



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Kenyan McDuffie, COG Board Chairman
- 12:05 P.M. 2. CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS**
Kenyan McDuffie, COG Board Chairman
Penny Gross, COG Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) Chair
Gretchen Goldman, COG Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) Chair
- This awards program recognizes public agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and private businesses in their efforts to achieve local and regional climate and energy goals in CEEPC's Climate and Energy Action Plan.
- 12:25 P.M. 3. SUPPORTING REGIONAL EFFORTS TO MEET CLIMATE GOALS**
Penny Gross, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee Chair
- On July 26, 2017, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee reaffirmed commitment to continue to support local efforts to meet climate goals and improve air quality. The board will be briefed on this effort to support local, regional, state, and national initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R52-2017.**
- 12:35 P.M. 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Kenyan McDuffie, COG Board Chairman
- A. Anacostia River Festival – October 14
 - B. Annual Awards Nominations Deadline – October 20
 - C. Transit-oriented Development Forum – November 2
 - D. Enhanced Mobility Application Deadline – November 3
 - E. Executive Director Evaluation
 - F. Annual Meeting Save the Date – December 13
 - G. Board of Trade President Jim Dinegar Appreciation
- 12:40 P.M. 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials.
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6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Kenyan McDuffie, COG Board Chairman

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Kenyan McDuffie, COG Board Chairman

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

12:50 P.M.

8. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Kenyan McDuffie, COG Board Chairman

A. Resolution R54-2017 – Resolution authorizing the COG appointments to the 2018 Nominating Committee

B. Resolution R55-2017 – Resolution authorizing the COG appointments to the 2018 Legislative Committee

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R54-2017 and R55-2017.

12:55 P.M.

9. AMAZON 2ND HEADQUARTERS IN GREATER WASHINGTON

Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director

Speaker TBD

The board will be briefed on the work of COG and the Chief Administrative Officers Committee to support COG members making the case for the Greater Washington region as the location for Amazon's 2nd headquarters.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R56-2017.

1:35 P.M.

10. METRO STRATEGY GROUP UPDATE ON FUNDING

Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Vice Chairman

The board will be briefed on the work of the COG Metro Strategy Group and updated on regional initiatives and proposals related to Metro funding.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

1:45 P.M.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

2:00 P.M.

12. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM #2

CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

CLIMATE & ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RECOGNIZING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO KEY CLIMATE AND ENERGY ISSUES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION.



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RECOGNIZE

Environmental Achievement

ENCOURAGE

Advancement of Regional Goals

FOSTER

Healthy Competition

LEARN

From Each Other

PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) created the Climate and Energy Leadership Awards to recognize organizations in the region for their pursuit of environmental opportunities and stewardship in line with regional greenhouse gas reduction goals. This program highlights and encourages leading practices for a broad range of climate solutions in metropolitan Washington. Join the friendly competition!

RECOGNITION

Climate and Energy Leadership Awardees will be recognized in front of local, regional and national officials. COG will showcase awardees to bring recognition to their successes and to serve as a role model for metropolitan Washington. This type of public acknowledgment can encourage continued and enhanced efforts of communities and organizations. Awardees will also be presented with a unique, environmentally-friendly award that is hand-crafted by a local artist.

ELIGIBILITY

Three applicants from metropolitan Washington will be recognized with a Climate and Energy Leadership Award for leading practices in greenhouse gas reduction, built environment and infrastructure, renewable energy, transportation, land use, sustainability or resilience programs. Entrepreneurs of resource conservation, cutting edge technology, and environmental justice initiatives are encouraged to apply. The award categories include:

- **Government Agency** (local, state, regional, quasi-govt, utilities or authorities)
- **Non-Governmental Organization** (not for profit, citizen or community-based groups)
- **Educational Institution** (K-12, public, private or higher education)

CRITERIA

Applications are judged on how the program or project meets the four judging criteria:

- **Results** (results, achievements, measured outcomes including cost-effectiveness)
- **Creativity** (innovative, resourceful or unique aspects)
- **Model** (replicability to other communities/organizations)
- **Engagement** (addressing and engaging diverse population)

Please read the Awards Program's [Procedures and Guidelines](#) for full details on judging criteria, judging process and application requirements.

