

Summary of Climate-Related Activities of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC October 2014

Advisory Technical, Citizen and Policy Committees

Technical Advisory Committees

[Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee](#) (Jeff King | jking@mwkog.org and Leah Boggs | lboggs@mwkog.org)

- On September 18, BEEAC hosted a panel on the International Green Construction Code (IgCC), a model building code for improved energy efficiency and sustainability, and discussed how states and municipalities, including DC and Montgomery County, are customizing the IgCC to meet their energy goals. The committee was also briefed on the Washington DC Green Building Fund and discussed current projects, challenges and future goals.
- Mosaic Power gave a presentation of their technology and recent projects. Mosaic reimburses participants for installing their technology, which cycles electric water heating tanks minute-by-minute over the internet, providing frequency regulation to the regional grid.

[Electric Vehicle Planning Initiative](#) (Leah Boggs | lboggs@mwkog.org)

- No new updates.

[Recycling Committee](#) (John Snarr | jsnarr@mwkog.org)

- On September 18 the Recycling Committee heard a series of presentations on food collection and composting from Compost Cab, Bates Trucking and Organix Recycling.
- America Recycles Day is November 18.

Citizen Committee

[Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee](#) (ACPAC) (Maia Davis | mdavis@mwkog.org)

- At the September 15 ACPAC met Kanti Srikanth, COG's new Department of Transportation Planning Director. The committee received an overview briefing of the air quality conformity process and the Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2014 CLRP.
- The committee also discussed the Climate & Energy Awards program, results, lessons learned and next steps.

Supporting Technical and Policy Committees

[MWAQC](#) and [MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee](#) (Sunil Kumar | skumar@mwkog.org)

- On September 9, MWAQC-TAC was briefed on the 2014 Ozone Season and the Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2014 CLRP. Members were also briefed on the new MOVES2014 model

published by EPA, and discussed a revised schedule for updating the PM2.5 Redesignation Request & Maintenance Plan submitted to EPA in 2013 with annual PM2.5 and NOx mobile budgets for 2017 and 2025 using MOVES2014.

- State air agencies discussed the status of the control measures listed in the Appendix D of the PM2.5 Redesignation Request & Maintenance Plan, and discussed including these measures in a state Gold Book.

[Transportation Planning Board](#) (TPB), [TPB Technical Committee](#), [TPB Travel Management Subcommittee](#) and [TPB Scenario Study Task Force](#) (Jerry Miller | gkmiller@mwkog.org)

- TPB met on September 17, at which meeting the Board approved an update of the TPB Participation Plan and a resolution to respond to the MAP-21 requirement that providers of public transportation be represented on the TPB.
- The Board was briefed on the Draft 2014 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which were released for public comment on September 11. After the 30-day comment period, the TPB will be asked to approve the documents at its October 15 meeting.
- The Board was also briefed the Draft Conformity Analysis for the 2014 CLRP and FY 2015-2020 TIP, the Draft Financial Analysis for the 2014 CLRP, the Performance Analysis of the Draft 2014 CLRP and an Updated Priorities Plan Assessment of the Draft 2014.

[Planning Directors Technical Committee](#), Housing Directors Advisory Committee, and [Region Forward Coalition](#) (Paul Desjardin | pdesjardin@mwkog.org and Sophie Mintier | smintier@mwkog.org)

- The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee met on September 19 and was briefed on the Performance Analysis of the Draft 2014 CLRP, and on WMATA's regional transit system plan for 2040, *ConnectGreaterWashington* (CGW). The plan builds on the projects in the CLRP as well as the projects that help to maximize the existing Metrorail and Metrobus system outlined in Momentum (e.g. planned through 2025).
- The Planning Directors were updated on the Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs) offered through a partnership between COG and ULI Washington, which are identifying priority, catalytic strategies to maximize the impact of investments in Activity Centers. TAPs include real estate and land use experts who work to evaluate and provide market-based feedback on a local development or land use challenge.

Other Committees

Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (formerly [Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#)) (George Hohmann | ghohmann@mwkog.org)

- COG has joined the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Buy program, which will enable COG members to participate in bulk purchasing contracts undertaken by local government entities across the country. HGACBuy covers a wide variety of goods and services, including cooperative energy purchasing, clean and alternative fuels, vehicles and infrastructure.

[Water Resources Technical Committee](#) (WRTC) (Tanya Spano | tspano@mwkog.org)

- No new updates.

[Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee](#) (CPBC) (Heidi Bonnaffon | hbonnaffon@mwkog.org)

- On September 19, CBPC met at DC Water's Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant for a tour of the extensive projects underway at the plant to address additional nitrogen reductions, the Clean Rivers projects, as well as the new biosolids digester and energy recovery facilities. The committee was also briefed on the *National Economic and Labor Impacts of the Water Utility Sector Study*, which illustrates the importance of water infrastructure investments to the economy, economic growth, and jobs.