

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING COLLABORATION WITH THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO IDENTIFY
CENTRAL BUSINESS AREAS (CBA)S THROUGHOUT THE REGION**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, over the last year COG has worked closely with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to strengthen the relationship between the federal government and the local governments in the greater Washington region; and

WHEREAS, there are many areas related to economic development and improving our region that we can mutually benefit from working together; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 GSA adopted ADM 1097.1 "Incorporating Principles of Sustainability, Economic Development and Efficiency into GSA Business Practices and Location Decision-making" including working with local governments across the country to identify "Central Business Areas or "CBAs" as priority places for locating federal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the initial focus for designating local CBAs has been COG's adopted Activity Centers as they are based upon priority places designated by local governments for existing development and future growth in local comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, to complete designation of proposed CBAs, COG supports the initiative and encourages the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) to support individual jurisdictions in their efforts to independently designate CBAs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The board supports continued collaboration with the GSA and encourages the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee to support individual jurisdictions in their efforts to independently designate CBAs for each of their cities and counties. Furthermore, the board authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to serve as a liaison with the GSA and provide staff assistance as requested by COG member jurisdictions.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors
on September 14, 2016.**

**Laura Ambrosio
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