2017 Climate and Energy Leadership Awards Awardee Descriptions

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) presents the 2017 Climate and Energy Leadership Awards to the Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy, City Blossoms, Inc., and Mundo Verde Bilingual Public School for their outstanding efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance equity across the region. The awards recognize and encourage local actions to advance the regional climate and energy goals established by leaders at COG.

Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy

The *Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy* (AIRE) is recognized with a 2017 Climate and Energy Leadership Award in the government sector. The *Energy Lending Library* makes it easy to check out a thermal camera, a box of 10 different LED bulbs, energy meter, and Do-It-Yourself energy retrofit books through the library system free of charge. In the last few years, the library has made over 730 loans and the 23 thermal cameras in circulation, currently, have a 2-week lag time. The program is a first of its kind in the country and administrators freely share information with other communities, which has seen replication with local jurisdictions and interest from national partners. The LED Bulb Sampler allows patrons to sample ten different LED lights at home, at no cost, while learning about base shapes, brightness (lumens), energy (watts), and color (Kelvin). What's more, 23 Kill-a-Watt energy meters are available to track energy consumption of their favorite devices and see how much these cost at a given time. The library integrates this with the county's home energy rebates and solar co-op programs for residents to learn about their home energy use to employ energy efficiency fixes and install solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems on their properties. The work is helping the county achieve goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 75 percent by 2050.

City Blossoms, Inc.

City Blossoms, Inc. is recognized with a 2017 Climate and Energy Leadership Award in the non-governmental sector for its work developing creative, kid-driven green spaces within the District of Columbia. For over eight years, the company has worked to address local issues through community green spaces that provide a platform for youths and adults to interact with the natural environment. The group has supported the creation of over 100 spaces nationwide, with two locations in the District and a third planned by the end of 2018. The District locations includes, Girard Street Children's Garden in Columbia Heights, and the Marion Street Intergenerational Garden in Shaw. Instructors curate age appropriate activities for each garden including cooking classes, gardening lessons, and art projects. In 2016, 264 hours of programming were conducted, including 43 fields trips for children ages 2-18 and 9 community-centered events in D.C. locations, with a 12 percent increase in child participation. By the end of 2017, it is expected to have 1,500 participants, 50 school trips, 10 community events and 1,000 volunteers, not to mention 811 pounds of fresh produce cultivated and distributed to volunteers, local organizations, and students. The mission is to continue to transform underused land into spaces to provide extraordinary events to expose children to the practice of ecology, urban agriculture, nutritious food, water conservation, composting, and community.

Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School

Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School is recognized with a 2017 Climate and Energy Leader award in the education sector. Opened in 2011, the school has a mission to foster academic achievement among a diverse group of students and prepare them to be successful and compassionate global stewards of their communities. The school is founded on a project-based curriculum rooted in sustainability themes, including climate, energy, the human impact, and sustainable engineering solutions. Located in two, newly renovated USGBC LEED certified Platinum and Gold buildings, energy use is predicted at 50 percent below baselines, according to ASHRAE standards and 48 percent below CO₂ emission standards. In Verde's expeditionary learning model, students study topics in depth for 10-12 weeks and finish with a unique product that they share with the community. This year, after interviewing the building architect and a renewable energy company, the students determined that solar power was the best model for Mundo Verde and made a video to advocate for renewable energy at the school ([Video](#)). Students then went door-to-door in Ward 5 to explain to residents how they could switch their Pepco bills to renewable energy and why it was important for the health the community. A sampling of other grade themes demonstrates a clear connection to energy and climate: kindergarten (animal life cycle), first grade (compost and trash), second grade (rock cycle), third grade (water), fifth grade (sustainable engineering). Additionally, the school subsidizes bus transportation from neighborhoods with high concentrations of students – notably Wards 1 and 4 – for its 563 students and 100+ staff. Mundo Verde was named a Catalyst school by the Green Schools National Network in 2017 and is in a cohort of ten Catalyst schools nationwide that will share best practices and lessons learned in the field of “green” schools across the education sector.

