

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING SCOPE OF WORK TO
UPDATE THE REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTERS MAPS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the association of local governments in the Washington metropolitan region and is comprised of local, state and federal elected officials representing 20 local governments in the region; and

WHEREAS, among its diverse responsibilities, COG is responsible for assisting local governments in the Washington metropolitan region with the identification, analysis and resolution of problems and issues related to metropolitan growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization responsible for directing the continuing transportation planning process carried on cooperatively by the states and local governments in the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, in October 1998 the TPB adopted its Transportation Vision, a broad-based vision planning process, which identified better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning as one of its six goals; and

WHEREAS, to further the goal of better inter-jurisdictional coordination, the Transportation Vision further recommended as one objective, a composite general land use and transportation map of the region that identifies the key elements needed for regional transportation planning --- regional activity centers, principal transportation corridors and facilities, and designated "green space"; and

WHEREAS, in April 2002 the COG Board of Directors and the TPB approved the final maps of Regional Activity Centers and Clusters based on the Round 6.1 Cooperative Forecasts of employment, population and household growth; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps have been widely used as a planning tool in applications including the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study and the "Reality Check on Growth" event; and

WHEREAS, in approving the final Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps the COG Board and TPB directed that the maps be updated following the completion of each new major "Round" of Cooperative Forecasts; and

WHEREAS, in October 2005, the COG Board approved the Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts.

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

1. The COG Board of Directors approves the attached scope of work for updating the maps of Regional Activity Centers and Clusters.

2. The Board directs that COG staff and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee continue to coordinate the updates of the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters with the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, TPB and TPB Technical Committee.