

REGION FORWARD COALITION

Date: April 27, 2012
Time: 11:00 - 1:30 pm:
- Lunch provided -
Place: COG Board Room (third floor)
777 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC

AGENDA

(Pick up lunch upon arrival)

I. **Welcome and Announcements | 10 minutes** Hon. Eric Olson, Chairman, Region Forward Coalition and Councilmember, Prince George's County; David Robertson, COG Executive Director

II. **Region Forward "Baseline" Progress Report | 45 minutes**

Region Forward's first Baseline Progress Report measures progress towards achieving the goals and targets in *Region Forward* and is ready for final action by the Region Forward Coalition. The Regional Analysis Team will brief the Coalition on significant findings from the Report and seek approval for transmittal to the COG Board for review and action at its June 13, 2012 meeting.

Action: Approve Final Draft Baseline Progress Report

III. **Regional Activity Centers | 45 minutes**

The Region Forward Complete Communities Team has been working with COG's Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) to develop a new approach for identifying Activity Centers in the region. The process was established to better align local and regional planning while incorporating sustainability measures recommended in *Region Forward*. COG staff and Coalition leadership will present this new method for identifying Centers, review a draft map of these initially-identified, and seek guidance around key issues.

Action: Recommendations on Activity Centers Methodology and Initial Draft Centers Map

IV. **Activity Center Implementation Plan to Create Complete Communities | 45 minutes**

The NoMa Case Study: A Guided Tour Harriet Tregoning and NoMa Business Improvement District staff

After Ms. Tregoning's Introduction, meet on the sidewalk in front of COG to begin the NoMa walking tour

The second phase of the Activity Center update will be the development and implementation of a tool to assess the economic performance and fiscal sustainability of Centers. The tool will use the updated Activity Center map to identify economic development strategies for Centers based on their existing physical assets and current or emerging market conditions. Coalition members will learn about NoMa's transformation from a neighborhood of abandoned warehouses, parking lots, and vacant properties to a vibrant livable community with a mix of amenities through a guided walking tour led by the NoMa Business Improvement District staff. The tour will demonstrate how key partnerships and investments can be used to transform and enhance Activity Centers across the region.

The NoMa walking tour will end at approximately 1:30 p.m. around First and M Street NE, near NY-Ave/NoMa Metrorail Station – red line

2012 Region Forward Coalition Meeting Dates

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