



No question about it, we're all becoming more aware of how the choices we make impact the environment. And that's a good thing. But do we really know what we can do to reduce our "carbon footprint?" Well, here's one thing: A soon-to-be-released study shows that using public transportation instead of commuting in your car or SUV is ten times more effective than anything else you can do as an individual to help the environment. It can add up to almost 2.5 tons less carbon dioxide emission a year per person. And in a country where air pollution kills 70,000 people a year, that's walking softly.

Port Authority is constantly moving forward with green initiatives, with newer cleaner burning diesel fuels for our conventional bus fleet and the introduction of hybrid buses. The diesel–electric hybrid buses emission reductions and increased fuel efficiency really makes sense for today's transit applications.

Port Authority recently acquired six hybrid-electric buses. These buses operate on a combination of battery power and diesel fuel. Substantial reduction in both diesel fuel consumption and air pollution has been realized through the operation of these buses. These buses can be seen operating through Oakland on Fifth and Forbes Avenue.