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EMC Committee

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Item 43 – Green Construction Equipment Policy

If the Green Construction Equipment Policy is adopted, the MTA would be one of the first transit agencies in the country to institute a comprehensive policy aimed at reducing harmful emissions from construction equipment used in the course of the agency's transportation projects.

In order to realize the full air quality benefits of this policy, it is paramount that the MTA develop an effective implementation strategy with clear guidelines and defined timelines.

This is especially true with regards to MTA-funded projects in local jurisdictions and/or on the rights-of-way of other agencies. These jurisdictions and agencies face implementation challenges different from the MTA. A successful and effective Green Construction Equipment Policy must recognize these unique circumstances.

Since the initial Green Construction Policy proposal, it has become clear that the policy's implementation in local jurisdictions needs to be adopted and phased after a collaborative process between the MTA and its local partners. It is also necessary to collaborate with statewide agencies such as Caltrans in order to develop effective policy implementation strategies.

Finally, it is also essential to provide technical support to the local jurisdictions as they move forward with the policy's implementation as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the MTA Board :

1. Adopt the staff report on the Green Construction Equipment Policy.
2. Develop an implementation plan and timeline outlining the collaborative process by which the Green Construction Policy for MTA funded projects in local jurisdictions will be phased in. A progress report on this plan should be presented to the Board no later than October 2011.
3. Concurrently, develop a technical assistance program to provide needed support to local jurisdictions in their efforts to implement the Green Construction Policy. This program should be completed and presented to the Board for approval no later than October 2011.

4. Work directly with the Caltrans District 7 Office and with Caltrans Headquarters to develop an implementation framework and timeline for the application of the Green Construction Policy to MTA-funded projects on Caltrans rights-of-way. This framework should be presented to the Board for approval no later than October 2011.

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