

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE ROUND 7 REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTERS AND CLUSTERS MAPS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the association of local governments in the Washington metropolitan region and is comprised of local, state and federal elected officials representing 21 local governments in the region; and

WHEREAS, among its diverse responsibilities, COG is responsible for assisting local governments in the Washington metropolitan region with the identification, analysis and resolution of problems and issues related to metropolitan growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization responsible for directing the continuing transportation planning process carried on cooperatively by the states and local governments in the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, consistent with long-standing policy adopted in 1966 for integrating regional development with transportation plans and programs, the COG Board of Directors, with the policy advice of the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) and the technical support of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) is responsible for the analysis and forecasting of metropolitan growth associated with the transportation plans and programs of the TPB; and

WHEREAS, the TPB is responsible for the adoption of the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP), which depicts programmed and funded transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the COG metropolitan growth forecasts are based on locally-adopted land use plans and projections, which are consistent with the CLRP; and

WHEREAS, in October 1993 COG adopted the Report of the Partnership for Regional Excellence, a year-long, regional consensus-building effort, which recognized the importance of linking transportation and land use planning; and

WHEREAS, in October 1998 the TPB adopted its Transportation Vision, a broad-based vision planning process, which identified better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning as one of its six goals; and

WHEREAS, in April 2002 the COG Board and the TPB approved the Round 6.0 Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps and data, further recommending their update following approval of each major new "Round" of Cooperative Forecasts; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2006, the COG Board approved a work program to update the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2007, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved the Round 7 updates to the Regional Activity Centers as prepared by the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The COG Board of Directors approves the Round 7 Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps and data.
2. The COG Board of Directors recommends that the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps be used as a tool to encourage mixed-use development.
3. The COG Board of Directors recommends local governments work to increase the percentage of jobs and households that are found in Regional Activity Centers and Clusters.
