

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING
FROM EPA'S NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM DIESEL EQUIPMENT IN THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON REGION**

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

WHEREAS, COG and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) support local nonregulatory measures in the region to reduce harmful emissions to improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of EPA's 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 partner with four equipment owners and operators to reduce emissions from diesel fleets in the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, COG's proposed partners/projects (and funding amounts) include:

1. Amtrak -- "Reducing Emissions from Rail Terminal Operations at Union Station in Downtown Washington, DC" (\$1,523,780);
2. Potomac River Boat Company -- "Reducing Emissions from Passenger Vessels in the Port of Alexandria, Virginia" (\$280,200);
3. "Prince William County -- Reducing Emissions from Municipal Nonroad Operations in Prince William County, Virginia" (\$280,400); and
4. Pleasants Construction -- "Reducing Emissions from Nonroad Highway Construction Equipment in the Metropolitan Washington Region" (\$792,918); and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects 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 grant funding up to \$2,877,298 from EPA Region III to provide diesel reduction technologies to four equipment owners and operators of diesel vehicles and/or equipment in the Metropolitan Washington region. No COG matching funds are required.

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Nicole Hange, Board Clerk