

To: MDC Stakeholders
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Subject: MDC Steering Committee Approves Restructuring Plan
Conference Call Information



We are pleased to inform you that the MDC Steering Committee met via conference call on Friday, November 16 and approved the Options for Restructuring the MDC. These options were developed based on comments received at the September MDC Roundtable Discussion and numerous calls and emails to staff. Attached to this email is a copy of the Final Restructuring Document.

Early next week we will distribute a Workgroup/Forum Participation Form asking that you let us know which workgroups you would like to join.

Call Information

Save-the-date: Please Save the Dates for the following times for our upcoming Forum Conference calls. Agendas and call in information will be forthcoming.

Agenda: While we have some speakers set up for the December meetings, we are always open to suggestions.

Discussion and planning: In addition to presentations, each workgroup is charged with identifying priority focus areas and developing a work plan by March 2008.

Goods Movement (Formerly Freight and Ports/Marine) – Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Supply Chain Model Introduction: Responding to a growing need to better quantify and improve the performance throughout the entire integrated transportation supply chain.

Construction – Wednesday, December 12*, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City will be speaking about the implementation of their clean diesel emissions program for two construction projects in Lower Manhattan.

Urban Fleets – Wednesday, December 12*, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Local diesel activity success stories.

* Due to scheduling needs we are having both the Construction and Urban Fleet call on the same day. In the future we do plan to have these calls on different days.

Restructuring Highlights

Urban Fleets Forum

Meetings – Host quarterly conference calls to share case studies, best practices and develop list of priority technology demonstration projects.

Development of local diesel collaborative similar to the Philadelphia Diesel Difference. The specific goals and focus areas would be determined by the local collaboratives, but all would have a broad goal of strategically

reducing emissions from the most polluting diesel sources in communities and improving air quality and public health.

Organize in coordination with local interests in the Mid-Atlantic one or more “town hall” meetings – the location and number would be determined by level of interest and available resources. These meetings would serve to provide the public health, policy and technical context for increased local efforts to reduce diesel emissions.

Goods Movement (Supply Chain) Forum

Meetings – Host quarterly conference calls to share case studies, best practices and develop list of priority technology demonstration projects.

Concept – Combining the freight and ports/marine workgroups to address freight, port and rail issues together responds to a growing need to better quantify and improve the performance throughout the entire integrated transportation supply chain.

Construction Forum

Meetings – Host quarterly conference calls to share case studies, best practices and develop list of priority focus areas.

Concept – The Construction workgroup will continue with the goals of utilizing contract language, grants, and other mechanisms to promote integration of cleaner construction equipment, fuels, and operational practices into: sustainable building construction (e.g., LEED credit), public works projects (e.g., highway, bridges), and superfund clean-up and brownfields projects.

School Bus Forum

The School Bus workgroup will continue to host conference calls as needed to discuss Clean School Bus USA grants and anti-idling efforts.

Outreach and Communications Forum

Concept – Outreach and communications efforts should continue in a number of arenas and expand or be developed in a few areas. Activities will highlight regional experiences, work to coordinate the development of regional projects, notify partners of funding opportunities, and facilitate project development.

Meetings – Meet via conference call in January to share information and to discuss and develop priority focus areas for the short, medium, and long term. The goal is to have identified priority areas for action by the March quarterly meeting.