AGENDA ITEM #3

SUPPORTING REGIONAL EFFORTS TO MEET CLIMATE GOALS

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, in November 2008 through Resolution R60-08, the COG Board of Directors adopted the *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and its recommendations as COG's regional climate change policy, including voluntary regional greenhouse gas emission reductions goals for 2012, 2020, and 2050; and

WHEREAS, the greenhouse gas emission reduction actions in the *National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and the 2017-2020 *Climate and Energy Action Plan* adopted by COG's Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) provide significant air quality, climate, and resiliency co-benefits, including contributing to meeting the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board, at its meeting of June 14, 2017, asked CEEPC to research local actions as well as ongoing and planned regional actions that contribute to further reductions of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, CEEPC's *Climate & Energy Action Plan*, reflecting the input of the Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas Working Group, provides a framework and set of actions local governments can take to address climate change through reducing energy consumption, increasing use of renewable energy, optimizing transportation, increasing sustainable urban development, reducing waste, increasing climate resilience, growing the regional clean economy, and protecting equity and health; and

WHEREAS, many local governments in the COG region have indicated their intent to continue progress toward addressing climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing environmental sustainability such as through the *We Are Still In* pledge and the *Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda*.

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

The board recognizes local leaders' reaffirmation of their commitment to continue to take actions to address climate change, many actions of which also improve air quality, support the economy, and improve public health and safety.

The board reaffirms a commitment to support local, state, regional, federal, and private stakeholders in their efforts to implement actions consistent with the regional *Climate & Energy Action Plan* to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, address climate impacts, and help meet their pledges and COG's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

AGENDA ITEM #4

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2nd Anacostia River Festival

Free Admission & Parking

Saturday, October 14th, 2017 11am-4pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Rd Bladensburg, MD 20710

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ATTENDEES WILL
RECEIVE A PRIZE!**

**Ethnic Foods
&
Live Performances**

ACTIVITIES:

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HANDS ON ACTIVITIES
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Entrada y Estacionamiento Gratuitos

Sábado 14 de Octubre, 2017 11am-4pm

Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Rd Bladensburg, MD 20710

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ASISTENTES RECIBIRÁN
UN PREMIO!

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& Actuaciones
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- PESCA RECREACIONAL*
- DEMOSTRACIONES DE REMO
- PREMIOS Y REGALOS
- ANIMALES Y PECES VIVOS
- CAMINATAS POR LA NATURALEZA
- ACTIVIDADES PRÁCTICAS
- ARTES Y MANUALIDADES
- PROGRAMAS DE INCENTIVOS PARA DUEÑOS DE CASAS

*(SE REQUIERE LICENCIA PARA PERSONAS MAYORE DE 16 AÑOS)

TALLERES:

- EDUCACIÓN AMBIENTAL SOBRE EL RÍO ANACOSTIA
- PRUEBAS DE AGUA
- AGUA POTABLE
- JARDINES DE CONSERVACIÓN
- SERVICIOS DE SALUD

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ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM 2017 GRANT SOLICITATION

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) will conduct a solicitation for applications for the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. **Applications will be accepted Monday, Aug. 14 through 2:00 P.M. Friday, Nov. 3, 2017.**

FUNDING AMOUNTS

Approximately \$5.5 million in federal funds will be available. Funds must be matched by the applicant: 20% for capital or mobility management grants and 50% for operating grants. Matching funds must be identified by the time of application. Applicants must apply for a minimum grant request of \$150,000 in total funding (federal plus match).

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program enhances mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing matching grants for transportation services that go above and beyond traditional public transit and paratransit service.

ELIGIBILITY

Non-profit agencies, private providers, transit agencies and local governments are eligible. Both capital and operating projects are eligible but the service must begin or end in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. Detailed maps are at tpbcoordination.org. For specific eligibility guidance, see the FTA circular 9070.1G or contact staff.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Priority Projects have been identified to address significant gaps in transportation for older adults and people with disabilities. The list of 12 priority projects includes travel training, mobility managers, and taxi and shuttle services, among others. Find the full list at bit.ly/2u3BDpy.

