



Proposed Statement Regarding Apparatus Replacement Policy

The CIP Oversight Committee has reviewed this year's submittal and 5 year schedule for Fire/Rescue Apparatus purchases and replacements as recommended by the TRT Committee and offers the following comments:

The Committee agrees that the policy outline, criteria and procedures represents a logical approach for establishing a proposed replacement plan; however, the committee recommends that specific criteria, such as the number of miles and estimated useful life, be revisited next year to reflect actual experience and improvements in equipment quality.

The Oversight Committee also recommends that the Board of Supervisors and County Executive's Office direct the Department of Fire Rescue, and ACFRAB, to revisit the concept of managed apparatus rotation among stations. Where County CIP funds are being utilized to replace fire and EMS apparatus, it is likely that significant cost-savings might be realized through rotation of vehicles from stations with high call volumes to those with lower call volumes periodically. The goal of rotation would be to more evenly distribute wear and tear, mileage, and depreciation over time. This practice may promote better County-wide fleet service and more efficient use of replacement funds over time. Periodic apparatus rotation would be consistent with one of the recommendations outlined in the recent Resource Utilization Study, and is common practice among several peer localities.