

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING
FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT FOR MANAGING A
DIESEL ANTI-IDLING CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington region does not meet the federal health standards for ozone or fine particles, which adversely affects the health of populations at increased risk, including 1 million children 18 years of age and younger; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of the Environment regulates air quality and limits idling of motor vehicles to no more than 5 minutes as stated in the Maryland Code §22-402©(3); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of EPA's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program is to reduce diesel emissions, maximize job preservation and promote economic recovery through a variety of diesel emission reduction strategies; and

WHEREAS, COG is proposing to develop a diesel anti-idling campaign designed to reach tour bus companies, commuter bus operations, trucking companies and package deliver companies in cooperation with the Maryland Dept. of Environment and Maryland Dept. of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, tour bus and transit bus companies and trucking companies providing service in Maryland may be located or originate in Virginia or District of Columbia, COG will promote a multi-jurisdictional approach with the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality and the District Department of the Environment to establish a regional diesel anti-idling outreach and education program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will significantly reduce annual NOx and fine particle emissions in the region, improving the health of residents and providing needed reductions for the region to meet the ozone and fine particle standard.

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

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to apply for sub-grant funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to receive and expend up to \$150,000 to benefit the air and attain compliance with regulations of the State of Maryland by administering a Diesel Anti-Idling Campaign. No COG matching funds will be required.

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