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CMF UPDATE

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Progress Towards a Zero-Emissions Future



Item #10 in the CMF Action Plan focuses on our progress towards a zero-emissions future. The Metrolink Board adopted the Climate Action Plan on March 26, 2021. The plan addresses climate change, air quality, and other pressing sustainability issues to help advance the regional railway's North Star goal for zero emissions. The agency's moonshot would be to get to zero emissions by the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Climate Action Plan can be viewed [HERE](#).

The plan sets a framework for improvements over the next decade, with short, medium and long-term goals established, including Metrolink's immediate efforts to reduce its carbon footprint. One of those immediate efforts is Metrolink's pilot test demonstration of renewable diesel fuel on one Tier 2 locomotive effective March 1, 2021. The pilot will last 3 months. Renewable diesel is a fossil-free fuel and can be used as a direct alternative to standard petroleum diesel with no equipment alterations required. The fuel is made from renewable raw materials like waste vegetable oils and animal fats and solid wastes. Initial findings of the pilot test have resulted in no performance issues reported to date.

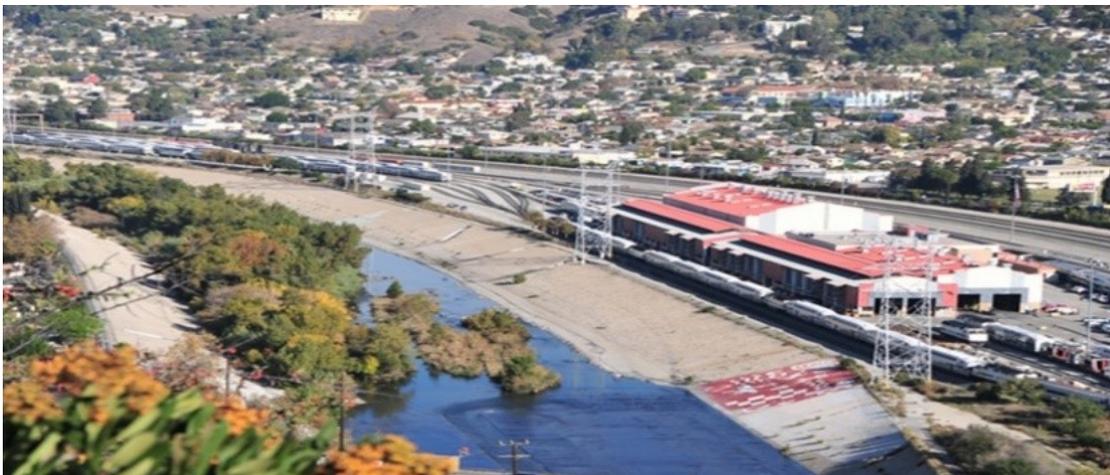
The next phase of the pilot will advance testing on one Tier 4 locomotive which is anticipated to occur by July. Should all phases of the pilot tests prove successful, Metrolink can put our entire fleet on a plant-based diet as early as 2022. Renewable diesel would be considered as an interim solution to reduce emissions while other zero emission fleet locomotive technology advancements are further explored.

Here are a few additional standout measures we're taking toward creating a zero emissions future agency wide:

- Working with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority on the Redlands Passenger Rail Project, an advanced regional transportation project using three highly fuel-efficient Tier 4 Diesel Multiple Units. SBCTA will also introduce a hydrogen fuel cell rail vehicle, which will be the first hydrogen-powered passenger train to run in the United States.
- Installing zero emission vehicle charging stations and/or fueling infrastructure at our facilities
- Certifying our facilities with USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating designations, a globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement.
- Improving our e-waste recycling, among many other conservation efforts



Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) Action Plan March 2021 Update



We continue to make progress on our commitment to be a good neighbor to the communities near the CMF. To view the latest updates of the CMF Action Plan, please click [HERE](#). You can also view previous CMF updates by visiting metrolinktrains.com/cmfc.

CMF Modernization Study Final Report Now Available:

The CMF Modernization Study, action item 8, is now completed. On March 26, 2021, the final report of the CMF Modernization Study (Action Item 8) was presented to the Metrolink Board of Directors. The final report can be viewed [HERE](#).

All board meetings are public and can be accessed at: metrolinktrains.com/about/board-meetings/agendas-documents/

Temporary Sound Wall Installation:

Staff continues to look at long term sound mitigation solutions in our CMF Modernization Study (Action item 8). In an effort to address noise concerns in the near-term, staff are exploring options for a temporary sound wall at the service and inspection track. Staff continue to explore contractual options to procure a temporary sound wall for the service and inspection area at CMF.

