

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION APPROVING ROUND 7.2A COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT
FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, COG designated its Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) as the body responsible for developing these forecasts through the Cooperative Forecasting Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing the fourth update to the Round 7 forecasts based on current development trends and economic and demographic estimates, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of COG's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, which have provided local population, household, and employment forecasts, documentation of methodology and assumptions upon which the forecasts are based, and related analyses for use in the process, and has involved full participation of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 COG adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommends that approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts should occur concurrently with the adoption by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) of the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the MDPC on July 8, 2009 reviewed and recommended approval of the fourth update to the Round 7 cooperative forecasts to reflect inclusion of the Purple Line light rail project and the "Return to L'Enfant" development in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of this amendment to the 2009 Financially Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The Boards approves the fourth update to the Round 7 forecasts that will be called Round 7.2A to distinguish them from likely annual revisions, attached as part of this Resolution to occur concurrently with the adoption by the TPB of the 2009 Financially Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
2. The Board commends the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee for their contributions to the effort to date.
3. The Board charges the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with monitoring the Round 7.2A Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation and the region's economy and modify the Round 7.2A Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.
4. The Committee charges the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with continuing work to develop the Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts.

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