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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2010

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Brown 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 Kwame Brown
Councilmember, District of Columbia**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

Chairman Brown

a) Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon – December 8

**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**

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ISSUE A CONTRACT TO COMPLETE A DC HSEMA COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R53-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$310,000 to develop a Community Emergency Management Plan that includes neighborhood preparedness plans. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R53-10.

B. APPOINTMENT OF 2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board Chairman shall appoint several COG members to serve on the 2011 Nominating Committee. The Committee will recommend: 1) a slate of corporate officers for action by the General Membership, at its Annual Meeting December 8, 2010; and 2) a slate of Board of Directors officers for action by the Board at its January 12, 2011 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R54-10.

C. APPOINTMENT OF 2011 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

The Board Chairman shall appoint several COG members to serve on the 2011 Legislative Task Force. The Task Force will review staff and committee recommendations for COG's 2011 legislative priorities; an important tool to showcase the region's priorities as officials prepare for their 2011 legislative sessions. The COG Board will take action on the recommendations at its November 10 meeting. Upon adoption, the recommendations will then become part of COG's outreach activities and communication products in early 2011.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R55-10.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. EPA TO IMPLEMENT WATER SECURITY PROJECTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R56-10, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee, to submit a grant application and receive and expend grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$515,266 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of implementing water security projects in the National Capital Region. The required 45 percent matching funds will be provided through cash contributions from affiliated COG utilities and from in-kind services of contractors providing water security monitoring and risk communication services to COG, as approved by the U.S. EPA. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R56-10.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTING FIRM TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND MEDICAL PLANNING SUPPORT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R57-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with a consulting firm to provide the health and medical planning support as requested by the Health and Medical Regional Planning Group and approved by the Chief Administrative Officers and the Senior Policy Group. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region has provided COG with \$3,000,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative funding to support this initiative. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R57-10.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDING FROM THE SAA TO PROVIDE ENHANCED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN THE REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R58-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend funding in an amount not to exceed \$960,117. Funding will be used to provide Executive, Professional, and Technical Secretariat Support to the Emergency Preparedness Council, the Chief Administrative Officers, the Senior Policy Group, Regional Emergency Support Functions, Regional Program Working Groups, State Administrative Agent, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, and others and to enhance emergency preparedness in the National Capital Region. COG is being provided a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to fund this work. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R58-10.

G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A REGIONAL BIKE-SHARING PROJECT FROM THE HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING (HEAL) GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY KAISER PERMANENTE

On August 23, TPB staff submitted a proposal for \$12.1 million in competitive grant funds for a regional bike-sharing and bicycle access improvements package under the USDOT's "TIGER II" program. In support of expanding bike-share regionally, Kaiser Permanente invited TPB staff on September 27 to submit a grant for its noncompetitive Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) grant program by the deadline of October 8, 2010. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R59-10 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to apply for and administer up to \$2 million from Kaiser Permanente for regional expansion of a bike-sharing program, by passing the grant money to local jurisdictions for bike-sharing capital projects based on a yearly project solicitation process. This will advance the goal of the "TIGER II" proposal approved by COG and TPB by building on the regional coordination achieved through that process to expand bike-sharing in the region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R59-10.

**7. BRIEFING ON PROPOSED CUTS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACT SPENDING
(12:25-12:50 p.m.)**

**The Honorable Gerry Connolly
US House of Representatives**

**John McClain
Senior Fellow and Deputy Director
Center for Regional Analysis, School of Public Policy, George Mason University**

**Doug Koelemay
Vice President, Community Relations
Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)**

The Department of Defense Secretary Robert Gates recently announced a proposal to reduce federal military contract spending by 10 percent per year for three years. The proposal will likely have considerable economic impact as federal contractors are among National Capital Region' largest private employers, providing an estimated \$35 billion worth of defense contracting services per year. The Board will be briefed on the potential economic effects of the proposed cuts and strategies being employed by the private sector to minimize disruption to the workforce.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY DRAFT TMDL AND WATERSHED
IMPLEMENTATION PLANS
(12:50-1:10 p.m.)**

