

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION AND  
REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE BRAC PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2005, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) released its list of DoD facilities proposed for closure or realignment to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant implications to the jurisdictions of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) regarding future employment, transportation infrastructure needs, traffic congestion and air quality if the DoD recommendations are followed; and

**WHEREAS**, the DoD recommendations deviate from the criteria established for making such recommendations and appear to be applied inconsistently across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the DoD recommendations were to have been based, in part, on the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of the military installations, the infrastructure and sustainability of both existing and potential receiving communities, and environmental impacts of the proposed realignments and closures; and

**WHEREAS**, after considering all of the recommendations of the DoD and the underlying basis and consequences of each proposal, the BRAC Commission must report its findings and recommendations to the President no later than September 8, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, after submission of the BRAC Commission report to Congress on September 23, 2005, (or November 7, 2005, if the President does not concur totally with the Commission's initial recommendations), its recommendations become binding if not disapproved by Congress on an all-or-nothing basis, making the BRAC Commission's recommendations difficult to change; and

**WHEREAS**, the BRAC Commission will have several regional hearings to hear from officials and citizens of the communities affected or threatened by the DoD recommendations, one of which will be July 8, 2005, in Baltimore, Maryland;

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

1. COG staff, in conjunction with the Planning Directors and professional staff of COG's member jurisdictions, will analyze the regional impacts of the DoD proposals, particularly impacts affecting land use, transportation, transportation infrastructure costs (Constrained Long Range Plan), air quality and other environmental measures, consistent with current COG policy objectives and the draft work program tasks (attached).
2. In preparing these assumptions concerning the changes in public and private sector employment, including those changes proposed in regional activity centers, COG will seek a consensus of the jurisdictions' Planning Directors and representatives of the business and development communities.
3. COG will also project the short and long term economic and environmental advantages and disadvantages of the DoD proposals, including infrastructure savings or costs.
4. Because of the large number of proposed realignments and closures in the National Capital Region, and because of the potential significance of these recommendations, COG requests that the BRAC Commission

schedule a hearing in the National Capital Region to hear the specific views of the public officials and citizens of the Region.

5. To ensure that COG provides timely communication to the BRAC Commission, the congressional delegation and other governmental and private sector stakeholders, the Board authorizes the executive committee, with input from its BRAC task force, to transmit its findings should such action be necessary and time sensitive. Pursuant to Rule 2.16 of the COG Rules of Procedure and Rule 32 of Robert's Rules of Order, any policy position or recommendation by COG shall be considered by the Board of Directors, sitting as the Committee of the Whole either electronically or telephonically, with at least 24 hours notice to all Board members..
6. The Executive Director, in his sole discretion, is authorized to contract with one or more expert consultants to assist COG and jurisdictional staff in the analyses authorized above, such assistance not to exceed \$25,000, from currently budgeted FY 2005 funds. No additional funds are requested.