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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: March 11, 2009**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**PLACE: COG Board Room**

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.  
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
(12:00 Noon)**

**Chairman Penelope Gross  
Vice Chairman, Fairfax County**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**

**Chairman Gross**

- a) NARC Conference Outcomes**
- b) Proposed FY 2010 Federal Budget**
- c) Executive Director's Report**
  - Outreach
  - Letters Sent/Received
  - Legislative Report Update
  - Information Items

**3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2009  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution 9.A.**

**6. IMPLEMENTATION OF COG POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITY- REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)  
(12:25 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**Panel**

**Amy Liu**  
**Deputy Director**  
**Greater Washington Research at Brookings**

**Ron Kirby**  
**Director, Transportation Planning**  
**COG**

**Preston Bryant, Jr.**  
**Secretary of Natural Resources**  
**Commonwealth of Virginia**

**Clarence J. Snuggs**  
**Deputy Secretary of Housing and Community Development**  
**State of Maryland**

At its February 11 meeting the COG Board was briefed on general provisions included in the initial House and Senate versions of the federal stimulus legislation. On February 17 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), a \$787 billion stimulus package comprised of federal spending and tax cuts aimed at reviving the nation's economy and saving or creating millions of jobs. Widely recognized as the first step to a slow recovery, many have speculated on the plan's implications for state and local economies. A respondent panel will briefly examine four ARRA issues of importance to the National Capital Region and their impact on area governments: 1) economic recovery; 2) transportation; 3) energy; and 4) housing and community development. The COG Board will discuss implementation of regional stimulus priorities. Staff will recommend additional work by COG in support of stimulus implementation in the National Capital Region.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and approve recommendations for additional COG work on stimulus implementation.**

**7. FINDINGS OF THE "HOW SAFE ARE OUR ROADS" REPORT  
(1:25 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Kurt Erickson, President**  
**Washington Regional Alcohol Program**

The "How Safe Are Our Roads?" report prepared by COG for the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and other studies underscore the seriousness of the problem of impaired driving, automobile accidents and especially accidents involving teen drivers. Several states have begun to enact tougher laws to address these problems. The COG Board will be briefed on key study findings, a comparison of District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia laws, and possible new measures to promote driver education and toughen enforcement.

**ACTION: Adopt Resolution R14-09.**

**8. IMPLEMENTATION OF COG POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITY – APPROVAL OF WORKFORCE COMPETITIVENESS TASK FORCE  
(1:40 – 1:55 p.m.)**

**David Robertson  
Executive Director**

**Sarah Looney Oldmixon  
Greater Washington Workforce Development Collaborative**

As part of its policy focus and priorities for 2009, the COG Board agreed to appoint a Regional Workforce Competitiveness Task Force to oversee COG's work with partner organizations to examine and advance recommendations to strengthen economic development and workforce competitiveness in the National Capital Region. The Board will be briefed on the activities of the Greater Washington Workforce Development Collaborative, which is supported by the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. The Board will also establish and appoint members to a task force and approve an initial work scope.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R15-09.**

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR STORAGE AREA NETWORK REPLACEMENT**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R16-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Accelerera Solutions to update COG's Storage Area Network (SAN). COG's current SAN, the central shared data storage repository for most of COG's servers, is at the end of its shelf-life and warranty in June 2009. A request for proposals was issued in December 2008. The proposal from Accelerera Solutions, a disadvantaged business enterprise, was selected through a competitive bid. The total cost for hardware and services is not to exceed \$175,000 and is included in COG's FY 2009 Work Program and Budget and indirect cost allocation. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R16-09.**



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