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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, June 8, 2005  
TIME: 12:00 Noon  
PLACE: COG Board Room**

**PLEASE NOTE: Chair Davis 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)**  
**Chair Judith Davis  
Mayor, City of Greenbelt**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 11, 2005  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**  
**Chair Davis**
  - a) **COG Retreat Preview, July 22-23**
  - b) **WAHP Best Practices Awards**
  - c) **Executive Director's Performance Evaluation Schedule**
  - d) **Executive Director's Report**
    - **Outreach**
    - **Letters Sent/Received**
    - **Legislative Report Update**
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECOMMENDATION ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Item 10.A., 10.B., 10.C., 10.D., 10.E. and 10.F.**

**6. UPDATE ON TPB REGIONAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY STUDY  
(12:20-12:35 p.m.)**

**Robert E. Griffiths  
Director of Technical Services, COG  
Department of Transportation  
Planning**

The TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study is an on-going "what if" study examining alternative land use and transportation options for improving mobility and accessibility between and among regional activity centers and the regional core. The COG Board will be briefed on current study activities and the alternative land use and transportation scenarios being analyzed in this study.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**7. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON COG RESPONSE TO BRAC  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
(12:35-1:00 p.m.)**

**Jay Fiset  
Chairman, Arlington County Board  
Vice Chair, COG Board of Directors**

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) released its list of DoD facilities proposed for closure or realignment on May 13. Action now shifts to the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission for further review and hearings, and finally to the President and U.S. Congress for approval by the end of the year. DoD recommendations also call for the closure of DoD owned facilities and the phase-out of DoD leases in commercial facilities that do not meet new anti-terrorism building standards. The COG Board discussed the possible regional impacts of these recommendations and asked that the issue be considered for further action at the June 8 meeting. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R19-05, recommending additional regional analysis of the DoD recommendations, including land use, transportation and air quality modeling and outlining a policy process and timetable for review and possible action by COG.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R19-05.**

**8. METRO FUNDING PANEL FOLLOW UP ACTION  
(1:00-1:15 p.m.)**

**Gerry Connolly  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of  
Supervisors**

**David Winstead  
President, Business Transportation  
Action Coalition (BTRAC)  
Greater Washington Board of Trade**

The COG Board of Directors and TPB approved separate actions in January 2005 supporting the recommendations of a special panel created by COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the Federal City Council to address the need for dedicated funding for Metro. Since then, several

local governments, state legislators and private sector and community organizations have joined in supporting the Panel's recommendations. The Board will be briefed on recent actions in support of the Panel's recommendations and proposed next steps, including seeking additional support, media and legislative outreach and a proposed COG resolution requesting action by the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Governors of Maryland and Virginia.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and provide direction to staff on next steps.**

**9. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FINANCE AUTHORITY COMMITTEE (1:15-1:30 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross  
Fairfax County Board  
Member, Chesapeake Bay Policy  
Committee**

**Andrew Fellows  
College Park City Council  
Member, Chesapeake Bay Policy  
Committee**

On April 13, 2005, the COG Board adopted Resolution R11-05, "Supporting the Creation of a Chesapeake Bay Financing Authority," which supported creation of such an authority provided that credit is given for existing state and local expenditures to meet water quality goals and that the Funding Authority provides new funding for Bay restoration.

The committee charged with preparing the recommendations for the Finance Authority is working toward a July 1 deadline. Penelope Gross and Andrew Fellows are both members of the committee charged with preparing the recommendations. They will provide a status report on the progress to date.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**(a) Pension Plan Amendment**

In compliance with new IRS regulations and as recommended by the COG Pension Plan Committee, the COG Board of Directors will be asked to approve an amendment changing the amount of voluntary cash amount from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-05.**

**(b) Resolution Designating and Authorizing Certain COG Staff Members to Undertake Specified Duties**

The proposed resolution is to update the delegation of administrative and other functions to conform to current organizational arrangements and needs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R21-05.**

**(c) Resolution Authorizing Application to Freddie Mac Corporation for Funding Under the Don't Borrow Trouble Program.**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to submit an application and execute a contract with the Freddie Mac Corporation for the administration of the Don't Borrow Trouble Program in the Metropolitan Washington region. A grant covering 18 months in an amount not to exceed \$625,000 will be requested. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R22-05.**

**(d) Approval of Letter of Support for the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund**

COG endorsed the establishment of a regional housing trust fund in November 2001 as part of its comprehensive affordable housing policy adopted by the Board of Directors. The Washington Area Housing Trust Fund (WAHTF), a community development financial institution working to increase the supply of affordable housing in the region, is a separate 501(c)(3) non-for-profit organization with three COG Board appointed representatives on the WAHTF Board. To date, the WAHTF has provided financial assistance for the development of approximately 500 affordable housing units in the Washington metropolitan region. The WAHTF has received \$1 million in federal support for its capital loan fund. Several local governments voluntarily contributed \$108,000 in FY 2005 operating support. The Board will be asked to approve a letter to the National Capital Region congressional delegation seeking \$1 million in federal support for the WAHTF in FY 2006.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve letter.**

**(e) Approval of FY 2005 UASI Subgrants to COG for Regional Emergency Debris Management Planning and Training**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R23-05 authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to apply for and accept two FY 2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) subgrants to provide regional support for homeland security activities in the National Capital Region. The first subgrant will be in the amount of \$540,000 to support the creation of individual and regional operations plans for debris management; the second subgrant will be in the amount of \$50,000 to support training and a tabletop regional exercise specific to debris management. UASI funds are awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, with the District of Columbia serving as the grant administrator. COG will seek FY 2005 UASI funds in the total amount of \$590,000 for the period April 2005 through March 2007. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-05.**

**(f) Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Agreement to Develop Regional Water Supply Emergency Operations Plans and a Best Management Practices Guide for Water Security**

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R24-05, authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in an amount not to exceed \$425,000 for the purpose of developing regional water supply emergency operation plans and a best management practices guide for water security. This project will fill an information need in regional water supply emergency operations plans and incorporate a guide of best management practices related to water security and water supply emergency operations into those plans. Funding for this 16 month project will be provided through a FY 2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. No local match is required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-05.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005.**

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