Applications that respond to any of the priority projects will receive up to 12 points in the selection process scoring which includes six criteria that total to a maximum of 100 points.

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCES

Applicants must attend a pre-application conference and registration is required. Register at tpbcoordination.org.

- **Thursday, August 3**
1:30–3:30 P.M.
Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church, VA
- **Tuesday, August 8**
2:00–4:00 P.M.
COG, Washington, D.C.
- **Wednesday, August 16**
11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Montgomery County, MD
- **Wednesday, August 23**
2:00–4:00 P.M.
COG, Washington, D.C.
- **Tuesday, August 29**
10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.
COG, Washington, D.C.

COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

An independent selection committee will make recommendations for funding to the TPB based on the six selection criteria that total a maximum of 100 points. The selection criteria can be found at tpbcoordination.org and include the following:

- Demonstration of coordination among agencies and/or jurisdictions
- Responsiveness to the TPB's Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan (Strategies and/or Priority Projects)
- Institutional capacity of the applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant including prior grant performance (if applicable)

If you have questions or need assistance, contact:

Lynn Winchell-Mendy, COG Grants Manager: lmendy@mwkog.org, (202) 962-3253
Sergio Ritacco, Website and Application Support: sritacco@mwkog.org, (202) 962-3232

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Alternative formats of the application and this document are available upon request. Please contact Sergio Ritacco at (202) 962-3232 or sritacco@mwkog.org. TDD (202) 962-3213. Please allow seven working days for preparation of the material. If accommodations for people with disabilities are needed for the pre-application conferences, please also contact Sergio Ritacco.



Metropolitan Washington
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COG ANNUAL MEETING | December 13, 2017

COG ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON

Join area elected officials, government executives, and business and nonprofit leaders to celebrate regional partnership, make connections, recognize outstanding leadership, and look ahead to 2018.

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Gallaudet University
Kellogg Conference Hotel
800 Florida Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

Registration and Networking:
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Meeting and Luncheon:
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

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AGENDA ITEM #5

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 2017

COMMITTEE WORK FEATURE OUTREACH CALENDAR MEDIA

Policy Boards & Committees

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB)

At its October meeting, the Transportation Planning Board approved six bicycle and pedestrian projects in Maryland for \$1.6 million in funding under the federal Transportation Alternatives set-aside program. The TPB was also briefed on identifying corridors that are important for moving freight through the region, and updates on three components of Visualize 2045, the region's long-range transportation plan.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE (MWAQC)

MWAQC received briefings on the ozone season summary, which showed no unhealthy Code Red days in 2017, as well as a new report, *Improving the Region's Air*, that tracks all six air pollutants regulated by the Clean Air Act. The report shows improving trends in the region over the last 12 years. The region has met federal health-based air quality standards for all but one pollutant—ground level ozone.

CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

The CBPC held the 7th Annual Bay & Water Quality Forum with EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) and the states. The CBP reported that the Bay water quality is showing measurable improvements, and all attendees agreed there is more work to be done. Members stressed the importance of communicating Bay and local water quality progress and the value of the CBP in overseeing restoration efforts.

CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (CEEPC)

CEEPC explored innovative approaches to deploying energy projects at scale, including examining lessons learned from energy systems development at the Walter Reed campus redevelopment site in the District and through large-scale procurement of renewable energy in the Eastern United States.

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE (HSPSPC)

The HSPSPC received a presentation on COG's regional crime report as well as briefings on regional gang activity and the juvenile justice system, which included a discussion on mental health treatment and intervention.



Event Highlight:

REGIONAL TRADE MISSION TO CANADA

The region's top three executives led a joint mission to Canada in September. They were joined by a regional delegation, which included COG Board Member Phil Mendelson (District of Columbia) and COG Executive Director Chuck Bean.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE MISSION](#)

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. (Larry Hogan / Twitter)

LEADERSHIP GREATER WASHINGTON (LGW) CLASS OF 2018

COG Executive Director Chuck Bean discussed region’s strengths and priorities with the Class of 2018.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

COG Homeland Security and Public Safety Managing Director Scott Boggs participated as a panelist at WAMU’s Community Council meeting, which focused on regional emergency and disaster preparedness.

