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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: October 14, 2009
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross 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)**

Chairman Gross
Vice Chair, Fairfax County
- 2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:10)**
 - a) China Trip De-Brief
 - b) NARC Board Outcomes
 - c) Police/Fire Olympics
- 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**
 - a) Outreach
 - b) Legislative/Regulatory update
 - c) Information and Follow-up
 - d) Letters Sent/Received
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (12:25 – 12:30 p.m.)

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH DC DOE TO ADMINISTER A DIESEL ANTI-IDLING CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R52-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$215,732 in sub-grant funding from the District Department of the Environment under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for the purposes of administering a Diesel Anti-Idling Campaign. The campaign will target trucking and bus companies, related trade associations and business groups. COG will manage the program in consultation with air quality and transportation staff in the District of Columbia. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R52-09.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE SUPPORTING HIGHER PERCENTAGES OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION ALLOWANCE REVENUES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

In the coming weeks the U.S. Senate will be considering landmark legislation to address climate change. Senator's John Kerry (MA) and Barbara Boxer (CA) have co-sponsored S.1733 which includes a provision to allocate revenue generated by the sale of carbon emission allowances to implement programs that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The Board will be asked to authorize the transmittal of a letter of support for such a provision to the Chair and Members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and Senate Finance Committee. The letter will urge Congress to increase the greenhouse gas emission allowance revenues provided to local governments to support local and regional programs that address energy efficiency, renewable energy, and transportation planning to meet climate change goals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve letter.

C. APPROVAL OF AN OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR ENTERPRISE CONTENT MANAGEMENT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R53-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract not to exceed \$200,000 with a selected firm as chosen through competitive procurement to install and implement an Enterprise Content Management software suite. Enterprise Content Management is a broad technology term to describe a system for creating, collecting, storing, and disposing of records. A major component of an enterprise content management suit is document management. This allows for the secure storing and retrieval of records electronically. Another major component is the ability to complete forms electronically and to create workflows to have the form approved by other people. A final piece is auditing of records within the system and the ability to set retention limits on records as legally required. Funding for this project has been allocated in COG's Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R53-09.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY OF ROAD PRICING

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R54-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation, for the purposes of conducting a study under the FHWA's Value Pricing Pilot Program on the public acceptability of road pricing. The project budget is not to exceed \$400,000 (\$320,000 federal, \$80,000 local). COG will provide a match of \$80,000 from funds authorized for a grant application to the FHWA Value Pricing Pilot Program that was submitted in October 2008 but not funded. For this match, \$50,000 will be provided through funds previously authorized in Resolution R62-08 for the FY2010 work program and budget, and \$30,000 will be included in the proposed FY2011 work program and budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R54-09.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE FUNDING

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R55-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend several FY 2009 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) sub-grants in an amount totaling \$4,082,830. The NCR Senior Policy Group and Chief Administrative Officers have approved these grants. Funding will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent for Hospital Water and Power Resiliency; Water Monitoring Network maintenance; Critical Facilities Backup Power; and SharePoint Portal maintenance. The sub-grants' period of performance is August 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. The resolution also authorizes one FY 2008 sub-grant in an amount totaling \$543,516 for an H1N1 Outreach and Education Campaign. The sub-grants' period of performance is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R55-09.

F. APPOINTMENT OF 2009 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board Chairman shall appoint several COG members to the 2009 Nominating Committee. The Committee shall recommend: 1) a slate of corporate officers for action by the General Membership meeting, at its Annual Meeting December 9, 2009; and 2) a slate of Board of Directors officers for action by the Board at its January 13, 2010 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R56-09.

ACTION AGENDA

7. BRIEFING ON CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION (12:30 – 12:55 p.m.)

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator, State of Maryland
Chair, Water and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

Cathy Drzyzgula
Council Member, City of Gaithersburg
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin will brief the Board on his proposal for reauthorizing the U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program. Senator Cardin's proposal, "The Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem Restoration Act," contains a number of important provisions including strengthening the existing federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program; establishing aggressive new deadlines for meeting Bay water quality standards and consequences for failing to meet those deadlines; providing the states with new tools for restoring the Bay; requiring more stringent stormwater management programs at the local level; expanding federal grant programs; and codifying President Obama's recent Chesapeake Bay Executive Order. COG's Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) has recently developed comments on the region's perspective on Chesapeake Bay program reauthorization. CBPC Chair Cathy Drzyzgula will summarize key points from the CBPC's recent testimony to Congress.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentations and incorporate Chesapeake Bay reauthorization into COG's legislative package.

