

The Responsible Rail Amendment

Vehicle Technology Policies

RTD will work to ensure that it purchases fuel efficient, environmentally responsible and sustainable commuter rail vehicles for the North Metro and Northwest Rail lines by pursuing the following measures:

- **Creating purchasing standards for the new commuter rail vehicles that place environmental features, including fuel efficiency and low emissions, amongst the top evaluation criteria;**
- **Sending a proactive alert to all prospective commuter rail vehicle vendors, prior to issuing a formal RFP, concerning the priority focus RTD will give to environmental features in its purchasing decisions; and,**
- **Committing to purchase vehicles that have the flexibility to accommodate future advancements in propulsion technology, like hybrid or clean-fuel systems, through upgrades and retrofits over the life of the vehicles;**
- **Developing a proactive public outreach effort to keep all facets of the community informed and engaged throughout RTD’s commuter rail vehicle selection process, including input sessions with stakeholders.**

Quiet Zone Evaluation Process

RTD is committed to assisting local jurisdictions in their quiet zone application process.

RTD will work with the railroads and local communities to address the noise concerns of residents along the Northwest and North Metro Rail line, and other RTD rail corridors, by taking the following actions in conjunction with the current Environmental Evaluations:

- **Immediately crafting and publishing a timeline for the evaluation of “quiet zones” along the Northwest and North Metro Rail line and other opportunities for reducing train noise in the corridor;**
- **Within the above timeline, conducting a full evaluation of the infrastructure expenses and other costs associated with efforts to implement “quiet zones” along the Northwest Rail and North Metro line and other mechanisms for reducing train noise in the corridor;**
- **Within the above timeline, identifying all possible financial resources for covering the infrastructure expenses and other costs associated with efforts to implement “quiet zones” along the Northwest and North Metro Rail line and other mechanisms for reducing train noise in the corridor; and,**

- **Creating a mechanism for keeping concerned individuals and communities apprised of the above activities and to solicit their input.**