SMART CITIES WORKSHOP

COG staff from programs in the energy, public safety, transportation, and water sectors facilitated at a workshop to develop regional strategies to engage jurisdictions and the private sector in furthering Smart Cities initiatives. The event, held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, supported COG’s ongoing partnership with the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC).

CAR FREE DAY

Car Free Day took place on Friday, September 22. The annual event encourages people to try modes of travel other than driving alone and support car-free policies and initiatives. More than 11,200 people pledged to take part in the region’s event, which is sponsored by COG’s Commuter Connections program.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

COG convened a joint meeting of its Housing Directors and Planning Directors Committees to focus on short-term rentals. Members discussed how local jurisdictions are considering regulatory and policy changes to balance the benefits and challenges of short-term rentals and homesharing.

CLEAN AIR INITIATIVES

Clean Air Partners ran a social and digital media campaign encouraging residents to share how they protect the air, worked with Commuter Connections to promote Car Free Day, and launched its 7th annual slogan contest, which engages students in grades 4-8 to focus on improving the air.

CENSUS INFORMATION SESSION

The Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee held an informational session on the 2020 U.S. Census local update of census addresses (LUCA), which is the opportunity for governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau’s residential address list prior to the census.

HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEY

This October, the TPB is beginning to collect data for the region’s Household Travel Survey, which is conducted every ten years to collect detailed travel information from thousands of households across the region. Households will receive letter invitations to participate over the course of the next year. The data collected from this survey plays an important role in regional transportation planning.



(Arc of Greater Prince William/Insight, Inc.)

Outreach Highlight:
ENHANCED MOBILITY SOLICITATION

The TPB held its final pre-application conference for potential applicants to the Enhanced Mobility Program. The grant program is jointly administered by COG and the TPB. It supports programs and services to enhance the mobility of older adults and persons with disabilities. The solicitation closes November 3.

[LEARN MORE AND APPLY](#)

FESTIVAL DEL RIO ANACOSTIA - Oct 14

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - Oct 18

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FORUM - Nov 2

REGION FORWARD COALITION - Nov 3

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TRADE MISSION

The regional trade mission to Canada was first reported by the Washington Business Journal. COG Board Chairman Kenyan McDuffie and COG’s Chuck Bean were interviewed. [MORE FROM WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL](#)

AMAZON HEADQUARTERS

The COG Board of Directors’ discussion and request of staff to explore opportunities for collaboration related to the Amazon Headquarters proposal was covered by several outlets. [MORE FROM WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL](#)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council Chairman David Snyder (Falls Church) was interviewed by WTOP about how area officials were monitoring response efforts related to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma to improve the region’s response to similar disasters. [MORE FROM WTOP](#)

CAR FREE DAY

The region’s Car Free Day was covered by several news outlets in advance of the event, and COG’s Commuter Connections Director Nicholas Ramfos was interviewed. [MORE FROM WTOP](#)

CRIME REPORT

COG’s report on crime and crime control was highlighted by several outlets, and COG Police Chiefs Committee Chair Ronald Pavlik (Metro Transit Police) was interviewed. [MORE FROM CTV NEWS](#)



(Paul Sullivan/Flickr)

Media Highlight:
AIR QUALITY PROGRESS

COG’s ozone season summary, which showed no unhealthy Code Red days in 2017 and major progress in air quality trends, received coverage in *The Washington Post*, WAMU, and WTOP. MWAQC Chairman Hans Riemer (Montgomery County) and COG Environmental Programs Director Steve Walz were interviewed.

[MORE FROM THE WASHINGTON POST](#)

AGENDA ITEM #6

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #7

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES: See attached chart for attendance.

