




Item #7

DATE June 6, 2018
TO GCTD Board of Directors
FROM Reed Caldwell 
Director of Engineering & Construction
SUBJECT **Zero & Near-Zero Emissions Vehicle Purchase Policy**

SUMMARY

Gold Coast Transit District is committed to leading efforts to reduce emissions and air pollution in the Ventura County region. To continue this commitment into the future, staff is recommending that the Board establish a policy to guide future purchases of both revenue and non-revenue vehicles. Establishing a policy will demonstrate GCTD's commitment to advancing toward 100% zero emissions in the future, enabling staff to incorporate zero emissions vehicles into its Fleet Management Plan, Capital Plans, and seek funding and grant opportunities to support this effort.

PURPOSE

To establish a Zero & Near Zero Emissions Vehicle Purchase Policy that prioritizes purchasing vehicles with lowest emissions possible.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of Gold Coast Transit District that the replacement and/or addition of all vehicles for revenue or non-revenue service will be "alternative fueled vehicles". The State of California has established four categories of alternative fuel vehicles:

- 1) Zero Emissions Vehicles;
- 2) Ultra Low Emission Vehicles;
- 3) Low Emission Vehicles; and
- 4) Transitional Low Emission Vehicles.

By establishing this policy, Gold Coast Transit District will, whenever possible, prioritize the purchase of new vehicles in the same order as listed above.

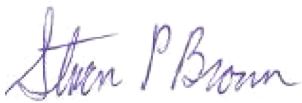
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Staff recognizes that it may not always be possible to purchase vehicles from these categories as some vehicles types may not be available in these fuel types or too costly.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board Adopt the Zero & Near-Zero Emissions Vehicle Purchase Policy. By adopting this policy, GCTD will focus on zero and near-zero emission technologies that will be a catalyst for the continued emissions reductions from the transportation sector in Ventura County.

GENERAL MANAGER'S CONCURRENCE

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Steven P. Brown
General Manager