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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: April 8, 2009**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**PLACE: COG Board Room**

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.  
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairman Penelope Gross  
Vice Chairman, Fairfax County**

- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**

**Chairman Gross**

- a) Highlights of March 25 Street Smart Campaign
- b) Foster Parent Appreciation Gala, May 30
- c) Annual Leadership Work Session and Planning Retreat, July 31-Aug 1
- d) COG 2008 Annual Report and 2009 Regional Directory
- e) Executive Director's Report
  - o Outreach
  - o Letters Sent/Received
  - o Legislative Report Update
  - o Information Items

- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2009  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution 11.A. & 11.B.**

**6. IMPLEMENTATION OF COG POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITY-REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDING  
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**Chairman Gross**

**David Robertson**

The Board approved a 2009 work plan in February that will focus on economic sustainability and recovery. As part of that focus, in March the Board also directed staff to outline regional efforts by COG in support of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Staff will recommend initiatives in three areas: 1) assist area governments in identifying ARRA information, deadlines and funding opportunities; 2) convene government officials and other stakeholders to identify and share best practices for ARRA investments and programs; and 3) identify and seek opportunities to leverage ARRA funding for regional and/or COG-led projects. Chairman Gross and Mr. Robertson will brief the Board on staff and key committee actions to date and possible regional funding opportunities in the areas of transportation, energy and housing.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and provide direction to staff concerning COG initiatives and funding opportunities.**

**7. PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF 2009 REGIONAL HOMELESS ENUMERATION  
(12:45 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Michael Ferrell**

**Executive Director, Coalition for the Homeless  
Chairman, COG Homeless Services  
Planning and Coordinating Committee**

In January, COG's Homeless Services Planning and Coordination Committee conducted the ninth enumeration of the homeless in metropolitan Washington. This annual enumeration is part of an ongoing effort to monitor and report on the number of people found on the streets, in emergency shelters, in transitional and permanent supportive housing, or otherwise homeless and in need of a safe shelter. Mr. Farrell will brief the Board on the preliminary results of the enumeration as requested by several Board members. The final analysis and report will be completed and released next month.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**8. UPDATE ON REGIONAL OBESITY TRENDS  
(1:00 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Ingrid Turner**

**Council Member, Prince George's County  
Chair, COG Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee**

**Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu**

**Director, Fairfax Health Department  
Chair, COG Obesity Workgroup**

In 2007, the Board of Directors adopted R36-07 urging jurisdictions to adopt school nutrition and physical education standards that meet the national standards. Following this action, the Human Services Policy Committee surveyed COG jurisdictions on the policies and practices recommended in the resolution and

how they measured up to national standards. HSPSPC Chair Turner and Ms. Addo-Ayensu and will brief the Board on the survey's findings and next steps.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.**

**9. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COG CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE  
(1:15 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Nancy Floreen  
Council Member, Montgomery County  
Chair, Climate Change Steering Committee**

**Stuart A. Freudberg, Director  
COG Department of Environmental Programs**

In November, 2008, under R60-08, the Board adopted the *Climate Change Report* prepared by the Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC). It directed the CCSC to prepare a climate and energy work program and develop a recommendation for a policy committee structure to oversee implementation of the report recommendations. On March 27, 2009, the CCSC endorsed the attached work program for the balance of FY 2009 and FY 2010, as well as a recommendation for establishment of a "Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee" to lead the Board effort on climate and energy issues. CCSC Chair Nancy Floreen and Stuart Freudberg will summarize the work program and recommended committee mission and membership.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R18-09.**

**10. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REGIONAL PLASTIC BAG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY  
(1:30 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Cathy Drzyzgula  
Council Member, City of Gaithersburg  
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

Between 2005 and 2007, the Board adopted resolutions R40-05, R15-06, and R77-07 in support of the vision of a "Trash-Free Potomac River by 2013," as set forth in the "Trash Treaty" sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Extensive data collected by COG staff and others indicates that much of the trash that accumulates in the region's rivers and streams is made up of plastic bags, causing adverse environmental and aesthetic impacts. The Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) considered the issue on March 20, and recommends that a report be prepared within three months to assist in defining regional actions for addressing this chronic problem. The report would include a survey of actions adopted elsewhere in the U.S. and internationally, compilation and analysis of data collected in the COG region, and options for regional action. Chair Drzyzgula will summarize CBPC findings to date and recommend Board adoption of Resolution R19-09.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R19-09.**

## 11. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REVISING COG'S PRINCIPLES FOR REGIONAL WATER QUALITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R20-09 adopting revised policy principles for the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC). On March 20, 2009, the CBPC considered revisions to COG's principles for regional water quality policies and programs. These policies, originally adopted by the COG Board in 1997, are designed to guide COG's policy development for the Chesapeake Bay and other regional water quality issues. Their adoption is particularly timely given the numerous actions EPA and its state partners are now taking to achieve water quality standards in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. These actions are expected to have substantial program implications for local governments. The proposed principles are intended to ensure that water quality requirements reflect: holistic analysis, equity in application, the use of sound science, and effective communication with localities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-09.**

### B. APPROVAL OF LETTER REAFFIRMING COG POLICY ON SLOT AND PERIMETER RULE FOR REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

The United States House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has reported out H.R. 915, the "FAA Reauthorization Act of 2009," which contains modifications to the slot and perimeter rules for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Similar action is anticipated by the Senate Commerce Committee later this spring. The proposed changes would increase the number of permitted slots (allowable takeoffs and landings per hour) and increase the number of exemptions to the non-stop flight limit of 1250 miles ("perimeter rule"). The slot and perimeter rules were established as part of the creation of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority via regional compact in 1987. These limits are very important for limiting aircraft noise as well as insuring the appropriate balance in flights among the region's airports. Investments in facilities at Reagan National and Dulles International, as well as Thurgood Marshall International have been based on the assumption of maintenance of the slot and perimeter limits at Reagan National. COG has a long-standing policy supporting the slot and perimeter limits. Most recently the COG Board reaffirmed its position in June, 2008, through adoption of R33-08. The Board will be asked to authorize the Chair to transmit a letter reaffirming COG's long-standing opposition to any changes in the slot or perimeter rules to the appropriate House and Senate Committees, as well as the regional congressional delegation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize transmittal of letters.**



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