STAFF:

Chuck Bean, Executive Director
Leta Simons, Chief Financial Officer

GUESTS:

Arthur Espinoza, Jr., D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities Executive Director
Suzan Jenkins, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County CEO
Linda Sullivan, Arts Council of Fairfax County President and CEO
Rhonda Dallas, Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council Executive Director
Diane Ruggiero, Office of the Arts at the City of Alexandria Deputy Director
Michelle Isabelle-Stark, Arlington Economic Development Cultural Affairs Director
Ronald A. Pavlik, COG Police Chiefs Committee Chair
Sharon Bulova, Metro Strategy Group Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COG Board Chairman Kenyan McDuffie called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. "About COG" Video – COG is working with a video company, which is shooting footage of the September 13, 2017 meeting, to produce a short video about COG
- B. COG Annual Leadership Retreat Recap – Next steps include a staff produced committee training manual, presentations by policy committees in November to discuss accomplishments and annual priorities, and a time capsule with retreat participants' predictions to be sealed today
- C. Fast Ferry Summit – Join Prince William County Supervisor Frank Principi on September 21
- D. Car Free Day – Join Commuter Connections and take the pledge to go car-free on September 22
- E. Emergency Preparedness Council Update – Established following 9-11-2001, the EPC has helped improved the region's security and safety capabilities, and are currently working on community messaging and training on emergency preparedness
- F. Annual Meeting Save the Date – Please join COG for this invitation only event on December 13

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Chuck Bean noted that COG and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signed an agreement in July to launch a \$3 million, three-year study to explore ways to address coastal flooding and storm damage across the region. Bean provided an update on the Metrorail Safety Commission (MSC), which D.C., Maryland, and Virginia are working to create, including selecting commissioners, hiring staff, and securing office space. He also noted that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) launched a new long-range transportation plan called Visualize 2045 and recently completed public outreach. Bean noted that the Enhanced Mobility program administered by COG and TPB, which supports travel options for seniors and individuals with disabilities, is accepting applications due by November 3. Then, he announced that the next step in the Global Cities Initiative is to establish an export center. Finally, Bean recognized COG Contracts and Purchasing Specialist Alieu Turay for his work on contracts for the MSC, COG-Army Corps of Engineers study, and TPB airport surveys.

4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

The agenda was amended to postpone item 10 on supporting regional efforts to meet climate goals until the next meeting and add an item to the agenda about the recent Amazon announcement about accepting proposals for a second headquarters location. This item was added after item 7.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 14, 2017 board meeting were approved.

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution R39-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive and expend funding from regional drinking water utilities to support a regional drinking water security monitoring system technician (approved by Executive Committee in July)
- B. Resolution R40-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract with Corestaff Services to utilize temporary field staff to perform bicycle and pedestrian counts for the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (approved by Executive Committee in July)
- C. Resolution R41-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to accept project funds for the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency preparedness technical and production services support task order
- D. Resolution R42-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to accept project funds for the continuation of a District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency community profile project
- E. Resolution R43-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to accept project funds for the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency core capability needs assessment
- F. Resolution R44-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to accept project funds for the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency incident management support team program
- G. Resolution R45-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to accept project funds to complete the District Consequence Management Team Exercise Series
- H. Resolution R46-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive funding for administrative support for sub-awards administered by COG
- I. Resolution R47-2017 – Resolution authorizing COG to enter into a contract to perform biological and water quality monitoring services#2)

ACTION: Ratified Resolutions R39-2017 – R40-2017 and Adopted Resolutions R41-2017 – R47-2017.

7. APPROVAL OF THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND BUDGET, AND ASSOCIATED PROCUREMENTS

COG Executive Director Chuck Bean introduced the proposed COG Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan (FY2018-FY2022), including the procurement and expenditure for office space, information technology, and audio/visual upgrades. COG Financial Officer Leta Simons provided more detail about the plan and projects, including cost estimates, financing, and expected timeline. COG Secretary-Treasurer Kate Stewart outlined the Budget and Finance Committee's review of the plan and recommended board approval.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R48-2017 and R49-2017.

8. ADDED ITEM: AMAZON 2ND HEADQUARTERS DISCUSSION

COG Board Member Roger Berliner introduced an item for discussion regarding a proposal to Amazon by the October 19th deadline. Board members discussed advantages and disadvantages of a regional proposal and agreed to have COG convene the Chief Administrative Officers Committee and procure a consultant if needed to explore the feasibility of coordinating jurisdiction proposals to Amazon's request for a second corporate headquarters.

