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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: October 10, 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)

Chairman Gray
 - a) COG 50th Anniversary Gala – November 15
 - b) Call for Award Nominations – October 15
 - c) METREX Conference 2008
 - d) Save for Retirement Week October 21 – 27
 - e) 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 12.A., 12.B., and 12.C.

**6. ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 INITIATIVE
(12:25 – 12:50 p.m.)**

**Sharon Bulova
Supervisor, Fairfax County**

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

In April 2007, the COG Board charged the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) with reviewing the outcomes of the Envision Greater Washington effort in 2006. Specifically, the Board asked MDPC to identify initiative goals and objectives and a governance structure that could be implemented by COG to address four broad principles tied to COG's strategic plan. MDPC presented its recommendations to elected and appointed officials attending the COG annual retreat in July 2007 and in a follow up briefing to the COG Board in September. COG solicited additional comments from member governments and business, civic and environmental stakeholders. The Board will be asked to adopt the proposed Greater Washington 2050 work program and budget for launch in January 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report and adopt Resolution R62-07.

**7. UPDATE ON REGIONAL PAWN DATABASE
(12:50 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**Captain Eddie Reyes
Alexandria Police Department**

The Regional Pawn Database Sharing System (RPDSS) was developed by COG and its Police Chiefs Committee to serve the National Capital Region. Nineteen local law enforcement agencies in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and numerous other law enforcement agencies at the federal or regional levels, have been authorized to share pawn transaction data through this Web enabled project and use the system for investigative purposes. RPDSS has recently drawn opposition from organizations like the National Pawnbrokers Association (NPA) that wish reduce the effectiveness of this tool by introducing legislation at the state and federal levels to weaken reporting requirements. Mr. Reyes will brief the Board on the program and efforts to undermine its value. The Board will be asked to adopt R63-07 approving the transmittal of a letter to its state and federal delegations opposing these efforts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R63-07.

**8. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED FEDERAL ENERGY LEGISLATION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND PROVIDE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND TRAINING GRANTS
(1:05 – 1:20 p.m.)**

**Roger Berliner,
Councilmember, Montgomery County
Member, COG Climate Change Steering Committee**

COG's Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC), created by the Board in April, has reviewed proposed federal energy legislation, and at its meeting on September 26, 2007, endorsed 4 provisions that will make significant contributions toward reduction of greenhouse gases in our region, as well as provide grant funds for energy efficiency to local governments and worker training on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The CCSC recommends that the Board transmit a letter to the leadership of the

House and Senate, as well as area members of the Congressional delegation, that (1) supports an automobile mileage standard ("CAFÉ") of 35 mpg; (2) a federal standard requiring 15% of electricity to be generated from renewable sources by 2020; (3) an Energy Efficiency Block Grants program for local governments; (4) Training grants for jobs associated with energy efficiency and renewable energy. Mr. Berliner will brief the Board on these recommendations, their benefits to our region, and seek approval of Resolution R64-07.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R64-07.

9. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES

(1:20 – 1:30 p.m.)

**Lee Ruck
General Counsel, COG**

On March 14, 2007 the Board authorized creation of a Bylaws Committee to review current Bylaws and Rules of Procedure and to recommend changes where appropriate. The Committee presented its report informally at the COG Retreat in July where there was general concurrence with the recommendations. Revised Bylaws and Procedures will be presented for approval.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report and adopt Resolution R65-07.

10. REVIEW AND ACTION ON BUDGET AND FISCAL MATTERS

(1:30– 1:45 p.m.)

The COG Board of Directors will be asked to review and act on several pending budget and fiscal matters:

(A) Acceptance of FY 2007 Audit

**Abdool Akhran
Bert Smith and Company**

Bert Smith and Company performed COG's FY 2007 audit. A draft of the audit was presented to the Budget and Finance Committee at its September 26 meeting. Bert Smith and Company provided a "clean" audit for COG.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive FY 2007 Audit.

(B) Approval of FY 2009 Work Program and Budget

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

The Budget and Finance Committee met on July 27 and September 26 to review the proposed General Local Contribution fee schedule and the proposed work program and budget for FY 2009, which begins July 1, 2008 and concludes June 30, 2009. The Committee recommended COG Board approval of the FY 2009 Work Program and Budget. Mr. Robertson will brief the COG Board on the proposed FY 2009 Work Program and Budget and significant changes from the current fiscal year. The COG Board will be asked to recommend adoption of the proposed FY 2009 Work Program and Budget by the general membership at the 50th Anniversary Gala November 15 and to adopt Resolution R66-07, transmitting the proposed FY 2009 Work Program and Budget to member governments and officials.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R66-07.

**11. MEMBER TIME
(1:45 – 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.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Congress has approved legislation recognizing National Save for Retirement Week, October 21-27, 2007. This is the second annual observance. The purpose of the legislation is to encourage greater participation among Americans in building retirement security and to encourage employees to take full advantage of employer-sponsored plans. The International City/County Management Association-Retirement Corporate (ICMA-RC) is one of several national campaign sponsors and has partnered with COG to raise awareness among area local governments and their employees. The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R67-07, recognizing National Save for Retirement Week and encouraging area local government participation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R67-07.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY THROUGH THE U.S. DEPT. OF ENERGY FOR A CLEAN ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY INTEGRATION GRANT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R68-07, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to submit a grant application to the Virginia Division of Mines, Minerals and Energy for a U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Energy and Air Quality Integration grant of \$125,000 for two years. The proposed grant will support a regional project to develop tools for quantifying energy savings, increased renewable generation and reduced emissions of greenhouse gases and nitrogen oxides that result from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy measures. The project will be done in partnership with the Virginia Office of Energy, the Maryland Energy Administration, the District Energy Office and the air quality agencies in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Matching funds not to exceed \$25,000 will be identified from already budgeted regional environmental program funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R68-07.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE GRANT PROPOSAL ENTITLED, "STUDENT ACTION COMMITTEE FOR POTOMAC RIVER PROTECTION," TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND THE WILLIAM G. MCGOWAN CHARITABLE FUND, AND TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R69-07, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to apply for, receive, and expend up to \$50,000 in grant funding from The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region and The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund for the purpose of providing District of Columbia high school students with a meaningful watershed experience. The funding would provide them with resources so that they may lead community-based trash clean ups and educate their peers about the issues of pollution and trash in the Potomac and Anacostia watersheds. The project will build on the successful pilot Student Action Committee program implemented in the 2006-2007 school

year. The total estimated cost of the project shall not exceed \$51,185. Matching funds will be identified in an amount of \$1,185 from funds already budgeted environmental program funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R69-07.



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