



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 2016

COMMITTEE WORK FEATURE OUTREACH CALENDAR MEDIA

Policy Boards & Committees

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB)

Area officials gathered in November to mark the 50th anniversary of the TPB at a reception featuring remarks by current and former TPB members and staff. [CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO RECAP](#). In November and December, the TPB also received a series of briefings on Metro, including Momentum, Metro's strategic plan, and a discussion of how the TPB and local jurisdictions can best support WMATA in the future.

CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY COMMITTEE (CBPC)

The CBPC convened members of the EPA, Chesapeake Bay Program, and the states for the fifth annual Bay and Water Quality Forum in November. They highlighted regional water quality achievements and challenges and planned future joint actions to enhance the region's local waters and the Bay. In 2016, participants plan to coordinate federal-state-local actions on climate resiliency, source water protection, and sound public communication about the value of water.

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE (HSPSPC)

Virginia Commonwealth University's Dr. Steven Woolf briefed the HSPSPC at their November meeting on the importance of Health in All Policies (HiAP)—a cross-sector approach to tackling health inequities—to begin a discussion of how HiAP might be implemented locally or regionally. The committee also welcomed DC Department of Behavioral Health's Kevin O'Brien for a review of behavioral health intervention and support initiatives for disasters and emergency situations.



Heart of COG:

LISA RAGAIN AND THE PARALLELS BETWEEN WATER SECURITY AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Although COG Principal Water Planner Lisa Ragain (*third from left*) has been working on water protection and communication since the 1990s, her expertise doesn't end there. She's lending her skills to the improvement of another important infrastructure system—Metro.

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COG ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Glen Hiemstra, Futurist.com Founder and CEO, delivered the keynote address at the Annual Meeting. His presentation focused on technological advancements and their impact on car ownership, accidents, travel patterns, and urban and transportation planning in the future. During the awards portion of the meeting, COG recognized Scott York (Loudoun County) and Marc Bashoor (Prince George's County) for their regional leadership, as well as the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for their partnership.

CITY AND COUNTY MANAGERS RETREAT

At the Chief Administrative Officers and Economic Development Directors Retreat on December 2, more than 60 city and county managers and economic officials from across the region gathered to discuss the region's competitiveness.

GLOBAL CITIES INITIATIVE

COG's Chuck Bean and Paul DesJardin joined other private and public sector leaders from the District, Maryland, and Virginia at Brookings' Global Cities Initiative forum to discuss strategies to help the region compete in the global marketplace.

VIGILANCE AND PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

In the wake of recent terrorist attacks, COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, and the American Red Cross of the National Capital Region sponsored a special briefing for business and government officials on vigilance and preparedness. Speakers included the FBI's Special Agent-in-Charge for the District, local police chiefs, and private security experts.

HOMELESS SERVICES

COG's Hilary Chapman and the Homeless Services Committee hosted the 2016 Point-in-Time Homeless Enumeration training on December 8. Additionally, staff hosted HUD DC Field Office staff and Danish Embassy guests on December 10 to discuss policy efforts for ending homelessness.

ADOPTION EXPO

Child Welfare Program staff participated in the "Adoption Expo" at the Carnegie Library in the District of Columbia on December 5, attended by more than 200 prospective adoptive or foster parents.



Member Feature:
**REGIONAL ACTIONS,
COOPERATION WILL SUPPORT
NEW GLOBAL CLIMATE GOALS**

Achieving the global goals forged in Paris will require actions by countries and regions alike. With a renewed commitment, officials said, metropolitan Washington is prepared to do its part.

D.C. Department of Energy's Tommy Wells and Department of General Services' Mark Chambers accept award from C40.

Credit: C40.

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - January 20

JOINT MEETING OF MWAQC AND CEEPC - January 27

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS - February 10

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FTA ADMINISTRATOR BRIEFS COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In November, NBC4, WAMU, and WTOP covered FTA Administrator Therese McMillan’s remarks before the COG Board of Directors on safety oversight of Metro. [CLICK HERE FOR THE WAMU STORY.](#)

COG GATHERS SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR VIGILANCE BRIEFING

COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, and the American Red Cross of the National Capital Region hosted area officials for a briefing on vigilance in the wake of recent terrorist attacks. The briefing was covered by NBC4 and the Washington Business Journal. [CLICK HERE FOR THE VIDEO.](#)

OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE AT COG ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Leadership Meeting and Awards Luncheon, COG recognized Loudoun County Chairman Scott York and Prince George’s County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor for their regional leadership, and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for their partnership with COG. [CLICK HERE FOR A FEATURE ON YORK BY LOUDOUN NOW](#) AND [HERE FOR A FEATURE ON BASHOOR BY THE SENTINEL.](#)

CHUCK BEAN DISCUSSES POTENTIAL FOR REGIONAL EXPORT PLAN

Executive Director Chuck Bean talked with the Washington Business Journal about growing interest in developing a regional export plan. He specifically discussed the regional efforts to apply for the Brookings Institution’s Global Cities Initiative for help in developing a regional strategy to boost exports. [CLICK HERE FOR THE ARTICLE.](#)



Media Highlight:
PLAN LEARNED FROM FIRE OFFICIALS HELPS ALEXANDRIA CHILD, FAMILY ESCAPE BURNING HOME

Five year old Gabby Mushawar of Alexandria used what she learned from a fire safety obstacle course to help her family evacuate their burning home. The course, “Plan Your Great Escape” is designed and staffed by COG’s Life Safety Committee.

Credit: WTOP

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