

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: July 11, 2012

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

District of Columbia

*Bladensburg**

Bowie

Charles County

College Park

Frederick

Frederick County

Gaithersburg

Greenbelt

Montgomery County

Prince George's County

Rockville

Takoma Park

Alexandria

Arlington County

Fairfax

Fairfax County

Falls Church

Loudoun County

Manassas

Manassas Park

Prince William

**Adjunct Member*

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Principi will begin the meeting promptly at 12:00 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 Frank Principi
Supervisor, Prince William County**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

Chairman Principi

- a) **COG 2012 Leadership Planning and Work Session (July 20-21)**
- b) **Executive Director Search Committee Update**

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

- a) **Outreach**
- b) **Legislative and Regulatory Update**
- c) **Information and Follow-Up**
- d) **Letters Sent/Received**
- e) **General Counsel's Report**

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2012
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

CONSENT AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (12:25 – 12:30 p.m.)

A. APPROVE THE ROUND 8.1 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS (Resolution Revised)

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R27-2012, adopting the Round 8.1 Cooperative Forecasts. In February, the Board was briefed on the draft Round 8.1 Cooperative Forecasts of population, households and employment to the year 2040 and approved their use as inputs by the National Capital Transportation Planning Board (TPB) staff in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2012 Financially Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and the FY2013 to 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TPB released the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis on June 14, 2012, and is scheduled to approve the results and adopt the CLRP and TIP at its July 18 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R27-2012

B. APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN'S NOMINATION OF A NEW MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE PENSION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R28-2012, regarding the nomination of Councilmember Valerie Ervin, Montgomery County, to serve on the COG Pension Plan Administrative Committee. There are three COG member slots on the Pension Plan Administrative Committee. One slot is currently vacant following the election defeat of Sheryl Bass, City of Manassas. The Pension Plan Administrative Committee is responsible for advising the COG Board concerning COG's defined benefit pension plan, including investment policy, asset allocation, and plan benefits and contributions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R28-2012

C. APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE COG 2013 LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R29-2012, approving the recommended 2013 Legislative Task Force appointments. In addition to the Board Chair and two Vice Chairs, each of COG's independent policy Board and advisory committees will be asked to appoint a representative. The Task Force will review staff and committee recommendations for COG's 2013 legislative priorities, an important tool to showcase the region's priorities as officials prepare for their 2013 legislative sessions. The COG Board will take action on the recommendation in the fall. Upon adoption, the recommendations will then become part of COG's outreach activities and communication products in early 2013.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R29-2012

D. APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF GREEHAN, TAVES, PANDAK & STONER PLLC

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R30-2012, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to amend the contract with Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner for legal support. The COG Board approved a three-year (FY 2011, FY 2012 and FY 2013) contract in July 2010 following a competitive solicitation. The proposed contract amendment will increase the FY 2013 monthly retainer from \$10,000 to \$11,000 based on an analysis of COG's requirements for legal support. Funding to support legal expenses is included in COG's FY 2013 indirect cost allocation plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R30-2012

E. APPROVE CONTRACT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE TRI-STATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The COG Board will be asked to approve Resolution R31-2012, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to amend funding agreements with the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia transportation agencies to support WMATA safety oversight activities of the Tri-State Oversight Committee in FY 2013. The Tri-State Oversight Committee (TOC) is a joint effort of the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Transportation, and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to oversee safety and security at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) rail system.

The three state transportation agencies provide annual funding to COG for administrative and contractual support to TOC, principally through a contractual agreement with TRA, Inc. to provide technical safety resources to TOC and other consultant support. COG receives an administrative fee to support its project management and related costs. COG will receive FY 2013 state transportation agency funding in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 to support TRA technical and oversight activities and other consultant support. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R31-2012

F. APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENGAGE IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSULTANT SUPPORT FOR REGION FORWARD ACTIVITY CENTER STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLANNING

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R32-2012, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute consulting contracts in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 to be used to support work on the Activity Centers and implementation of *Region Forward*. The project will develop place-based economic development recommendations for Activity Centers designed to support local governments' efforts to enhance, market, and improve activity centers based on physical assets and market strength and to create a range of options for how Activity Centers can support Region Forward. Funding to support this project is included in COG's FY2012 and FY2013 Work Program and Budget as well as from in-kind resources from partner organizations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R32-2012

G. APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE EPA WATERSENSE PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R33-2012, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Watersense Program to educate and encourage citizens in the National Capital Region to use their drinking water wisely by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products and services. This program is free; there is not cost to COG.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R33-2012

H. APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS UNDER EPA'S NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING ASSISTANT THROUGH THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (DDOE) FOR "REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM MARINE VESSELS IN WASHINGTON, D.C." (New Item and Resolution)

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R34-2012, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive Grant Funds under EPA's National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance through the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) for "Reducing Emissions from Marine Vessels in Washington , D.C." The National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance grant of \$287,517 for 9 months will involve replacing the propulsion and auxilliary engines with new engines that have lower emission rates and are more efficient. The project will be done in partnership with Premier Yachts, Inc., which owns and operates a passenger vessel in Washington, D.C., known as the Odyssey.

Diesel retrofits in the project will reduce annual NOx and fine particle emissions in the region, improving the health of residents and providing needed reductions for the region to meet the ozone and fine particle standard. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments will administer the project. No COG match is requested. COG will administer funds to procure the new replacement engines. The equipment owner will cover the costs of the installation of the engines.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R34-2012

ACTION AGENDA

**7. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 29 STORMS (New Item and Resolution)
(12:30 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Stephen Souder, Director
Department of 9-1-1/Public Safety Communications
Fairfax County, Virginia**

**Sharon Pandak
COG General Counsel**

**David Robertson
COG Executive Director**

The National Capital Region experienced several deaths and injuries, widespread property damage, and severe service disruption to electric power, telecommunications, and water infrastructure as a result of the June 29 Derecho storm. Chairman Principi and several elected officials have called for a strong role by COG and area local governments to identify problems following the storm, particularly affecting 9-1-1 service to the public, and short-term and long-term solutions. The Board will be briefed by senior staff from one of the affected 9-1-1 centers, as well as by COG staff on the investigations being launched by federal and state agencies and COG's proposed actions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution R35-2012.

SPECIAL MONTHLY LEARNING SESSION

**8. ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS: LEARNING SESSION – INDUSTRY LEADERS PANEL
(1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)**

This month marks the fifth Economic Growth and Competitiveness learning session. It features a panel of industry leaders from across the National Capital Region who have been asked to address opportunities for growth in their respective industries. They will take a look at the factors that have led to their company’s success thus far and discuss potential barriers to future growth. In addition, they will share their thoughts about whether there is a role for regional organizations like COG to help strengthen the economic competitiveness of the region.

Panelists below are experts in the areas of manufacturing, cyber security, professional services, and research:

Kathy Broadwater
Deputy Executive Director
Maryland Port Administration
Baltimore

Stuart L. Solomon
Managing Director
Metro Washington Office
Accenture

George Schu
Senior Vice President
Booz Allen Hamilton

Joe Vidulich
Manager, Public Policy
Northern Virginia Technology Council

Candace H. Duncan
Managing Partner, Washington Metro Area
KPMG

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation and discussion.

**9. ADJOURN - NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
(2:00 p.m.)**



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