

One Region Moving Forward

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: October 12, 2011
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

District of Columbia
Bladensburg*
Bowie
College Park
Frederick
Frederick County
Gaithersburg
Greenbelt
Montgomery County
Prince George's County
Rockville
Takoma Park
Alexandria
Arlington County
Fairfax
Fairfax County
Falls Church
Loudoun County
Manassas
Manassas Park
Prince William County

PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Harrison 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)**
**Chairman Andrea Harrison
Councilmember, Prince George's County**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
Chairman Harrison
 - a) COG Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, December 14
 - b) NARC Board of Directors outcomes
- 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**
 - a) Outreach
 - b) Legislative and Regulatory Update
 - c) Information and Follow-up
 - d) Letters Sent/Received
 - e) General Counsel Report
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

*Adjunct Member

CONSENT AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TAPIT TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R47-2011 to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with TapIt, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to develop and implement a tap water promotion program targeting local businesses in support of COG's Community Engagement Campaign water and wastewater utility partners. The duration of the contract is twelve months from the date of execution, and no COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R47-2011.

B. APPOINTMENT OF 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board Chairman shall appoint several COG members to serve on the 2012 Nominating Committee. The Committee will recommend: 1) a slate of corporate officers for action by the General Membership, at its Annual Meeting December 14, 2011; and 2) a slate of Board of Directors officers for action by the Board at its January 11, 2012 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R48-2011.

C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND ROUND OF FORECLOSURE COUNSELING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CAPITOL AREA FORECLOSURE NETWORK (CAFN)

The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R49-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to accept a \$175,000.00 grant from the Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, NeighborWorks America, and the United Way of the National Capital Area, for the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN). CAFN is an innovative partnership between COG, the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and the Urban Institute that builds the capacity of local housing counseling, legal service and direct service organizations working to address housing foreclosure challenge. This \$175,000.00 grant will be used to seek proposals for and award grants of up to \$25,000 to local housing counseling agencies, to be selected by CAFN's member-led Grant Awards Selection Team. No matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R49-2011.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS IMPROVMENTS IN RAIL STATION AREAS IN THE REGION FROM THE FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)

The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R50-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to apply for and administer grant funding from USDOT's FY 2011 TIGER Competitive Grant Program for a project to Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in an amount no less than \$10,000,000 and not to exceed \$30,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R50-2011.

SPECIAL BRIEFING

7. PROPOSED METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY RESTRUCTURING (12:25-1:00 p.m.)

**Charles D. Snelling, Chairman
Board of Directors
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority**

Chairman Harrison received a letter dated September 28 from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) concerning pending congressional legislation that would restructure the WMAA Board of Directors by adding additional representatives from Virginia and amending other provisions affecting the WMAA Board. MWAA opposes this legislation and requested that the COG Board express its concern to the National Capital Region congressional delegation. Mr. Snelling will make a brief presentation, followed by discussion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

ACTION ITEMS

8. COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE PILOT (1:00-1:10 p.m.)

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

**Sharon Pandak
General Counsel**

The COG Board of Directors endorsed the outcomes from the COG 2011 leadership retreat at its September 14 meeting and asked staff to develop a recommendation for a teleconference participation pilot program for the COG Board. The COG Board will be briefed on proposed pilot goals, policies, implementation steps and outcome measures.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

9. METROPOLITAN BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (1:10 – 1:25 p.m.)

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

Public officials participating in the COG 2011 leadership retreat expressed interest the launch of a Metropolitan Business Plan in the National Capital Region. Brookings helped to organize Metropolitan Business Plans in the Cleveland, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Seattle regions with promising results to date. A similar effort in the National Capital Region may help strengthen the economic competitiveness of the Washington area, anticipate and respond to future changes in the region's economy and boost job retention and creation. There are many issues to consider prior to launching a Metropolitan Business Plan in the National Capital Region, including scope, goals and objectives, partners, funding and outcomes. As a first step to assess these and other elements, the COG Board will establish an ad hoc committee to assess the feasibility of COG's role in this effort and identify and meet with other possible partners and stakeholders. The committee will report to the COG Board in January 2012 on its recommendations for further action or next steps by COG.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R51-2011.

**10. FEDERAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM
(1:25 – 1:40)**

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

The federal Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program, administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is the principal grant dedicated to furthering preparedness and security of the nation's urban areas against threats and acts of terrorism and other major hazards. UASI was created in 2003 and provides grant support to the National Capital Region and several other urban areas. The UASI Association, comprised of representatives of several UASI regions, recently released a report on the national effectiveness of the UASI program. COG staff will summarize the report findings, UASI benefits to the National Capital Region and the status of federal funding for FY 2012. The COG Board will be asked to communicate its support for the UASI program to the National Capital Region congressional delegation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve letter to National Capital Region congressional delegation.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS
(1:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)**

**12. ADJOURN- NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2011
(12:00 p.m.)**



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