8. PRESENTATION ON PLASTIC BAG REPORT (12:55 – 1:10 p.m.)

Cathy Drzyzgula
Council Member, City of Gaithersburg
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

John Snarr
Principal Environmental Planner, COG

To address the issue of plastic bag pollution of the region's waterways, COG Board Resolution R19-09 directed the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC), in concert with supporting technical committees, to: (1) survey the effectiveness of measures taken elsewhere to reduce the incidence of such pollution; (2) to review data on the incidence of such pollution locally; and (3) to review the effectiveness of local recycling programs that currently address plastic bag pollution. Mr. Snarr will present the staff report responding to R19-09. CBPC Chair Drzyzgula will present the committee's recommendations for action on this issue.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R57-09.

**9. APPROVE GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC RELEASE AND COMMENT
(1:10 – 1:20 p.m.)**

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

The COG Board established the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition in late 2007 as an outgrowth of COG's 50th anniversary (1957 – 2007). The COG Board has been advised of the Coalition's progress on its work throughout 2008 and early 2009. In addition, many local government boards or councils have been briefed on the Coalition's work and preliminary recommendations. Leaders also had extensive discussion on Greater Washington 2050 at COG's 2009 leadership retreat. The Coalition approved a draft report and recommendations for public release and comment at its October 2, 2009 meeting. The COG Board will be asked to transmit the draft report and recommendations to COG members, local governments and other stakeholders for public release and comment prior to action on January 13, 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R58-09.

**10. APPROVAL OF ROUND 7.2A COOPERATIVE FORECAST
(1:20-1:25 p.m.)**

**Paul DesJardin
Director, Community Planning and Services, COG**

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. In July, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved a request from Montgomery and Prince George's counties to modify the Round 7.2 Cooperative Forecasts to reflect the inclusion of the Purple Line light rail project, and from the District of Columbia to reflect development associated with the "Return to L'Enfant" project. Consistent with COG policy, the Board will be asked to approve the new Round 7.2A Cooperative Forecasts concurrent with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis resulting from this amendment to the 2009 financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. The TPB is scheduled to approve the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis during their meeting on October 21, 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R59-09.

**11. APPROVE 2010 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS
(1:25 – 1:40 p.m.)**

Chairman Gross

The COG Board agreed as part of its 2009 policy focus to strengthen its communication and outreach on state and federal pending legislation and regulations. COG previously established a Legislative Liaisons Committee, comprised of local and state government staff responsible for tracking and supporting advocacy by area local governments with the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia and the federal government. COG staff and the Legislative Liaisons Committee are preparing a draft report outlining targeted policy recommendations and legislative actions for consideration by Congress, the two states and the District. The COG Board will be asked to appoint an Ad Hoc Legislative Committee to review recommendations from the Legislative Liaisons Committee and COG staff prior to action by the COG Board at its November 12, 2009 meeting. Final COG Board action

will determine COG-supported regional priorities for transmittal to federal, state and District officials for consideration in early 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Appointments.

**12. APPROVE SPECIAL AUTHORITY FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING OF THE COG BOARD IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY
(1:40 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

COG staff recently completed its internal H1N1 Continuity of Operations Plan and the COG Board approved consultant support last month to accelerate completion of COG's overall all-hazards Continuity of Operations Plan. In reviewing this work, staff concluded that the COG Board lacked clear authority to meet by tele- or video-conference in the event of an emergency that prohibited or made it difficult for the COG Board to meet in-person. Although the COG Board previously agreed as part of its 2007 bylaws amendments that it did not wish to routinely meet by tele- or video-conference, staff recommends that the COG Board adopt a bylaws amendment that establishes a process that allows the COG Board to meet by electronic means should emergency conditions warrant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R60-09.



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