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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2006

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.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(12:00 Noon)

Chair Judith Davis
Mayor, City of Greenbelt

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2005**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)

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

Chair Davis

- a) Meeting Dates-2006
- b) COG Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon, December 14
- c) NARC Washington Policy Conference, February 4-6
- 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 14.A., 14.B., 14.C., 14.D., 14.E., and 14.F.

**6. UPDATE ON LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT DEDICATED FUNDING FOR METRO
(12:25-12:35 p.m.)**

**Gerry Connolly
Chairman, Fairfax County**

**Phil Mendelson
Councilmember, District of Columbia**

**Michael Knapp
Councilmember, Montgomery County**

The COG Board and TPB both adopted policy statements in January 2005 calling for dedicated funding for Metro, following analysis by a special panel convened by COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the Federal City Council in 2004 to examine this issue. Local elected officials will report on District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia legislation already introduced or anticipated in early 2006 to implement the COG and TPB recommendations and ongoing efforts by the COG Board and TPB to ensure that this issue remains a top regional priority.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF BROADBAND TASK FORCE
(12:35-12:50 p.m.)**

**David J. Robertson
Executive Director**

Accessibility and affordability of broadband internet access is viewed as critical to regional economic development goals and wider adoption of telework alternatives. To assist COG in identifying promising best practices and local, state, federal and regional policies, the COG Board will be asked to establish a Broadband Task Force. This effort will build on the findings and recommendations of COG's 2000-2001 Digital Divide Task Force. Mr. Robertson will brief the COG Board on the purpose of the task force, recommended initial membership and proposed task force goals, subject to review by the task force at its first meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R1-06.

**8. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG AS AN
ADJUNCT MEMBER AND ESTABLISH AN ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE
(12:50-12:55 p.m.)**

**David J. Robertson
Executive Director**

Following the recommendation of the COG Board, the General Membership adopted amendments to COG's bylaws in December 2003, marking the first significant changes since 1986. Among other changes, COG approved the establishment of an adjunct membership category for local governments above 5,000 in population, but below the 25,000 population threshold required for full membership. The Town of Bladensburg, population 7,661, has requested to join COG as an adjunct member. COG staff will describe the requirements of adjunct membership and recommend a pro rata General Local Contribution assessment fee for this membership category.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R2-06.

9. ACTION TO APPROVE COMMENTS ON CHESAPEAKE BAY LEGISLATION AND UPDATE ON CHESAPEAKE BAY ISSUES (12:55-1:10 p.m.)

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

Maryland Sen. Paul Sarbanes and Maryland Rep. Wayne Gilchrest have introduced bills to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program and, in the process, authorize greater spending on restoration activities by the federal government and potentially award more money to implementation efforts at the local government level. Mr. Lovell, Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, will summarize key provisions in the proposed legislation and present the recommended comments developed by the committee.

Mr. Lovell also will review recent reports on the Bay Program by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and comment on the Bay program's increasing interest in the linkage between land use and water quality.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve transmittal of letter and adopt Resolution R3-06.

10. UPDATE ON THE DAY LABOR SUMMIT (1:10-1:25 p.m.)

**Walter Tejada
Board Member, Arlington County
Chair, Human Services Policy Committee**

**Dr. Jacqueline Brown
Chief Administrative Officer, Prince George's County**

On November 17, 2005, the Human Services Policy Committee hosted a Day Labor Summit to foster a regional dialogue focusing on demand, supply, economic and community impact and immigration. The Board will be briefed on the Summit and recommended outcomes and next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing on next steps.

11. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (1:25-1:30 p.m.)

Chair Judith Davis

The Nominating Committee will report its nominations for officers of the COG Board of Directors for 2006 for consideration and action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R4-06.

12. FORMAL TRANSFER OF GAVEL TO THE NEW CHAIR (1:30-1:40 p.m.)

Chair Jay Fisette

Recognition of 2005 COG Board Chair Davis.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acknowledge Past Chair Davis.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF 2006 POLICY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP
(1:40-1:50 p.m.)**

Chair Jay Fisette

Chairman Fisette will recommend the appointment or reappointment of the leadership of several policy committees that serve as policy advisors to the COG Board of Directors and will also appoint the chair of the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R5-06.

14. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(A.) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for Anacostia Forestry-Related Services

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R6-06, authorizing the Executive Director to execute an 11- month memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for Anacostia forestry-related services. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R6-06.

(B.) Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive Grant Funds from the Maryland Agro-Ecology Center for a Market Survey of Alternative Land Application Sites for Bio-solids and Other Organic Nutrient Sources in the Washington Metropolitan Area (WMA)

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R7-05, authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract agreement, not to exceed a total of \$40,000, with the Maryland Center for Agro-Ecology to assist COG in conducting a survey of local public landowners and private industry groups for the application and/or use of bio-solids and other organic nutrients. This grant requires a \$14,373 local match, which has been included in the adopted FY 2006 Work Program and Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R7-06.

(C.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the Anacostia Watershed Marine Debris - Anacostia Trash Strategy and Cleanup Commitment.

The Board will be requested to approve R8-06, authorizing the Executive Director to submit a grant proposal in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to finalize the "*Comprehensive Strategic Action Plan For Trash Reduction In The Anacostia River*" draft document (which will be used as the model for the Potomac River's Trash Reduction Initiative); and assist NOAA reconvening public officials, senior NOAA leadership, and other key congressional representatives and senators at a *Re-Commitment For A Clean Anacostia* ceremonial event through the period of 12 months from the receipt of funding. No additional COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R8-06.

(D.) Resolution to Continue Respite Services to the District of Columbia's Foster Families

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R9-06, authorizing the Executive Director to accept grants from the federal government and the Freddie Mac Foundation to continue to provide respite services to District foster families through the Work of Heart Foster Care Respite Program. Now entering its third year, the Work of Heart Respite Program has offered DC foster parents needed support in their efforts to care for the District's most vulnerable children. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$346,000 will be accepted (\$250,000 in federal funds, \$96,000 from the Freddie Mac Foundation). No additional COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R9-06.

(E.) Resolution in Support of a Grant to Administer the Safe Cribs Program for the District of Columbia

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R10-06, authorizing the Executive Director to accept grant funds from the District of Columbia's Health Department to provide crib vouchers to new mothers in need of a crib. COG has been administering the Safe Cribs Program for the last three years through a partnership with the DC Maternal and Child Health Administration. This program provides a free crib to any resident of the District of Columbia. Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 5,000 crib vouchers have been issued to the new mothers in the District of Columbia. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 will be accepted. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R10-06.

(F.) Amendment to the FY 2006 Work Program and Budget to Support Expanded Transportation, Land Use, and Environmental Planning Activities

The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R11-06, amending the FY 2006 Work Program and Budget to support expanded transportation, land use, and environmental planning activities. Enactment of new federal transportation planning reauthorization legislation in 2005 resulted in COG receiving an additional \$2,700,000 in federal and state planning funds in FY 2006, requiring an additional \$300,000 in local matching funds not anticipated in December 2004 when the Work Program and Budget was adopted. COG will accommodate the matching fund requirement by reprogramming local funds currently budgeted in FY 2006 for transportation-related land use and environmental planning activities and using a portion of approved FY 2006 contingency reserve funds (interest and building income), resulting in increased total funding for these program activities, enhanced leveraging of federal and state transportation funds, and no need for additional local matching funds. The approved FY 2007 Work Program and Budget provided a similar accommodation for expanded transportation, land use, and environmental planning activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R11-06.

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