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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

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Fairfax County  
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Loudoun County  
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Manassas Park  
Prince William County*

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 10, 2004  
**TIME:** 12:00 Noon  
**PLACE:** COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE:** Chair Mendelson 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)  

**Chair Phil Mendelson  
Council Member, District of  
Columbia**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2004**  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)
3. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**  
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(12:10 – 12:20 p.m.)  

**Chair Mendelson**

  - a) WETA Homeland Security Series – February 24, 2004
  - b) "Wise Water Use" Campaign Update
  - c) Spring Networking Reception – March 27, 2004
  - d) Presentation of plaque for Bruce Williams, former chair of EPWDC
  - e) Executive Director's Report
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 11.A. - 11C.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Items

**6. PRESENTATION ON THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD'S "TIME TO ACT" BROCHURE  
(12:20 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**Christopher Zimmerman  
Board Member, Arlington County  
Chair, Transportation Planning Board**

At its meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) held a press conference to present its "Time to Act" brochure outlining transportation funding needs for the Washington region over the period 2005-2010. The brochure was a collaborative effort involving the transportation agencies of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and local governments throughout the region. The TPB identified a total six-year need of \$25.4 billion, \$12.2 billion of which is funded and \$13.2 billion is currently unfunded. The Board will be briefed on the key elements of the brochure, on the intended audience, and on the distribution of the brochure to date.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing; suggest additional recipients and support effort to raise additional transportation funding.**

**7. DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING INITIATIVES FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEAN-UP EFFORTS  
(12:45 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Peter Shapiro  
Council Member, Prince George's County  
Chair, Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee**

**Penelope Gross,  
Supervisor, Fairfax County  
Vice Chair, Chesapeake Bay Policy  
Committee**

As part of an ongoing initiative to identify new funding sources to help local governments meet Chesapeake Bay clean-up goals, the Board agreed in February to support a "reliable and permanent state funding source" to provide funds for further upgrades of wastewater plants. The Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (CBPC) has been tracking the progress of legislation (SB320 / HB555) introduced by the administration of Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich that would create a Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund for this purpose. CBPC Chair Peter Shapiro will present the committee's recommendations for action on this legislation. CBPC Vice Chair Penelope Gross will brief members on a recent meeting with U.S. Representative Tom Davis to promote a bill for providing federal funds to wastewater plants.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing; consider course of action regarding Maryland legislation.**

**8. PRESENTATION OF "SMART GROWTH BEGINS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL" VIDEO  
(1:00 – 1:20 p.m.)**

**Joyce Woodson  
Council Member, City of Alexandria  
Chair, Metropolitan Development Policy  
Committee**

In May 2002, the COG Board approved resolution R-21-02, which authorized the preparation of "Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level" – a multimedia educational tool to inform citizens,

elected officials and developers of the importance of employing "Smart Growth" principles in making land use decisions in metropolitan Washington. In July 2003, the Board approved the final script for the video portion of the project. Since that time, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, COG staff and the project consultant have been working to complete the video. Board members will view the completed draft of the video and be asked to provide comments to COG staff prior to the April COG Board meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review video; offer comments and suggestions for discussion at next month's Board meeting.**

**9. 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT  
(1:20 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Michael Knapp  
Council Member, Montgomery County  
COG Secretary-Treasurer**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's second quarter FY 2004 financial report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.**

**10. COG'S STRATEGIC PLAN: STATUS AND NEXT STEPS  
(1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Bruce R. Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Takoma Park  
Chair, COG Strategic Planning Committee**

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Bruce Williams will brief the Board on the status of COG's Strategic Plan, which was originally adopted in November, 1999. Since that time, the Board has regularly reviewed progress with plan implementation, and during the 2002 and 2003 Board of Directors retreats considered potential plan modifications and updates. Chair Williams will provide the Board with a status report and propose a schedule for completion of a formal update to the plan later in 2004, including detailed review at the summer 2004 Board retreat.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and concur on recommended process and schedule for updating COG's Strategic Plan**

**11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A) Resolution Authorizing Funding Request to Prince Charitable Trusts in Support of COG's Washington Area Housing Partnership**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R16-04, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to submit a funding request to Prince Charitable Trusts to support COG's Washington Area Housing Partnership. Specifically, funding will be requested to help the Washington Area Housing Partnership create a marketing and public education campaign. Total grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 will be requested. No additional COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R16-04.**

**B) Resolution Authorizing UASI Grant Award**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R17-04, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to execute a grant award from the District of Columbia, Justice Grants Administration, for COG to provide homeland security planning, coordination and secretariat support. Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia have entered into a cooperative agreement to jointly administer federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for the National Capital Region. Approximately \$60 million was awarded to the National Capital Region in FY 2003 in the areas of planning, training, exercise and equipment. COG has been selected to provide homeland security planning, coordination and secretariat support for the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council, the CAOs Committee, and COG committees/ESF groups. A grant award in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 will be approved. COG matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 will be approved, if required, by reprogramming adopted COG FY 2004 and FY 2005 public safety operating funds.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R17-04.**

**C) Resolution In Support Of A Federal Grant To Recruit And Retain Foster Parents And To Provide Respite Services To The District Of Columbia's Foster Families**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R18-04, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to accept a grant of federal funds from District of Columbia to support a District focused foster family recruitment and retention program and to provide respite services to District foster families. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 will be accepted. No additional COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R18-04.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2004.**

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