

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Alternative Fuels

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 11

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RECOMMENDATION:

Receive presentation from MTD on current and emerging alternative fuels for public transit.

DISCUSSION:

A number of factors including fuel prices, air quality regulations, community compatibility and emerging technologies are leading public transit operators to consider alternatives to the traditional diesel powered bus. SBMTD is widely regarded as a leader in the development and deployment of battery electric shuttle buses. The MTD is also in the process of procuring new hybrid diesel-electric buses for its fleet.

The district staff has done extensive research on current and emerging alternative fuels and has offered to make a presentation on this subject to the board. The issue is relevant to SBCAG since the board is responsible for programming state and federal transportation funds in the region.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: None