

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 8, 2003
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chair Hill 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)**
**Chair Mary K. Hill
Supervisor, Prince William County**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2003
(12:00 - 12:05 p.m.)**
Chair Hill
- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:10 - 12:20 p.m.)**
Chair Hill
 - a) Appointment of 2004 Nominating Committee**
 - b) Transportation Safety Conference**
 - c) Annual Meeting Luncheon, National Press Club – December 11**
 - d) Finance Committee Meeting – October 8**
 - e) Executive Director’s Report**
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 10.A. and 10.B.

- 6. AFTER ACTION REPORT ON HURRICANE ISABEL AND SUBSEQUENT STORM EVENT
IMPACTING THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
(12:20 – 1:00 p.m.)**
**County Executive Anthony Griffin
Fairfax County
Chairman, COG Chief
Administrative Officers
Committee**

**David J. Robertson
Executive Director**

The National Capital Region experienced two major successive storm events on September 18-19, 2003 (Hurricane Isabel) and September 22-23, 2003 (intense cold front passage). These events caused high

winds and heavy rain, which resulted in widespread damage and power outages, flooding and related impacts. The COG Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee convened on October 1, 2003 to review these events, discuss lessons learned, and consider recommendations. COG CAO Chairman Anthony Griffin will review the CAO deliberations and recommendations. David Robertson will summarize the use of the Regional Incident Communications and Coordination System (RICCSSM), which provided substantial assistance to the region in preparing for Isabel, as well coordination of the regional response to Isabel and the subsequent storm event on September 22-23. The Board will be asked to consider sponsoring a regional forum on utility issues resulting from the storms.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and discuss next steps.

**7. APPROVAL OF ROUND 6.3 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
(1:00 - 1:20 p.m.)**

**Council Member Joyce Woodson
City of Alexandria
Chair, Metropolitan Development
Policy Committee**

**Paul DesJardin
Department of Human Services,
Planning and Public Safety**

Since 1975, the COG Board of Directors has maintained the Cooperative Forecasting Program for preparing official forecasts of employment, population and household growth for the COG member jurisdictions. On February 12, 2003, the COG Board adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommended that the Cooperative Forecasts be approved by the Board concurrent with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of the results of the annual Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). During their March 12 meeting, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved the draft Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts for use by the TPB. On October 15, 2003, the TPB is scheduled to approve the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY2003-2008 TIP and CLRP. Staff will seek adoption of Resolution R41-03, approving the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R41-03.

**8. PRESENTATION ON FY 2003 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
(1:20 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Supervisor Penelope Gross
Fairfax County
COG Secretary-Treasurer**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's fourth quarter FY 2003 financial report. The FY 2003 audit report will be presented to the COG Board at its November 12 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

**9. INTERIM REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE
(1:30 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chair Hill

**Lee Ruck
General Counsel**

Chair Hill appointed a Bylaws Committee in early 2003 to review and develop revisions to the COG Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. Proposed revisions were discussed at the COG retreat in July and a

Bylaws Committee meeting held in September. Chair Hill will outline the goals of the Bylaws Committee and COG staff will provide an overview of draft revised bylaws and rules of procedure. The Board will act on final draft bylaws and rules of procedure at its November 12 meeting prior to consideration by the full COG membership at the annual meeting luncheon on December 11.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review draft bylaws and rules of procedure and provide additional comments to the Bylaws Committee.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution Authorizing COG to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the National Park Service to Promote Green Infrastructure Planning in the Region.

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R42-03, authorizing the Executive Director to continue the second year of the Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project through a new task agreement under a currently approved five-year cooperative agreement with the National Park Service. This new task agreement continues some of the work done under the first agreement to present forest cover data collected in the Metropolitan Washington Region for purposes of forest cover enhancement and watershed restoration efforts. Data collected and analyzed will be added to COG's existing regional GIS database. COG will also continue to work with the National Park Service to promote their Green Infrastructure program through workshops and publications. Second year funding is provided by the National Park Service and is not to exceed a total of \$100,000. No COG local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R42-03.

B. Approval of Special 2003 Annual Meeting Award

The Board will be asked to approve a special one-time award to be presented to members of the Washington area congressional delegation in recognition of its extraordinary advocacy and support for the National Capital Region on homeland security matters. The Washington area congressional delegation has been an advocate for enhanced emergency planning, coordination and response, and has supported the establishment of the Office of the National Capital Region Coordination within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and helped to identify key funding for a wide range of emergency planning and response activities in the National Capital Region. The one-time award will be presented to members of the congressional delegation at the December 11 annual meeting luncheon, in addition to COG's previously authorized awards: the Elizabeth and David Scull Award, the Regional Partnership Award and the Media Recognition Award. Funding to support the modest cost of award materials is included in the budget for COG's annual meeting.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003.