Tier 4 Update

As of March 31, 2021, 39 of the 40 Tier 4 locomotives procured by Metrolink have been delivered to SCRRRA property.

Tier 4 Noise Modifications:

March update: Currently, a total of three locomotives have the latest noise reduction software modification. Staff is continuing to observe and evaluate the units. Staff is projecting that all 40 Tier 4 locomotives will receive the latest noise reduction software modification by June 2021. Please see the [Noise Reduction Letter](#) for background information on these efforts.



Our Next Quarterly Meeting

Our next quarterly meeting will be held virtually on May 22, 2021. More details to come.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

CDC Requires Everyone to Wear Their Masks



COVID-19 has changed all our lives in countless ways. For the last few months, we have made real-time adjustments as stay at home orders, school closures and staged efforts to reopen our region and state have demanded much of our attention. At Metrolink, safety is foundational. Our agency has taken steps to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 disease while protecting our team members, riders, and communities. We thank you for your patience as we have worked to identify ways to enhance communication with the community and update agency practices.

Recovery Plan Framework:

The Metrolink team is working hard to adjust and prepare for the “new normal” and emerge from this pandemic a smarter, better passenger train service. With that in mind, we have developed a Recovery Plan Framework which emphasizes health, safety, and cleanliness;

Health & Safety:

We enhanced cleaning and other safety procedures on our trains and at the locations where our employees work.

Cleanliness updates include:

- Installation of new state-of-the-art antimicrobial air filters on all our train cars to ensure the air passengers breathe throughout their journey is safe and clean. They improve the air flow aboard our trains and destroy 99.9% of

impurities including bacteria and viruses.

- Trains are deep cleaned every night as well as more staff added to clean more often
- Hand sanitizer stations in each train car
- A video of our cleaning process on our trains can be viewed [HERE](#).

We launched the [How Full Is My Train?](#) tool for riders to see recent ridership of the train you plan to take and be assured there will be plenty of space for physical distancing. More information regarding the latest health and safety procedures on our trains can be found at: metrolinktrains.com/cleancommute

On September 25, 2020, the Metrolink board approved the Recovery Plan Framework. Updates on the Recovery Plan Framework are given at Metrolink Board meetings and access to meetings and documents can be found at: metrolinktrains.com/about/board-meetings/agendas-documents. The latest update on the progress of the Recovery Plan was given at the March 26, 2021 board meeting which can be viewed [HERE](#).

Metrolink Operations:

Due to COVID-19, Metrolink has seen a reduction in ridership of up to 90% at its lowest. As a result, Metrolink temporarily reduced its service by 30% on March 26, 2020. You can find the latest schedule information at metrolinktrains.com/temporary-service.

Metrolink has utilized the reduced service levels to accelerate maintenance and rehabilitation activities. For our trains, Metrolink is utilizing four fewer trainsets per day to operate the reduced service. As a result, we have enhanced preventive maintenance on the equipment and used the additional flexibility to address unscheduled maintenance events more strategically. For the infrastructure, Metrolink has used the longer work windows afforded by reduced service to accelerate repairs to track, ties and signal infrastructure.

To get more information about Metrolink's service or response to COVID-19, please visit metrolinktrains.com/coronavirus or text "ML19" to "#333777".

Essential Together:

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Metrolink has provided safe, reliable service to essential frontline workers who kept the Southern California region safe and functioning, according to the results of our [2021 Customer Survey](#). Nearly 75 percent of people currently riding Metrolink identified themselves as

essential workers – an increase of 4 percent from Metrolink’s April 2020 survey. Many (29 percent) of these essential workers are in the healthcare industry. Other essential workers include those in community-based organizations (17 percent), which includes public health and childcare, and those in transportation and logistics (14 percent).

In releasing its survey results, Metrolink also launched a campaign to thank the region’s essential workers and to invite its lapsed riders – and the community at large – back to a service that is smarter and better than ever thanks to the agency’s hard work over the last year. The campaign includes [full-page ads](#) in the region’s daily newspapers to thank the region’s essential workers, as well as an [online timeline](#) detailing its customer-centered work over the last year to prepare for the return of more riders.

Safety Reminder

Camping, walking, driving or playing near any active train line or along the Metrolink right-of-way (ROW) is dangerous. We know that homelessness is a challenge our communities face. If you see an homeless encampment along the Metrolink ROW please contact us at (866) 640-5190.

Questions and concerns can be directed to Metrolink’s Community Relations 24-hour hotline at (213)452-0400 or to communityrelations@scrra.net.

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