



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COG Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report – June 2022  
**DATE:** June 1, 2022

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### POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

**National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)** – At its May meeting, the TPB approved the 2022 update of the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region*, reviewed comments received on the *Visualize 2045* long-range transportation plan update, and received a briefing on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program performance targets for 2022 to 2025. Prior to the TPB meeting, the board held a follow-up climate strategies work session to further discuss greenhouse gas reduction goals and strategies for the transportation sector based on results of a TPB member questionnaire and earlier April work session.

**Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC)** – In May, MWAQC members received an ozone season update, as the 2022 ozone season kicked off in April, covering changes to the forecast regions which provide more localized information. MWAQC also received a briefing on air quality planning activities related to the 2015 ozone standard.

**Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)** – At its May meeting, CEEPC focused on electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure deployment. Members participated in a roundtable update to share local progress, learned about EV funding coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, and discussed how the region can take advantage of that funding. The proposed project to prepare for the funding includes local EV ownership projections and an EV infrastructure charging analysis to identify where infrastructure is needed.

**Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC)** – In May, CBPC members received updates on the Chesapeake Bay Program, environmental health issues and policies to address including microplastics in waterways, and upcoming messaging strategies for Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week June 4-12.



### LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS WORK TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY

Officials from across the region joined together on May 20 at COG to participate in a racial equity workshop led by the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) to further their knowledge and develop strategies for addressing racial inequities collaboratively.

**Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC)** – In May, HSPC focused on expanding mental health services to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and learned about current efforts in Prince William County. Members also heard from community leaders about their efforts to address racial equity in mental and behavioral health care.

**National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC)** – In May, the EPC discussed shared challenges and approaches in workforce recruitment, training, and retainment and were briefed on a number of potential regional projects to address workforce challenges. Members also discussed an emphasis on individual cyber preparedness through a regional campaign, as well as the need for rapid communication between jurisdictions/organizations when cyberattacks occur.

## OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

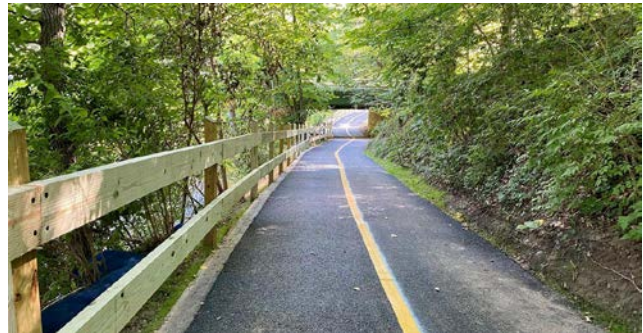
**2030 Framework** – COG Executive Director Chuck Bean presented *Region United* to Charles County, the City of Frederick, and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure and Land Use Committee.

**Climate and Energy** - Under the leadership of the EPA Region III Director Adam Ortiz, the first EPA Mid-Atlantic Region Summit was held on May 25 and focused on equity and climate change. COG Climate, Energy, and Air Program Director Jeff King and Environmental Planner Maia Davis presented in sessions sharing COG's equity and climate resilience initiatives.

COG's DMV Climate Partners launched a subscription campaign for its e-newsletter which provides the latest climate news, events, funding alerts, job alerts, and resources for residents every week.

**Bike to Work Day 2022** – COG's Commuter Connections Program, in partnership with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, hosted the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Bike to Work Day on May 20. This year's event boasted over 13,500 registrants and 96 pit stops around the region offering fun giveaways, free t-shirts, food, and beverages.

**Go Recycle** – Starting in June, COG will be running its annual Go Recycle campaign, a regional effort to help educate area residents about the benefits of recycling and how to do it properly. Visit, [www.gorecycle.org](http://www.gorecycle.org) for more information and resources.



### TPB APPROVES UPDATED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

The plan update draws from local bicycle and pedestrian and land-use plans, includes over 1,600 individual, locally prioritized projects, and highlights how bicycle and pedestrian planning priorities relate to the TPB's priority areas.

[Learn more about the plan](#)

## **MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**

**COG Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington report** – *DC region registers drop in homelessness*

[WTOP](#) – [Quotes COG Housing Programs Manager Hilary Chapman.](#)

**2030 Framework presentation for City of Frederick** – *Official: Washington region must focus growth around transit*

[Frederick News-Post](#) – [Quotes COG Executive Director Chuck Bean.](#)