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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 10, 2007

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

District of Columbia

*Bladensburg**

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Frederick

Frederick County

Gaithersburg

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Manassas Park

Prince William County

**Adjunct member*

PLEASE NOTE: Chair Fisette will begin the meeting promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chair Jay Fisette
Board Member, Arlington County**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2006
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Chair Fisette

- a) Meeting Dates-2007
- b) Introduction of New Members
- c) COG Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon, December 13
- d) NARC Conference of Regions, February 4-6
- e) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Outreach
 - b. Letters Sent/Received
 - c. Legislative Report Update

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20-12:25 p.m.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 13.A., 13.B., 13.C., 13.D., 13.E., 13.F., 13.G., 13.H., 13.I., 13.J., & 13.K.

**6. UPDATE ON LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT DEDICATED FUNDING FOR METRO
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

Following the recommendation of its Blue Ribbon Panel, both the COG Board and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board endorsed legislation supporting Metro dedicated funding. COG staff will update the COG Board on 2006 action and plans to reintroduce state and federal legislation in 2007. COG staff will also recommend that COG's Joint Coordinating Committee established in 2006 to guide and track regional efforts on this issue meet in January to help influence any new state and federal legislative initiatives on dedicated funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and direct staff to convene Committee meeting.

**7. INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR LITIGATION VS COG AND TPB
(12:45 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Lee Ruck
General Counsel, COG**

On December 20, suit was filed against COG, TPB, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration, as well as Chairs Fiset and Knapp, Secretary Peters, and Administrator Capka, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. This suit, brought by Environmental Defense and Sierra Club, contests federal approvals of the InterCounty Connector and its inclusion by TPB in the October 2006 TIP. On the same date the Audubon Society and several Maryland plaintiffs filed suit against federal defendants contesting the environmental impact review of the proposed ICC by federal agencies and MDOT. Although many of the allegations in the two lawsuits are parallel, the suit against COG and TPB is essentially one of process, while the Maryland suit is a more substantive contest of the environmental findings.

The COG Board and the TPB will be briefed in January and a course of conduct recommended.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE CONNECTION PROGRAM
(12:55 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**Ron Kirby
Director, Transportation Planning Department**

COG and the TPB have launched a new initiative, known as the Transportation Land Use Connection Program, or TLC, to help communities integrate transportation and land-use planning. This program consists of two efforts: 1) a web-based clearinghouse of information and best practices; and 2) a focused technical assistance effort aimed at helping communities embark on new planning efforts. Applications for this technical assistance are due January 31. The COG Board will be briefed on how to take advantage of these new services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Briefing and discussion. Interested local governments should apply for technical assistance services by January 31.

**9. BOARD DISCUSSION TIME
(1:05 – 1:20 p.m.)**

Chairman Fisette and Board members

At its July retreat, the COG Board of Directors requested that a block of time be set aside for general Board discussion at each of its monthly meetings; to be piloted in September and until modified. COG retreat participants recommended this step in order to allow for a more timely review of emerging issues and provide an opportunity for members to raise new business or briefly discuss issues of potential interest and action by COG. Chairman Fisette will invite Board members to share successful best practices and program issues of concern or opportunities for greater regional and COG engagement.

**10. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
(1:20 – 1:25 p.m.)**

Chair Jay Fisette

The Nominating Committee will report its nominations for officers of the COG Board of Directors for 2007 for consideration and action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R2-07.

**11. RECOGNITION OF IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR
(1:25 – 1:35 p.m.)**

Chair Vincent Gray

Recognition of 2006 COG Board Chair Fisette.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acknowledge Past Chair Fisette.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF 2007 POLICY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP
(1:35 – 1:45 p.m.)**

Chair Vincent Gray

Chairman Gray will recommend the appointment or reappointment of the leadership of several policy committees and the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council. Additional appointments or reappointments to policy and administrative committees are anticipated in February.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R3-07

13. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(A.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Utilize the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R4-07 authorizing the Executive Director to utilize the COG Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy (DBE), revised January 10, 2007, in all solicitations issued by COG. In support of its programs, COG is the recipient of grants-in-aid from federal agencies. As a recipient of those funds COG agrees to conform to the requirements stipulated by those grants. Since

the 1980's COG has included a DBE in its solicitations to be in compliance with the requirements of those federal grants. As stated by the Executive Director at the October meeting of the Board, the COG DBE Policy needs to be revised to be in compliance with current federal regulations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R4-07.

