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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: November 12, 2008

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Knapp 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 Michael Knapp
Council President, Montgomery County**

- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp

- a) Election Outcomes
- b) Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, December 10
- c) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o Legislative Report Update
 - o Information Items

- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2008
(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., 11.B., 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., 11.F. and 11.G.

**6. ADOPTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT
(12:25 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Nancy Floreen
Council Member, Montgomery County
Chair, COG Climate Change Steering Committee**

**Stuart A. Freudberg
Director of Environmental Programs, COG**

On April 11, 2007, COG's 50th Anniversary, the Board adopted Resolution R31-07, creating COG's Climate Change initiative and establishing the Climate Change Steering Committee ("Committee"). The Committee's mission was to prepare a report recommending regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, identify best practices, make specific recommendations for regional actions to reduce emissions, evaluate potential regional impacts of climate change, and recommend a committee structure for facilitating regional policy implementation. On July 9, 2008, the Board authorized release of the draft *COG Climate Change Report* for jurisdiction and stakeholder review through September 30, 2008. The report was presented to all COG's major policy committees and nearly all COG members, where valuable feedback was obtained. The committee received over 200 written comments from COG members, non-profits, businesses and individuals. The Committee has addressed the comments and strengthened the report. Ms. Floreen and Mr. Freudberg will summarize the major feedback on the draft report, and present the Committee's final report and recommendations for consideration by the Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R60-08.

**7. BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION UPDATE
(12:55 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**Brigadier General J. Michael Hayes USMC (Ret.)
Director, Office of Military and Federal Affairs
Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development**

**Cyrena Chiles Eitler, AICP
Project Manager
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Office of Economic Adjustment**

In 2005 both COG and TPB staff analyzed the likely impacts of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations for the Washington region. In addition to the base-specific BRAC recommendations, DoD also recommended not renewing leases for many buildings in the region that do not meet the Department's anti-terrorism standards for design and security. The Board will be briefed on significant BRAC activities to date and asked to recommend additional follow-up work by COG staff and committees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. ADOPTION OF 2009 COG STATE POLICY PLATFORM
(1:25 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**David Robertson
Executive Director, COG**

During its annual retreat in July, COG members discussed the need to enhance legislative and policy priorities through greater coordination with state and congressional elected officials. They also identified the issues of sustainability, energy and transportation as opportunities for sharper policy focus by COG. Additionally, COG established a committee comprised of government relations staff from member jurisdictions to help ensure that COG's state and federal policy agenda is coordinated with area governments. Mr. Robertson will summarize recommendations and next steps. The Board will be asked to review and adopt a proposed state policy platform as part of its state outreach to Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia officials in 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R61-08.

**9. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2008 AUDIT
(1:45 – 1:55 p.m.)**

**Abdool Akhran
Bert Smith and Company**

Bert Smith and Company performed COG's FY 2008 audit. A draft of the audit was presented to the Audit Committee at its October 22 meeting. Bert Smith and Company provided an unqualified or "clean" audit for COG.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive FY 2008 Audit.

**10. MEMBER TIME
(1:55 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp 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. Approval of Federal Highway Administration Grant Application and Matching Funds from COG's FY 2009 Contingency Account

At its October 15, 2008 meeting, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) voted to recommend that COG submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration Value Pricing Pilot Program. If approved the grant would support a COG/TPB led study that would build on ongoing scenario analysis. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R62-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application and execute an agreement with FHA in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and to provide the required 20 percent non-federal match of \$80,000 (\$30,000 from the FY 2009 operating and capital contingency and \$50,000 from the proposed FY 2010 work program and budget).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R62-08.

B. Approval of COG Board Policy Advisory Committee Reorganization

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R63-08, approving the merger of the Human Services Policy Committee and the Public Safety Policy Committee effective January 1, 2009. Staff is directed to solicit 2009 appointments to the new Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee as part of its annual process for soliciting appointments and re-appointments to COG policy boards and committees. The rationale for the proposed action is outlined in a staff recommendation memorandum and includes reduced committee related expenses, improved policy and program integration, and more efficient and effective use of member time. The executive director anticipates additional committee and/or staff re-organization in early 2009 as part of management's recommendations on cost-cutting measures in FY 2009 and the proposed FY 2010 work program and budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R63-08.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for Anacostia Forestry-Related Services

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R64-08, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a nine (9) month memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) to receive and expend up to \$25,000 for Anacostia forestry-related services. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$25,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R64-08.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding From the Keith Campbell Foundation In Support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R65-08 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$50,000 in grant funding from the Keith Campbell Foundation to provide contract and staff services in support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$50,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R65-08.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding From the Cafritz Foundation In Support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R66-08 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$50,000 in grant funding from the Cafritz Foundation to provide contract and staff services in support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$50,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R66-08.

F. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive Funds to Provide Executive, Professional, and Technical Secretariat Support that will Contribute to Enhanced Emergency Preparedness in the Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R67-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend \$960,117 through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to provide Executive, Professional, and Technical Secretariat Support. The purpose of the Secretariat Support will be to assist the Emergency Preparedness Council, the Chief Administrative Officers, the Senior Policy Group, Regional Emergency Support Functions, Regional Program Working Groups, State

Administrative Agent, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, and others in enhancing emergency preparedness in the National Capital Region. No COG Matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R67-08.

G. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive Funds to Continue to Provide Support and Maintain for the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS for the NCR.

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R68-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend \$40,000 through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to fund COG's continued support and maintenance for the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System in the National Capital Region. No COG Matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R68-08.



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