**Cathy Drzyzgula
Councilmember, City of Gaithersburg
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

On September 24, 2010, EPA issued draft pollution caps (the "Chesapeake Bay Draft TMDL") for the entire 64,000 square mile Chesapeake Bay watershed. This TMDL sets targets for nutrient and sediment loads that EPA has determined are necessary to achieve water quality standards. These loads come mainly from agriculture, wastewater treatment and urban stormwater. In early September, the six states in the Bay watershed and the District of Columbia submitted their draft Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) describing how they intend to reduce their respective loads to meet the EPA-prescribed target loads. EPA has concluded that "none of the draft WIPs provided full assurance" that the target loads will be achieved "in all respects." The TMDL and the companion WIPs have significant implications for all parties responsible for controlling loads, including local governments. Cathy Drzyzgula, Chair of COG's Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) will provide highlights of the TMDL and the WIPs, including the potential repercussions for the COG region. She will present a proposed Policy Statement for adoption by the COG Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R60-10.

**9. BRIEFING ON THE CAPITAL AREA FORECLOSURE NETWORK (CAFN) REPORT
(1:10-1:25 p.m.)**

Chuck Bean
Executive Director
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington

Peter Tatian
Senior Research Associate
Urban Institute

Addressing the region's housing needs, including slowing the pace of foreclosure rates, was identified as a priority task in COG's FY 2011 Work Program and Budget and in COG's 2010 Policy Focus and Priorities. In April, COG helped launch the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN), an innovative new partnership between COG and the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington. Mr. Tatian will brief the Board on new survey research, conducted by the Urban Institute, concerning the extent of challenges faced by housing counseling and legal service organizations that are working to help households avoid foreclosure. Mr. Bean will show the action-oriented steps CAFN has taken to help these front-line organizations, including launching bus ads in Maryland, establishing a regional funding pool, and designating the week of October 18th as "Regional Counselor Appreciation Week".

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R61-10.

**10. HOMELAND SECURITY: 2010 PROGRESS REPORT
(1:25-1:40 p.m.)**

Frank Principi
Supervisor, Prince William County
Chairman, Emergency Preparedness Council

Beth Brown
Virginia Department of Emergency Management

COG led a number of emergency preparedness and response initiatives in late 2001 and 2002 following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, including adoption of the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP) in 2002 and creation of the Regional Incident Communications and Coordination System (RICCS) that is regularly used to foster improved communication and coordination in response to a wide-range of incidents and emergencies. COG also established the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council in 2002 to provide a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector input and oversight on emergency planning and response efforts in the National Capital Region. Last month the EPC adopted an update to the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan, first approved in 2006. The Strategic Plan provides a framework for approximately \$60 million a year in federal investments through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program and other local, state and federal resources. Supervisor Principi and Ms. Brown will brief the COG Board on the Strategic Plan update and revisions to the RECP and other regional achievements to improve emergency preparedness and response in the National Capital Region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R62-10.

**11. APPROVAL OF FY 2011 GENERAL RESERVE EXPENDITURE FOR CAPITAL REPAIR/REPLACEMENT
(1:40-1:50 p.m.)**

David Robertson, Executive Director

COG has owned and occupied its building at 777 North Capitol Street NE since 1990. The COG Board asked staff to prepare a multi-year capital repair/replacement plan to identify and fund needed improvements. Given the age of the building, COG anticipates the need to fund several high-priority capital and infrastructure actions in the coming years. COG staff has prepared a multi-year Capital/Infrastructure Replacement Plan for FY 2011 – FY 2016 that will be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee as part of its action on the FY 2012 work program and budget. The COG Board will take action on the FY 2012 work program and budget, including the Capital/Infrastructure Replacement Plan in January 2011. Because of the immediate need to fund replacement of the Board Room audiovisual system and required fire and building safety notification, which are largely one-time expenses, the COG Board will be asked to approve Resolution R63-10, authorizing the reprogramming of FY 2011 general reserve funds to perform this work in October 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R63-10.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS
(1:50-2:00 p.m.)**

**13. ADJOURN - NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2010
(2:00 p.m.)**



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