

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT ROUND 8.1 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR USE IN THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
ANALYSIS OF THE 2012 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CLRP)
AND THE FY2013-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing this first update to the 8th major series of forecasts, based on current regional development trends, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) ; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of the COG's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, which have provided local population, household, and employment forecasts, documentation of methodology and assumptions upon which the forecasts are based, and related analyses for use in the process, and has involved full participation of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 COG adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommends that approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts should occur concurrently with the completion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP);

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012 the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee recommended the draft Round 8.1 Cooperative Forecasts for use by the TPB in this year's Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2012 CLRP and the FY 2013-2018 TIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The Boards approves the draft Round 8.1 Forecasts attached as part of this Resolution for use by the TPB in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2012 CLRP and the FY 2013-2018 TIP.
2. The Board commends the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee for their contributions to the effort to date.
