions vehicles, energy efficiency measures, and others listed in Table 1.
2. COG encourages members to submit letters committing to these programs to the appropriate state air agency by December 31, 2006, so the programs being adopted may be included in the regional air quality plan to be submitted to the states and EPA.
3. The Chair of the Board of Directors shall expeditiously transmit this resolution to the lead elected officials of all member jurisdictions.

Table 1

**Measures That Reduce Harmful Air Emissions
For Consideration by COG Member Governments**

- School Bus and Other Diesel Engine Retrofits
- Wind Energy Purchases
- Renewable Portfolio Standards
- LED Traffic Signal Retrofits
- Alternative Vehicle Purchases
- Low-VOC Paints
- Energy Performance Contracting (e.g., building efficiency, solar photovoltaics for schools)
- Airports Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreements
- U.S. Green Building Council's Guidelines for Energy and Design Standards (e.g., LEEDs, Green Building Codes) or other nationally recognized Green Building standards
- Tree Planting and Urban Heat Island Mitigation
- Enhanced Enforcement – Idling (e.g., trucks and buses)
- Cash for Clunkers Lawn and Garden Equipment Programs
- Best Practices in Production and Application of Traffic Markings, Asphalt, and Pesticides
- Environmental Performance Contracting (e.g., construction, landscaping)
- Additional transportation measures such as, but not limited to smart growth and transit-oriented development, expansion of the transit system to new locations; expanded Commuter Choice and telecommuting programs; and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian access to transit stations