

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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PROPOSED RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING OPPOSITION TO ADDITIONAL SLOTS AND PERIMETER CHANGES AT REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a long standing position on the governance and land use and noise compatibility policy at Reagan Washington National Airport; and

WHEREAS, COG supports maintaining the existing slot rule of 60 landings and takeoffs per hour and a non-stop 1,250 mile rule at Reagan Washington National Airport; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board of Directors created the Aviation Policy Committee to provide a broad, balanced, and integrated perspective on matters relating to airport and aircraft policies in the Washington Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the slot and high density rules have been effective in "capping" noise at Reagan Washington National Airport; and

WHEREAS, the current Reagan Washington National Part 150 Noise Exposure and Compatibility Study, which was submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration in 2004, was developed using existing high density and slot and perimeter rules for forecasting future operations at the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Part 150 Planning effort was a collaborative effort between the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and COG; and

WHEREAS, Reagan Washington National Airport's important role in our region must be carefully balanced against its noise and environmental impacts on the residents of the region; and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan Washington region continues to be adversely impacted by noise from Reagan Washington National Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Region has not asked for expansion at Reagan Washington National Airport and has a stated policy of encouraging air expansion at Dulles National Airport.

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

1. The COG Board of Directors opposes efforts to usurp regional and local authority over airports and reaffirms its position opposing additional slots and perimeter rule changes at Reagan Washington National Airport.
2. The Chair of the COG Board shall communicate this position to: the Chief Elected Officials of all COG member jurisdictions; all members of the regional congressional delegation of the United States Congress; the Chair and members of the appropriate congressional committees; and the President of the United States.