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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: December 12, 2007
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

- District of Columbia*
- Bladensburg**
- Bowie*
- College Park*
- Frederick*
- Frederick County*
- Gaithersburg*
- Greenbelt*
- Montgomery County*
- Prince George's County*
- Rockville*
- Takoma Park*
- Alexandria*
- Arlington County*
- Fairfax*
- Fairfax County*
- Falls Church*
- Loudoun County*
- Manassas*
- Manassas Park*
- Prince William County*
- *Adjunct member*

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

AGENDA

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

Chairman Vincent Gray
Council Chair, District of Columbia
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2007**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)

Chairman Gray
 - a) APA/NCAC Award to COG/TPB Transportation Land Use Connection Program
 - b) WRAP "How Safe Are Our Roads" Report
 - c) Recognition of Outgoing COG Board Members
 - d) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o Legislative Report Update
4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 13.A., 13.B., 13.C., 13.D., 13.E. and 13.F.

**6. REPORT ON COG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
(12:25 – 12:35 p.m.)**

**Carol Schwartz
Councilmember At Large, District of Columbia
Chairman, COG 50th Anniversary Committee**

In 2007, the COG Board established a special 50th Anniversary Committee chaired by District of Columbia Councilmember Carol Schwartz and approved a work program and budget for a year-long series of activities and events, culminating in a Gala in November 2007. Chairman Schwartz will highlight anniversary outcomes, including final budget information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ON GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 INITIATIVE
(12:35 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Tom Dernoga
Councilmember, Prince George's County
Chairman, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee**

**Michael Knapp
Councilmember, Montgomery County
Vice Chairman, COG Board of Directors**

At its October meeting, the COG Board of Directors approved Resolution R62-07, establishing the Greater Washington 2050 initiative and asking the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee to develop a proposed work program and budget, schedule, staffing plan, and membership and governance plan for final review by the COG Board prior to an expected launch in January 2008. Chairman Dernoga will highlight MDPC's recommendations. Vice Chairman Knapp will discuss the proposed Greater Washington 2050 effort in the context of COG's strategic plan and the outcomes from the Futures Forum.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R70-07.

**8. BRIEFING ON UPCOMING MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
(12:55 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Bill Bronrott
Delegate, Maryland General Assembly**

**Jim Scott
Delegate, Virginia General Assembly**

The Maryland and Virginia General Assemblies will convene in early 2008 to address a wide-range of state, local and regional issues. Delegates Bronrott and Scott will brief the COG Board on issues of particular relevance to COG policies and programs. In addition, the Board will be briefed on plans for COG outreach in Annapolis and Richmond during the legislative sessions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**9. REVIEW AND ENDORSEMENT OF COG GREEN BUILDING REPORT
(1:10 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**Stuart A. Freudberg, Director
COG Department of Environmental Programs**

**Joan Kelsch, Chair
Intergovernmental Green Building Group
Arlington County**

At its July meeting, the COG Board approved the draft Green Building Report for transmittal to members for a 60 day comment period which ended September 10, 2007. At its November meeting, the CAOs endorsed the report for action by the COG Board. The Green Building Report -- prepared by the Intergovernmental Green Building Working Group -- identifies green building recommendations and proposes guidelines for adoption of green building policy for the Metropolitan Washington region. Mr. Freudberg and Ms. Kelsch will present the final report recommendations, including response to comments, and outline future activities of the Intergovernmental Green Building Group.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R71-07.

**10. APPROVAL OF ROUND 7.1 COOPERATIVE FORECAST
(1:25 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Paul DesJardin
Chief of Housing and Planning, COG**

Since 1975, the COG Board of Directors has maintained the Cooperative Forecasting Program for preparing official forecasts of employment population, and household growth for the COG member jurisdictions. In March, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved a request from several jurisdictions to modify the Round 7.0a Cooperative Forecasts to reflect local land use changes, including the Base Realignment and Closure Recommendations (BRAC). Consistent with COG policy, the Board will be asked to approve the new Round 7.1 Cooperative Forecasts concurrent with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2007 financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). The TPB is scheduled to approve the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis during their meeting on January 16, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R72-07.

**11. FY 2008 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
(1:40 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**J Davis
Mayor, City of Greenbelt
COG Secretary-Treasurer**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's FY 2008 first quarter financial report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.

**12. MEMBER TIME
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Gray will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive a Grant from the District of Columbia State Administrative Agent to Provide Support for the National Capital Region Strategic Hazard Identification Evaluation for Leadership Decisions (NCR/Shield) Project

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R73-07, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee, to receive a grant in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million to support implementation of the UASI funded elements of the National Capital Region Strategic Hazard Identification Evaluation for Leadership Decisions (NCR|SHIELD) project. The Executive Director is further authorized to execute one or more contracts as may be required to obtain consultant assistance to conduct the approved project work program. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration will not exceed 2 years.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R73-07.

B. Resolution Authorizing COG to Fund Training and Exercises Activities Approved by ETOP

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R74-07, approving a proposal authorizing COG to fund training and exercise activities when they are approved by the Exercise and Training Operations Panel (ETOP). The purpose of the initiative is to provide responsive support to ETOP in developing and/or conducting training and exercises as requested Regional Emergency Support Functions (RESFs), Regional Program Working Groups (RPWGs), and others to improve preparedness in the region. COG is being provided \$1,848,858 through a Subgrant from the SAA to fund ETOP approved training and exercise activities. No COG Matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R74-07.

C. Resolution Authorizing COG to Fund Information Technology Initiatives in Accordance with Guidance Received from the SAA on Behalf of the Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R75-07, authorizing the Executive Director to receive UASI grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000. These funds will be used to fund information technology initiatives in accordance with guidance from the SAA based on approval from the Senior Policy Group and the Chief Administrative Officers Committee that is consistent with DHS funding guidelines. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R75-07

D. Resolution Authorizing Continued Support for the “Work of Heart” Respite Program

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R76-07, authorizing the Executive Director to accept grant funds from District of Columbia’s Child and Family Services Agency in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to support the “Work of Heart” respite program. Since March 2004, COG has developed and implemented a respite program for the District of Columbia’s foster children providing overnight and weekend placements and other valuable services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R76-07.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into Agreements to Receive and Disburse Funds in Support of the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative Public Information Campaign

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R77-07 authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to enter into an agreement with the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) to pass through funds received from COG members in support of the AFF’s Regional Public Education Campaign in accordance with an approved expenditure plan; and to enter into agreements with one or more COG members to receive funds as they may agree to contribute in support of the Campaign. COG will receive an administrative fee from the funds collected. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R77-07.

F. Resolution Authorizing COG to Execute a MOU with WMATA for a Metrobus On-Board Bus Survey and to Contract with a Consulting Firm to Conduct the Survey

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R78-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute an MOU between COG and WMATA to receive \$750,000 to fund the 2008 Metrobus On-Board Survey. A consulting firm will be chosen to conduct the survey, as stipulated in the MOU, through a competitive bidding process; in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R78-08.



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