ACTION: Adopted Resolution R53-2017.

9. IMPACT OF THE ARTS ON THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities Executive Director Arthur Espinoza, Jr. briefed the board on the results of the *Arts & Economic Prosperity Study* conducted by the Americans for the Arts. He noted that the arts and culture industry has a nearly \$4 million direct economic impact in the region, including supporting jobs, tourism, and other local businesses. Additionally, directors from the arts councils in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, and the District of Columbia shared examples of how the arts generate local economy activity in their jurisdictions.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R50-2017.

10. SUPPORTING REGIONAL EFFORTS TO MEET CLIMATE GOALS (TABLED)

10. 2016 REPORT ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL

COG Police Chiefs Committee Chair Ronald Pavlik discussed the results of the *2016 Annual Report on Crime and Crime Control*, which is prepared annually by the COG Police Chiefs Committee. He noted that there was an overall decrease in offenses, including in burglary and larceny, which is part of a larger trend in declining crime. He noted that despite the decrease in overall offenses, there was a slight increase in homicides, rapes, and robberies. He concluded with how this data is helping to inform law enforcement and how the region is working to improve law enforcement initiatives.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R51-2017.

11. METRO STRATEGY GROUP UPDATE

COG Metro Strategy Group Chair Sharon Bulova provided an update on the group's work to help the region develop a strategy to establish a dedicated funding source for Metro. She noted that there has been agreement among the group that \$400 million would be the minimum funding amount to restore the system to a state of good repair, but \$500 million is the targeted amount to allow for capital improvements in the future. There is also agreement to allow flexibility in funding mechanisms, so long as it is predictable, recurring, and bondable. She concluded that the group is still working on how funding would be allocated between jurisdictions.

ACTION: Received briefing.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. ADJOURN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

September 2017 Attendance

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<i>District of Columbia</i>				
Executive	Hon. Muriel Bowser		Brian Kenner Beverly Perry HyeSook Chung (Tene Dolphin)	
	Mr. Rashad Young		Arlen Herrell	
Council	Hon. Phil Mendelson	Y		
	<i>Hon. Kenyan R. McDuffie</i>	Y		
<i>Maryland</i>				
Bowie	Hon. G. Frederick Robinson		Hon. Courtney Glass	
Charles County	Hon. Ken Robinson	Y	Hon. Amanda Stewart Hon. Peter Murphy	
City of Frederick	Hon. Randy McClement			
Frederick County	Hon. Jan Gardner		Mr. Roger Wilson	
College Park	Hon. Patrick Wojahn		Hon. Monroe Dennis	
Gaithersburg	Hon. Ryan Spiegel		Hon. Neil Harris	
Greenbelt	Hon. Emmett Jordan		Hon. Judith "J" Davis	
Laurel	Hon. Craig Moe		Hon. Michael Leszcz	
Montgomery County				
Executive	Hon. Isiah Leggett		Mr. Tim Firestine	
Council	Hon. Roger Berliner	Y		
	Hon. Nancy Navarro	Y		
Prince George's County				
Executive	Hon. Rushern Baker		Mr. Nicholas Majett	Y
Council	Hon. Todd Turner	Y		
	<i>Hon. Derrick Leon Davis</i>	Y		
Rockville	Hon. Bridget Newton	Y		
Takoma Park	Hon. Kate Stewart	Y	Hon. Peter Kovar	
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Brian Feldman			
<i>Virginia</i>				
Alexandria	Hon. Allison Silberberg	Y	Hon. Redella Pepper	
Arlington County	Hon. Christian Dorsey	Y		
City of Fairfax	Hon. David Meyer	Y	Hon. Jeffrey Greenfield	
Fairfax County	Hon. Sharon Bulova	Y	Hon. Catherine Hudgins	
	Hon. Penelope A. Gross	Y	Hon. Patrick Herrity	
	Hon. John Foust	Y	Hon. Kathy Smith	
Falls Church	Hon. David Tarter	Y	Hon. David Snyder	
Loudoun County	<i>Hon. Matt Letourneau</i>	Y		
Loudoun County	Hon. Phyllis Randall	Y		
Manassas	Hon. Mark Wolfe	Y		
Manassas Park	Hon. Michael Carrera	Y	Hon. Suhas Naddoni	
Prince William County	Hon. Frank Principi			
	Hon. Ruth Anderson	Y		
Virginia General Assembly	Hon. George Barker	Y		

