

A “green” resolution to promote and develop environmentally sound and sustainable infrastructures.

Over-arching regional agencies, ports, counties, county and city councils must now take the lead and establish a long-term policy of allowing only sustainable construction using relatively permanent materials. The decisions made today will impact upcoming generations.

A suggested agency motion might be worded like this:

1. WHEREAS, the (agency) desires to make its infrastructure perform for the public for as many years as physically possible and at the lowest total cost; and
2. WHEREAS, the (agency) must function in a fiscally prudent manner to conserve limited financial resources; and
3. WHEREAS, the (agency) recognizes that it is important for economic and societal development to operate public streets that are attractive and allow traffic to flow safely and unimpeded; and
4. WHEREAS, the (agency) wishes to reduce local transportation energy consumption and foreign oil imports; and
5. WHEREAS, changing land-use patterns and population demographics may concentrate people in urban centers where heat loading, light pollution, cyclist and pedestrian security, motorist safety and public street durability are important transportation system criteria
6. WHEREAS, the (agency) now directs its Public Works Department to implement a life-cycle cost analysis procedure into all major maintenance and capital improvement projects; and
7. FURTHER, the (agency) encourages its Public Works Department to find more permanent materials and concrete solutions to public pavements, bike ways, walks ways, streets and parking lots, so that residents and visitors alike may move easily and safely.
8. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (agency) adapts this resolution ...