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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2006

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chair Fisetto 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)

Chair Jay Fisetto
Board Member, Arlington County

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2006**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)

Chair Fisetto

- a) **Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to
Outgoing Policy Committee Chairs**
- b) **NARC Conference Update**
- c) **Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative**
- d) **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. **Outreach**
 - b. **Letters Sent/Received**
 - c. **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. & 12.C.
& 12.D.

**6. PROPOSED COG BOARD POLICY FOCUS FOR 2006
(12:25 – 12:35 p.m.)**

Chairman Fisette

Chairman Fisette will outline a proposed policy focus and set of priorities for 2006, which builds on the multi-year focus on growth and development approved by the COG Board of Directors in 2004. The Board will be briefed on recommended policy initiatives to be addressed by the COG Board and steps to improve coordination with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. Chairman Fisette will seek Board input and concurrence on the 2006 focus and priorities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt proposed policy focus and priorities.

**7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING REPORTS
(12:35 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**A.) Presentation on the Washington Area Housing Partnership's (WAHP)
"Toolkit for Affordable Housing Development" and Local Workshops**

**Elizabeth Davison
Director, Housing and Community Affairs
Montgomery County**

The Washington Area Housing Partnership (WAHP) is a regional public-private housing partnership that acts as a catalyst to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the Washington region. During 2005, the Partnership developed a "Toolkit for Affordable Housing Development" containing successful policies and planning tools to preserve and promote the supply of affordable housing in the region. Ms. Favola will describe the work of the Partnership and the Toolkit, and seek assistance from COG Board members in scheduling local workshops with elected officials and staffs on how to implement the policies described in the "Toolkit".

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.

B.) Washington Area Housing Trust Fund (WAHTF) Status Report

**Brian Tracey
Atlantic Market Executive, Bank of America**

**Carol Schwartz
Council Member, District of Columbia
Co-Chair, WAHTF**

The Washington Area Housing Trust Fund was established with COG leadership and support in 2002. Brian Tracey Atlantic Market Executive for Bank of America will share information about a recent Bank of America investment in the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund. WAHTF co-chair and District of Columbia Council Member Carol Schwartz will update the Board on: 1) support from the District of Columbia D.C. Site Acquisition Funding Initiatives, 2) efforts to secure funding in the next Virginia biennial budget, 3) recent lending activities, and 4) the importance of ongoing local government support for operating expenses.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.

**8. BRIEFING ON RESULTS TO DATE OF THE TPB REGIONAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY STUDY
(12:55 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Robert Griffiths
Department of Transportation Planning**

Based on COG's latest forecast, the region will add 1.6 million people and 1.2 million jobs between 2005 and 2030. While much of the future housing and employment will be located in facilities that have already been built or are under development, there are significant opportunities to influence both new development and redevelopment in the region, particularly in the period beyond 2010. The TPB was recently briefed on the results to date of a study that examines five different transportation and land use scenarios for 2030. The COG Board will be briefed on these study results, including the impacts of the five scenarios on future travel conditions, how the study results have been used so far, proposed additional scenarios, and how the lessons from the scenarios might be applied in a real-world environment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.

**9. ADOPT LETTER FOR SUPPORT FOR FUNDING WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS IN VIRGINIA
(1:15 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**John Lovell
Commissioner, Frederick County
Chair, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

In his proposed budget for FY 2007, former Virginia Governor Mark Warner proposed that the Commonwealth spend an additional \$200 million on water quality improvement projects by municipal wastewater agencies in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. On behalf of the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC), Mr. Lovell will present a committee recommendation unanimously supporting increased funding for Virginia's Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) to benefit the Bay. The CBPC also is recommending that the Commonwealth develop a dedicated funding source for the WQIF, as has been proposed in several pieces of legislation currently before the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R12-06.

**10. UPDATE ON THE REGION'S EMERGENCY PLANS
(1:25 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Gordon Aoyagi
Homeland Security Director
Montgomery County**

**David McMillion
Department of Human Services, Planning and Public Safety**

In September 2005, following concerns about federal, state and local response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and the Gulf region, the COG Board of Directors requested that COG review National Capital Area emergency plans to begin to incorporate lessons learned, address areas of special need, such as vulnerable populations, and more carefully examine assumptions concerning federal emergency response and support for local and state governments. The COG Board will be updated on progress to date and remaining tasks.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**11. FY 2006 2ND QUARTER REPORT
(1:40 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Dr. Jacqueline Brown
CAO, Prince George's County
Secretary-Treasurer, COG**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's second quarter FY 2006 financial report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.

12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(A.) Appointment of 2006 Policy Committee Vice Chairs

Chairman Fiset will recommend the appointment or reappointment the vice chairs of the following COG Board policy committees in 2006: Human Services Policy Committee, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, and Public Safety Policy Committee. Vice Chairs for the Committee on Noise Abatement and Aviation and National and Dulles Airports, Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, and the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council are chosen through a separate appointment process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R13-06.

(B.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Expend Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds for the Development of Drinking Water Distribution System Models in the National Capital Region

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R14-06 authorizing the Executive Director to expend Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds in an amount of \$85,000 for the purpose of contracting with Science Applications International Corporation for the development and implementation of a drinking water distribution system model for the City of Falls Church. No additional COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R14-06.

(C.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Modify the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources to Conduct a Low Impact Development (LID) and Trash Reduction Demonstration Project for the Takoma Branch Portion of the Anacostia Watershed

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R15-06 authorizing the Executive Director to sign a supplemental MOU with the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources. This MOU would be in an amount not to exceed \$285,000. The supplemental MOU includes the following tasks: conduct an LID implementation opportunities assessment and pilot trash reduction project in the Prince George's County portion of the Takoma Branch tributary. The US EPA will provide pass through funds to Prince George's County to cover the Takoma Branch project cost of \$285,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R15-06.

(D.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept Funding for the 2006 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Campaign From the Organizations That Have Agreed to Participate, and to Employ a Consultant in Order to Implement That Campaign.

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R16-06 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements with, and accept funds from, the organizations that have agreed to participate in the Street Smart campaign, for the purpose of implementing the 2006 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign. The Executive Director is further authorized to enter into an agreement with the project consultant, Design House, to implement the 2006 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R16-06.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2006.