Total: 23

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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A. Resolution R54-2017 – Resolution authorizing the COG 2018 Nominating Committee appointments

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R54-2017, approving the following recommended persons to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee: Kenyan McDuffie, Sharon Bulova, Phil Mendelson, Phyllis Randall, Todd Turner, Patrick Wojahn, and Rashad Young.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R54-2017.

B. Resolution R55-2017 – Resolution authorizing the COG 2018 Legislative Committee appointments

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R55-2017 approving the following recommended persons to serve on the COG 2018 Legislative Committee: Derrick Davis, Charles Allen, Hans Reimer, Penny Gross, Anita Bonds, Daniel Sze, and Danielle Glaros.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R55-2017.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COG 2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) require the annual election of three officers to the Board of Directors and four corporate officers of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the election of these positions requires the convention of a Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee is comprised of seven members, balanced geographically among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the COG Board Chairman to recommend members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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

The Board of Directors hereby approves the following recommended persons to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee:

Kenyan McDuffie, District of Columbia (Chair)
Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County
Phil Mendelson, District of Columbia
Phyllis Randall, Loudoun County
Todd Turner, Prince George's County
Patrick Wojahn, City of College Park
Rashad Young, District of Columbia

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COG 2018 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, the COG Board of Directors annually reviews and adopts a policy platform which outlines the region's federal and state policy priorities; and

WHEREAS, these priority statements are drafted by staff and vetted through COG's various policy and technical committees; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the COG Board created an ad hoc Legislative Committee to provide an additional layer of oversight and review prior to board action; and

WHEREAS, to encourage greater alignment with COG's policy committees and boards the Legislative Committee will be composed of representatives from each policy committee and who currently serve on the board; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the COG Board Chairman to recommend members to serve on the COG 2018 Legislative Committee.

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

Upon recommendation of the Board Chair, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following persons to serve on the COG 2018 Legislative Committee:

Derrick Davis, Prince George's County – Board of Directors
Charles Allen, District of Columbia – Transportation Planning Board
Hans Reimer, Montgomery County – Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
Penny Gross, Fairfax County – Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee
Anita Bonds, District of Columbia – Human Services and Public Safety Committee
Daniel Sze, City of Falls Church – Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Committee
Danielle Glaros, Prince George's County – Region Forward Coalition

AGENDA ITEM #9

AMAZON 2ND HEADQUARTERS IN GREATER WASHINGTON

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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE INITIATIVE TO BRING THE SECOND AMAZON HEADQUARTERS TO
THE GREATER WASHINGTON REGION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, economic competitiveness was adopted as a priority by the COG Board of Directors in 2015 and continues to be a priority for COG and the region; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2017, Amazon issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a competitive site selection for a second corporate headquarters in North America; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2017, the COG Board of Directors directed staff to explore the feasibility of coordination of jurisdictional proposals and provide data, support, and assistance to members in developing a regional overlay for use by COG member jurisdictions with their submissions to Amazon's RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington region is unparalleled in our education attainment, talent pool, universities, transportation infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and location; and

WHEREAS, our urban and suburban communities are a network of vibrant, culturally-rich, and interconnected hubs—magnets for professionals and business alike; and

WHEREAS, an Amazon headquarters would bring huge economic advantages to Greater Washington, including 50,000 new jobs.

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

The COG Board of Directors believes Greater Washington is the ideal location for Amazon to build their second headquarters and endorses the initiative to bring Amazon to our region. We are energized and excited by the prospect of Amazon making its second home here and are certain that Amazon and Greater Washington will be outstanding partners.

AGENDA ITEM #10

METRO STRATEGY GROUP UPDATE ON FUNDING

AGENDA ITEM #11

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #12

ADJOURN