(B.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the District of Columbia Department of the Environment Watershed Protection Division for a Trees for Homeowners Program

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R5-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the purposes of administering a "Trees for Homeowners" program for properties in the District of Columbia. The project duration will be 12 months (with possible extension for up to three years) from the receipt of funding. A \$25,000 COG match will be provided from the Nonpoint Source Program area.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R5-07.

(C.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the District of Columbia Department of the Environment Watershed Protection Division for a Green Roof Subsidy Program

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R6-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the purposes of administering a Green Roof Subsidy program for properties in the District of Columbia. The project duration will be 12 months (with possible extension for up to three years) from the receipt of funding. A \$25,000 COG match will be provided from the Nonpoint Source Program area.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R6-07.

(D.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to Provide Anacostia River Watershed Reforestation-related Services

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R7-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$25,000 for the purposes of providing forest conservation services. The project duration will be for the period ending August 30, 2007. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R7-07.

(E.) Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing Maxine Baker on her Retirement from Freddie Mac

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R8-07, recognizing Maxine Baker as she retires from Freddie Mac and thanking her for her leadership in partnering with COG on numerous child welfare issues, including foster care and adoption and specifically the Wednesday's Child special needs adoption program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R8-07.

(F.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept a Grant for Support of the Washington Area Housing Partnership

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R9-07 authorizing the Executive Director to accept an \$80,000 grant from the Fannie Mae Foundation for the Washington Area Housing Partnership. The Washington Area Housing Partnership (The Partnership) is a regional public-private housing partnership that acts as a catalyst to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the Washington region. After the Partnership completed the Toolkit for Affordable Housing Development in December 2005, the Partnership has taken the Toolkit on the road in 2006 and coordinated affordable housing workshops with elected officials and staffs on how to implement the policies described in the Toolkit. This \$80,000 grant will be used to support the Washington Area Housing Partnership's continued outreach efforts in FY07.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R9-07.

(G.) Resolution in Support of a Foundation Grant for a Thought Leadership Series and Child Welfare Emergency Preparedness Plans

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R10-07 authorizing the Executive Director to accept a \$75,000 grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the establishment of a Thought Leadership series. This concept was developed through COG's Child Welfare Director's Committee. The series will include cutting edge seminars for the region's Child Welfare Administrators to assist them in providing world class leadership to the region's children and families.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R10-07.

(H.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a supplemental funding agreement with the District of Columbia and a Contract with SRA International to Complete a Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, Impact Analysis and Critical Infrastructure Strategy Benchmarking for the National Capital Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R11-07 authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to receive supplemental funding from the District of Columbia and to execute a contract with SRA International to complete a Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, Impact Analysis and Critical Infrastructure Strategy Benchmarking for the National Capital Region. Urban Area Security Initiative. (UASI) funds in the amount of \$1.2M will be provided to COG and \$200K shall be contracted with SRA to complete a specific HIRA for the DC. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R11-07.

(I.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept Continuation Urban Area Security Initiative Subgrant Funding for the Provision of COG Professional, Technical, and Secretarial Support for Homeland Security Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Activities in the Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R12-07 authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to receive continuation funding from the District of Columbia and to support the Emergency Preparedness Council, the Chief Administrative Officer's Committee, 16 Regional Emergency Support Functions, and several Regional Program Work Groups to enhance preparedness throughout the National Capital Region. Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds in the amount of \$480K will be granted to COG for its continued provision of professional, technical, and secretarial support for homeland security preparedness, response, and recovery activities. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R12-07.

(J.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Supplemental Funding Agreement with the District of Columbia and a Contract with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc to Complete Additional Tasks Associated with the NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan for the National Capital Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R13-07 authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to receive supplemental funding from the District of Columbia and to execute a contract with Booz Allen Hamilton. The additional funding will allow for the completion of additional tasks associated with the NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan to include populating the emergency preparedness framework which will gauge the preparedness of the NCR against the 37 DHS Target Capabilities and the integration of the populated template with the strategic snapshots developed for the National Capital Region. Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds in the amount of \$200K will be provided to COG and \$200K shall be contracted with SRA to complete a specific HIRA for the District of Columbia. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R13-07.

(K.) Resolution Authorizing COG to Provide Funding for Training and Exercise Initiatives Approved by the Exercise and Training Operations Panel

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R14-07 authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to execute training and exercise initiatives approved by the Exercise and Training Operations Panel. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with \$1,500,000 in FY06 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding that is good through May 31, 2008 to execute ETOP approved training and exercise initiatives. No COG funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R14-07.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007



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