



January 23, 2015 Region Forward Coalition Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • COG Board Room
Pick up lunch upon arrival

- I. CONVENE AND COALITION MEMBER UPDATES** **11:00am**
 Emmett Jordan, Mayor, City of Greenbelt, and Chair, Region Forward Coalition
- Update on Region Forward Health and Child Welfare goals and targets *Paul DesJardin*
 - [COG State of the Region Infrastructure report](#) *Monica Beyrouti, COG Member Services Associate*
 - COG Greenhouse Gas Multi-Sector Working Group – *Stuart Freudberg, COG Deputy Executive Director*
 - Other items – Coalition members
- II. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **11:15am**
 Chairman Jordan
 David Grosso, Councilmember, District of Columbia, and Vice Chair, Region Forward Coalition
 Kenneth Reid, Supervisor, Loudoun County, and Vice Chair, Region Forward Coalition
- III. REGION FORWARD 2.0** **11:30 am**
 Chairman Jordan, Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director, and Mariia Zimmerman, MZ Strategies, LLC
- 2015 marks the five year anniversary of the Region Forward vision, and the Coalition has steered its implementation of Goals and Targets through several key projects, i.e. [Regional Activity Centers](#), [Baseline Progress Report](#), and the [Place + Opportunity report](#).
- Discussion:**
- How can we ensure that the Coalition remains relevant and lives up to its potential?
 - What are the next big issues for our region to address?
 - How can we engage more strategic partners in this work?
- Outcome: Identification of Coalition work program priorities for 2015**
- IV. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON [REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS](#)** **12:15 pm**
 Stephen Fuller, Ph.D., Director, Center for Regional Analysis, George Mason University
 Vice Chairs Grosso and Reid
- The Region Forward Coalition will focus on the theme of Regional Economic Competitiveness throughout 2015. For decades, the Washington DC metropolitan area has enjoyed economic growth and prosperity, due in large measure to the federal presence in the region.
- Discussion:**
- How will reductions to the federal workforce and contracting activity impact our long-term regional competitiveness? What factors give our region a competitive edge, or threaten to ensure future economic growth?
 - What are the implications for the region’s major employers? How can local governments and non-profits respond to improve the region’s business climate?
 - What can the Region Forward Coalition do in the coming year to support regional collaboration around these issues? e.g. Region Forward Progress Report and A ‘State of the Region’ Report?
- Outcome: Concurrence on products for measuring regional economic competitiveness and progress**
- V. OTHER BUSINESS** **1:15pm**
- VI. ADJOURN** **1:30pm**

Future 2015 meetings of the Region Forward Coalition: *April 24, July 17 and October 23*