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media report

Snow Coordination Remains in the News

Response to the January 26 snowstorm continues to generate much discussion among regional leaders and the media. The National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) discussed the issue at their February meetings and the COG Board will do so during its March meeting. The role of COG, EPC, TPB, and the Metropolitan Area Transportation Coordination Program (MATOC) in improving the region's response to similar events in the future was covered by *The Washington Post*, Fox 5, WUSA 9, WTOP, TBD, and the *Washington Informer*. Dave Robertson, COG's Executive Director, and Tom Jacobs, Director of the University of Maryland's Center for Advanced Transportation Technology, appeared on *NewsTalk* with Bruce DePuyt to discuss the issue. Falls Church Vice Mayor and EPC member Dave Snyder appeared on The Kojo Nnamdi Show on WAMU, along with Neil Pedersen, Maryland State Highway Administrator and Millicent West, Interim Director of D.C. HSEMA to discuss how to prepare better for similar events in the future.

Annual Count of Region's Homeless Covered by Traditional, New Media

Area governments and homeless service providers conducted the eleventh annual enumeration of the region's homeless population in late January. COG collects the data and puts together a report every year indicating the overall count of the region's homeless population and jurisdiction-specific information, as well as data on subpopulations, such as disabled persons, veterans, and persons with mental illness. The enumeration was covered by *The Washington Post*, the *Arlington Sun Gazette*, the *Georgetown Patch*, and the *Washington Afro-American*. Also, two COG housing planners participated in the enumeration. They provided details on the experience on the Region Forward blog and on the COG Facebook page, accessible at www.RegionForward.org and www.facebook.com/MWCOG, respectively.

Community Forum Focuses on Impacts of Helicopter Fly-Overs

In February, COG sponsored a forum in Arlington County on the impacts of helicopter fly-overs on communities in the region. The event was the second on the topic and was covered by the *Washington Examiner* and *ARLnow.com*.



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