

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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED CENTRAL BUSINESS AREAS (CBAs)
FOR LOCATING FEDERAL FACILITIES IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

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, for several years COG has worked closely with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to strengthen the relationship between the federal government and the local governments of metropolitan Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 GSA adopted ADM 1097.1, "Incorporating Principles of Sustainability, Economic Development, and Efficiency into GSA Business Practices and Location Decision-making," including working with local governments across the country to identify "Central Business Areas" or "CBAs" as priority places for locating federal facilities; and

WHEREAS, to complete designation of locally-proposed CBAs, in September 2016, the COG Board approved Resolution R54-2016 calling for continued collaboration with the GSA and encouraging the COG Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee to support individual jurisdictions in their efforts to independently establish CBAs for their cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, at their May 19 meeting, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee approved the map which depicts the proposed CBAs and recommended that it be forwarded to the COG Board.

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

The board endorses the map which depicts the first draft of locally-defined Central Business Areas (CBAs) and supports the continued collaboration among the COG member governments as CBAs are finalized as a tool to assist GSA with locating future federal facilities in metropolitan Washington.

The board requests that GSA staff begin to schedule one-on-one conversations with COG member governments based on the initial work on draft CBAs to assist in formalizing the processes by which each jurisdiction will finalize proposed local CBA boundary maps for use by GSA, and to aid in establishing procedures with respect to how CBA boundary maps may be amended in the future.

The board commends the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the General Services Administration for their work to date. The board recommends that the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee continue to work with COG member governments to monitor changes to local land use plans to enable local jurisdictions to efficiently and cooperatively determine the need for updates to local CBAs.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on June 14, 2017.

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