



REGION FORWARD COALITION

2018 WORK PLAN

INTRODUCTION

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG):

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is an independent, nonprofit association that brings area leaders together to address major regional issues in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. COG’s membership is comprised of 300 elected officials from 22 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress.

REGION FORWARD:

Region Forward is a commitment by COG and its member governments, who together seek to create a more **prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable** metropolitan Washington. Region Forward includes goals, targets, and the Greater Washington 2050 Compact, a voluntary agreement to motivate area governments and stakeholders to advance the vision.

REGION FORWARD COALITION:

The Regional Forward Coalition provides cross-cutting regional policy capacity and long-range regional planning recommendations to the COG Board. With members from public, private and non-profit sectors, primary responsibilities include:

- Overseeing progress toward Region Forward goals;
- Using Region Forward as a guide to update the Regional Activity Centers;
- Creating clear strategies and initiatives to support the transformation of regional centers into Complete Communities.

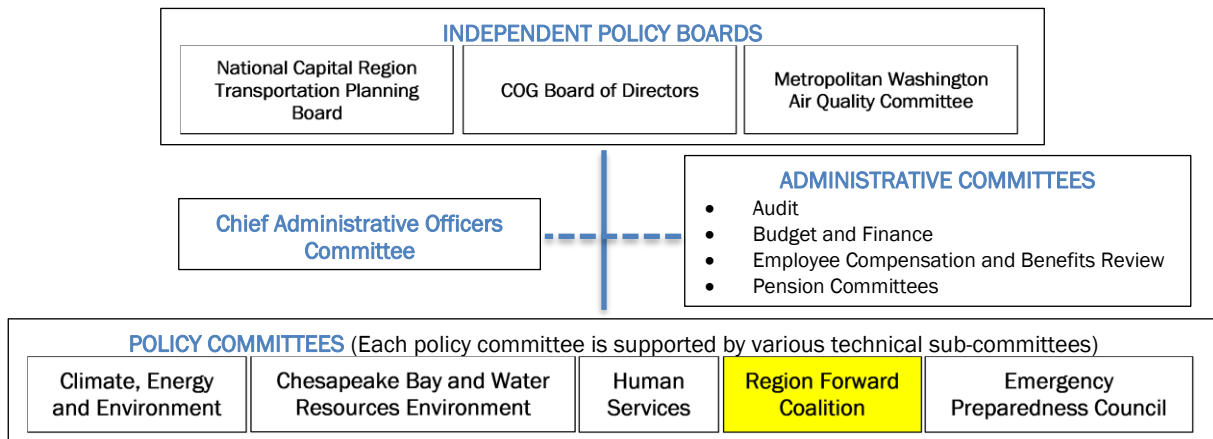


Figure 1 COG Policy Committees

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials. Visit www.mwcog.org/accommodations or call (202) 962-3300 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD).

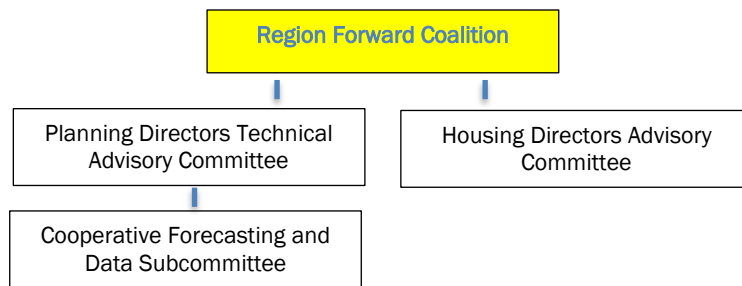


Figure 2 Region Forward and its technical sub-committees

2018 GOALS

This workplan covers projects to occur between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Three main goals include:

- Dedicate each meeting to one of the four Region Forward pillars: Prosperity, Sustainability, Accessibility, and Livability.
- Measure progress toward Region Forward goals by updating indicators and developing dashboard.
- Highlight and generate discussion about creative and inventive policies, practices, projects that help metropolitan Washington achieve the goals laid out in Region Forward.

MEETING OUTLINE

Prosperity – January 26

- VoicesDMV
- Economic inclusion and growth
- 2018 Kogod Millennial Index
- Update on Prosperity Targets

Coalition Members are encouraged to propose topics for the three remaining meetings in 2018:

Sustainability – April 27

- Resiliency
- Regional food systems and preserving agricultural land
- Green building / LEED
- Air quality
- Water quality
- Open space, parks, green infrastructure

Accessibility – July 27

- Commercial construction report
- Adaptive reuse / Office/Retail Conversion
- Transportation
 - Update on Long Range Transportation Plan / Visualize 2045
 - Long Range Plan Task Force

Livability – October 26

- Update on Health Indicators report
- Housing affordability
- Public safety and community engagement