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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2007
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

- District of Columbia*
- Bladensburg**
- Bowie*
- College Park*
- Frederick*
- Frederick County*
- Gaithersburg*
- Greenbelt*
- Montgomery County*
- Prince George's County*
- Rockville*
- Takoma Park*
- Alexandria*
- Arlington County*
- Fairfax*
- Fairfax County*
- Falls Church*
- Loudoun County*
- Manassas*
- Manassas Park*
- Prince William County*
- *Adjunct member*

PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gray will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.
 Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairman Vincent Gray
 Council Chair, District of Columbia**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2007
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Chairman Gray
 - a) Retirement of Sonny Amores, CFO
 - b) Annual Report and Regional Directory
 - c) Transportation Land Use Connection Update
 - d) Foster Parent Gala May 12
 - e) Future's Forum May 30
 - f) Local-State Partnership Dinner June 14
 - g) NARC Conference June 23-26
 - h) COG Retreat July 27-29
 - i) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o Legislative Report Update
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Item 11.A.

**6. COG 50TH ANNIVERSARY 1957 – 2007
(12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)**

**Carol Schwartz
Councilmember, District of Columbia
Chairman, 50th Anniversary Committee**

April 11, 2007 is the 50th Anniversary of the first meeting of public officials from the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia; subsequently becoming what we now know as the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Last year, the COG Board of Directors established a special committee to oversee preparations for the 50th Anniversary, chaired by Councilmember Schwartz. Chairman Schwartz will highlight planned events and activities, acknowledge sponsors and committee members, and encourage strong member participation throughout COG's anniversary year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**7. COG-SPONSORED REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE
(12:40 – 12:55 p.m.)**

David Robertson, Executive Director

Since January, several of COG's policy boards and committees have begun to examine a range of regional and local initiatives in response to concern on global climate change. This examination has been grounded in similar efforts underway or planned at the local, state and federal levels, or by other public interest organizations, such as the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Broadly stated, the goal of the proposed COG-sponsored regional climate change initiative is to support its member governments by identifying and sharing best practices and to promote local and regional policy and program initiatives that can contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gases that exacerbate global climate change. The Board will be briefed on the outcomes of preliminary discussion by policy boards and committees and a proposal for managing and advancing further work through COG.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R31-07.

**8. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF BROADBAND ACCESS TASK FORCE REPORT
(12:55 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Lori Waters
Supervisor, Loudoun County
Chairman, Broadband Access Task Force**

The COG Board of Directors established a Broadband Access Task Force last year, chaired by Supervisor Lori Waters. The Task Force's mission is to strengthen the region's economy and transform its communities by fostering the development of broadband internet access throughout the National Capital Region. This new effort, which built on a 2002 report by COG's Digital Divide Task Force, sought to identify and promote local and regional broadband initiatives. Chairman Waters will brief the COG Board on the Task Force's report, outcomes and recommendations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R32-07.

9. PRESENTATIONS ON GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

A. Approval of Metropolitan Development Policy Committee Recommendation on Round 7 Update to the Regional Activity Centers Maps

(1:10 – 1:25 p.m.)

**Thomas Dernoga
Councilmember, Prince George's County
Chairman, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee**

In July 2002, the COG Board of Directors approved COG's first series of regional activity centers maps based on its Round 6 cooperative forecasts of populations, households and jobs. The regional activity centers maps have been helpful in depicting patterns of land use and transportation planning and infrastructure investments. In taking this action, the Board agreed to update the maps following adoption of each major round of forecasts. The Round 7 update to the regional activity centers maps was overseen by COG's Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R33-07.

B. Outcomes and Recommended Next Steps on Envision Greater Washington

(1:25 – 1:40 p.m.)

David Robertson, Executive Director

Chairman Dernoga

COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region co-convened work groups to review and make recommendations on a proposal to launch a regional visioning campaign, known as Envision Greater Washington, which was developed by a 50 member, multi-sector organizing committee in early 2006. This effort arose following the Reality Check on Growth event in February 2005 and the Potomac Conference in February 2006. COG's Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, as the COG Board's principal policy advisor on growth and development, also monitored and reviewed the Envision Greater Washington proposal. A recent staff business plan expanded on the Envision Greater Washington proposal completed by the organizing committee in July 2006. The COG Board will be briefed on the outcomes and recommended next steps on Envision Greater Washington.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R34-07.

10. MEMBER TIME

(1:40 – 2:00 p.m.)

Chairman Gray will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

(A). Chairman Gray will recommend appointments to the following standing and ad hoc administrative committees for 2007:

- i. Budget and Finance Committee – Responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the COG Board on the proposed FY 2009 work program and budget, and advise the COG Board, as necessary, on COG's budget and financial matters.
- ii. Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee – Responsible for providing oversight to the COG Board on the annual evaluation of the executive director and for advising the COG Board on any revisions to employee compensation and benefits.
- iii. Pension Plan Administrative Committee – Responsible for providing oversight for COG's employee pension plan and for advising the COG Board on any plan amendments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R35-07.



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