

# REGION FORWARD COALITION

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# Region Forward Coalition Overview

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MISSION: Established as a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector advisory committee of the COG Board of Directors to:

- Oversee the implementation of Region Forward and help create a more **prosperous**, **accessible**, **livable**, and **sustainable** metropolitan Washington.

MEMBERSHIP: Includes representatives from:

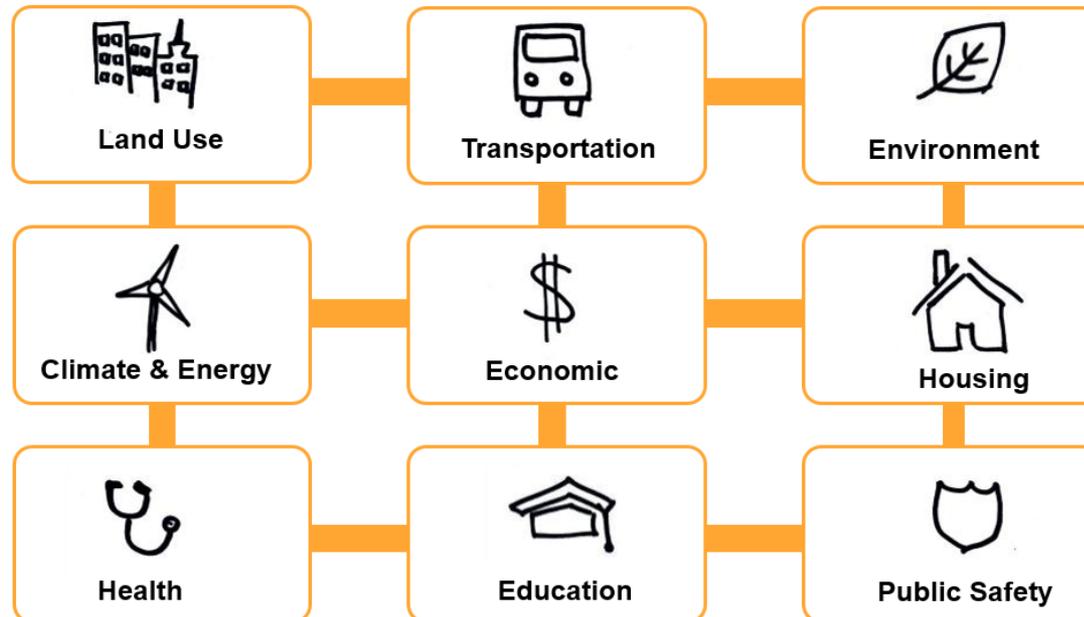
- COG member local governments,
- State and federal government, and
- Stakeholder groups including business, non-profit, philanthropic, and community-based organizations.

# 2019 Focus and Priorities

## EQUITY FOCUS:

In 2019, the Region Forward Coalition addressed equity within the pillars of Prosperity, Accessibility, Livability, and Sustainability. This included the promotion of promising practices, resources, and metrics to advance equity at a local and regional level.

Everyone benefits from equitable approaches, not only residents in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color, but the entire regional economy.



# 2019 Accomplishments

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The coalition convened quarterly aligning each pillar with equity:

1. **Prosperity**: Equitable Prosperity & Equitable Homeownership
2. **Accessibility**: Regional Housing Needs & Prince George's County Housing Opportunity for All
3. **Livability**: Suburbanization of Poverty & Addressing Homelessness Across Jurisdictions
4. **Sustainability**: National Perspective of Climate, Health, and Equity and Local Programs Infusing Sustainability and Equity Best Practices and Performance Metrics.

Coalition members also reviewed current and proposed equity measures throughout the year.

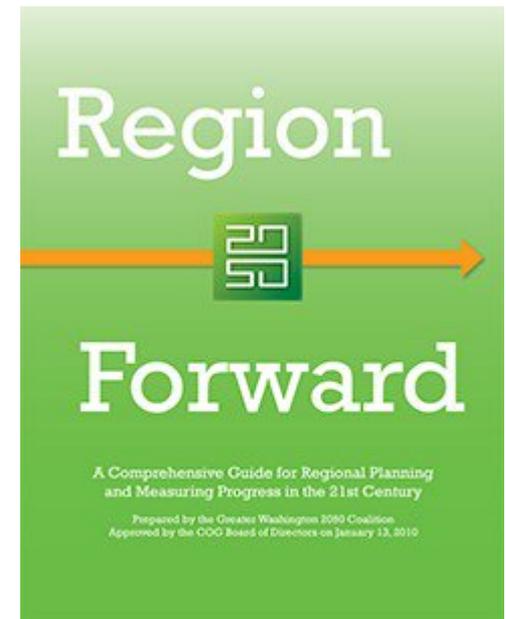
# Looking Ahead

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(1) Convene to share programs enhancing the prosperity, accessibility, livability, and sustainability in the region.

(2) Develop the Region Forward 2020 Report

- Updated Measures
- Propose New Equity Measures
- Develop Online Dashboard
- COG Board Review of New Measures



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