



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2017

COMMITTEE WORK FEATURE OUTREACH CALENDAR MEDIA

Policy Boards & Committees

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB)

At its May meeting, the TPB approved eight local projects to receive technical assistance under the Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) program. The board also advanced Maryland's I-270 Innovative Congestion Management project toward inclusion in the region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and heard from a COG technical panel about funding needs for Metro.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE (MWAQC)

The committee continued its review of local actions that can be taken to reduce emissions, particularly recent workshops to advance the use of clean propane or biodiesel powered school buses, as well as an analysis on how market forces affect the sale of lower polluting materials.

CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

The committee met at the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's headquarters in Rockville, MD where county staff provided CBPC members with a tour of various stormwater projects for the Breewood Tributary in the Anacostia Watershed. At its meeting, the committee recommended that COG take action to support continued federal funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program.

CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (CEEPC)

CEEPC heard from a panel on resilience planning initiatives in the region, including the Rockefeller's 100 Resilient Cities project in the District, Maryland Climate Change Commission's Adaptation and Response Working Group, and Northern Virginia Regional Commission's Climate Resilience Roadmap.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL (EPC)

EPC members discussed how the council and its partners can work together to be more prepared for a cybersecurity event, including through community messaging and partnering with information officers across all disciplines.



Event Highlight: OPIOID SUMMIT

At the COG-organized event on May 9, Governors Terry McAuliffe and Larry Hogan and Mayor Muriel Bowser joined about 500 policymakers and public health and safety leaders from across the District, Maryland, and Virginia and pledged to work more closely together to respond to the growing epidemic.

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ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

COG Executive Director Chuck Bean spoke at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in New York about recent COG initiatives to diversify and strengthen the region's economy.

CAO RETREAT

The region's city and county managers and members of their staff gathered for the COG Chief Administrative Officers Committee retreat in National Harbor where they discussed the forthcoming federal budget and its potential effect on local governments.

TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

COG hosted a forum for former and current grantees who received awards through the Federal Transit Administration's Job Access Reverse Commute, New Freedom, and Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities programs. Grantees shared about their efforts to provide better options for seniors and people with disabilities. TPB receives the funds and COG administers the grants.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

COG hosted the Housing Leaders Group of Greater Washington's first *Collective Impact Convening*, a series of cross-sector dialogues among public and private leaders and stakeholders to build solutions for achieving housing affordability in the region.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

COG staff met with the Greater Washington Partnership and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) to identify how to collaborate on workforce development. Staff also met with six different area organizations active in workforce development to discuss future partnerships.

CORRECTIONS CEREMONY

COG sponsored the 26th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of fallen corrections officers. Prince George's County Council Chair Derrick L. Davis provided remarks on behalf of COG.

CLEAN AIR PARTNERS

Clean Air Partners celebrated 20 years of dedication to improving the greater Baltimore-Washington region's air quality at its Annual Awards Celebration. The group, which is co-sponsored by COG and BMC, recognized its Best In Air award winners—industry leaders who have helped decrease air pollution.

LOCAL FOOD

COG hosted *Regional Planning for Local Food Economies*, a meeting to discuss ways to better connect consumers with local food. Attendees learned about best practices from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments in strategic planning for agriculture.



Event Highlight: BIKE TO WORK DAY

Bike to Work Day 2017 broke records with 18,700+ registered participants. COG's Commuter Connections program and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association co-sponsor the event, which is one of the largest of its kind in the nation. (Commuter Connections staff and Chuck Bean pictured at the NoMa pit stop.)

[VIEW PHOTOS, TWEETS FROM BIKE TO WORK DAY](#)

CONTROL SYSTEMS CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP - Jun 13

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE - Jun 16

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - Jun 21

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OPIOID SUMMIT

The summit was attended and covered by 18 news outlets, including *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *Capital Gazette*, *Governing*, WTOP, WMAL, WAMU, WBAL, NBC4, FOX5, ABC7, PGCTV, and DC Cable. [MORE FROM NBC4.](#)

REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS

COG's report on homelessness was covered by *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, WAMU, WTOP, WMAL, DCist, Montgomery Community Media, and PGCTV. [MORE FROM WAMU.](#)

BIKE TO WORK DAY

Bike to Work Day received extensive coverage in local and community media, such as interviews featuring Commuter Connections Director Nick Ramfos on WTOP. [MORE FROM WTOP.](#)

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT

COG's report on commercial construction was covered by WMAL and Construction Dive. [MORE FROM CONSTRUCTION DIVE.](#)

TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The TPB's approval of \$370,000 in funding for eight projects that will support walking, biking, and transit in local communities was covered by WTOP. [MORE FROM WTOP.](#)



Media Highlight: FOSTER PARENTS OF THE YEAR

COG honored the 2017 Foster Parents of the Year before the May COG Board meeting. The Frederick County award winners were three families (pictured), who cared for a group of five siblings and kept them connected with each other.

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