

# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPACT AND NEXT STEPS FOR COG

## 1. What is the Greater Washington 2050 Compact?

The Compact is a voluntary commitment to regional action. The Coalition designed the Compact to be an agreement that regional leaders and residents can rally around—something that elected officials, business executives, and civic leaders will point to when advocating positions and making decisions.

## 2. What does it mean for a Jurisdiction to sign the Greater Washington 2050 Compact?

The jurisdiction pledges to use their best efforts to advance the regional goals in the Compact. The Compact is not a binding legal agreement.

*“We will consider the Compact’s goals and, where consistent with our authorities and capabilities, will utilize them to guide our public decisions. We pledge to use our best efforts within our own legal, political, and financial structure to advance the Compact.” — Greater Washington 2050 Compact—*

## 3. How will the Region Forward Report be used and what changes can we expect at COG?

The Region Forward Report is the first ever COG adopted comprehensive framework for regional planning in Metropolitan Washington. Region Forward is intended to be a framework and help prioritize all of the work being done at COG, whether that is dealing with energy, environment, land-use, housing, transportation, health and public safety. The goals and targets are designed to guide the COG Board and COG Policy Committees when making decisions and aligning COG’s work programs with regional priorities.

## 4. How will Region Forward be advanced and what group will oversee comprehensive regional planning and implementation at COG?

The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee will be enhanced to improve the committee’s capacity to coordinate regional long-range planning activities that address interrelated regional issues such as land use, housing, transportation, economic and environmental planning activities and decisions at COG. The policy committee will be responsible for the following activities as part of comprehensive regional planning and coordination at COG:

- Update Regional Activity Centers
- Overseeing Region Forward Baseline Analysis and Future Regional Progress Reports
- Creating a Strategy Approach to Shape Local and Regional Action Needed to Meet the Goals and Targets in Region Forward.
- Oversee Public Engagement and the Commissioning of a Regional Attitudinal Survey in Conjunction with Regional Progress Reports