



### **NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**

At the June TPB meeting, officials were briefed by Monica Backmon, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, about TransAction 2040, Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan. In addition, the TPB heard a presentation on the COG State of the Region Infrastructure Report, and were updated on staff efforts to develop a Regional List of Unfunded Transportation Projects. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW TPB MEETING ITEMS.](#)

### **HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE**

HSPSPC convened top executives from the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board, Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Investment Board, D.C. Workforce Investment Council, and The SkillSource Group, Inc. for a discussion of the resources they provide to the area's jobseekers and to outline opportunities for greater collaboration among their agencies. HSPSPC also received a briefing on the 2014 Annual Report on Crime and Crime Control. [CLICK HERE FOR REGION FORWARD BLOG ON WORKFORCE DISCUSSION.](#)

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL**

The National Capital Region (NCR) Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) hosted a half-day workshop in coordination with the NCR Homeland Security PMO to inform the NCR Homeland Security Strategic Plan revision. The purpose of the workshop was to obtain strategic guidance and input from the EPC on four main elements that will influence the revision of the plan: the current homeland security environment within the NCR; the scope, vision, and mission for the Strategic Plan; the top regional priorities for the NCR over the next three years; and best practices across the whole community that can be incorporated into the Strategic Plan.



Q&A:

**FRANK J. PRINCIPI,  
WOODBIDGE SUPERVISOR,  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

Prince William County Supervisor and Emergency Preparedness Council Chairman Frank J. Principi discusses how he got involved in public service and how the region can work toward solutions to key challenges, specifically emergency preparedness issues.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE STORY.](#)

**COMMUTER CONNECTIONS EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Winners of the 2015 Commuter Connections Employer Recognition Awards have achieved a collective reduction of more than 3.5 million vehicle miles traveled this year through transportation benefits packages their firms offer employees in the metropolitan Washington region. Award winners Opower Inc., WeddingWire, and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative were announced at the 18th Annual Employer Recognition Awards held at the Grand Hyatt Washington.

**GREENGOV SYMPOSIUM**

COG staff attended the GreenGov Symposium hosted by George Washington University, an event highlighting federal sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction goals and ongoing efforts, similar to the goals of COG’s Greenhouse Gas Multi-Sector Working Group. COG’s Community Engagement Campaign provided Taplt reusable water bottles for attendees and Environmental Planner Heidi Bonnaffon gave an overview of the Taplt program, along with an appeal for federal agencies to grant their employees easy access to tap water and to join the Taplt Partner network.

**ROAD SALT FORUM**

COG staff attended the Road Salt Forum at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC), a cooperative purchasing event providing access to vendors and information about environmentally friendly and effective pre-treatment products that reduce the amount of salt needed to maintain the use of roadways. Together, COG and the BMC form The Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT), a partnership that merges purchasing efforts and expands purchasing power between the two metropolitan regions.

**US-EU URBAN PLANNING TOUR**

COG Environmental Planner Isabel Ricker participated in the Heinrich Boll Foundation’s 2015 U.S.-EU Urban Planning Tour in June, a project funded by the European Union to advance sustainability on both sides of the Atlantic. Municipal leaders and planners from Virginia, Washington, D.C., the Czech Republic, and Hungary visited Amsterdam, Hamburg, and Prague to learn about models and best practices for sustainable urban development.

**HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE**

Staff from the COG Department of Community Planning and Services participated in the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) Annual Meeting and Housing Expo in the District of Columbia, focused on “Connected Region, Connected Future.”



Event Highlight:  
**ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS WORKSHOP**

COG hosted leaders from the private and public sectors for a workshop on the region’s electric vehicle (EV) readiness. Participants also had the opportunity to test different EV models.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE EVENT.](#)

**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS - JULY 8**

**REGION FORWARD COALITION - JULY 10**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - JULY 22**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE - JULY 29**

**COG MULTI-SECTOR WORKING GROUP - JULY 31**

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**STATE OF REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

COG Deputy Executive Director Stuart Freudberg and Technical Services Director Robert Griffiths discussed the State of Region Infrastructure Report with WTOP and WNEW.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE WTOP STORY.](#)

**FREDERICK FOSTER PARENTS OF THE YEAR**

The 2015 Foster Parents of the Year for Frederick County, Joe and Linda Daniele, were featured by the Frederick News Post.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE STORY.](#)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVES BAKER AND LEGGETT BRIEF THE COG BOARD**

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker III spoke before the COG Board on regional economic competitiveness. Leggett's remarks were featured by Montgomery County Media.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE STORY OR READ A RECAP ON OUR REGION FORWARD BLOG.](#)

**TPB VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ANALYSIS**

The findings of the TPB's vehicle "census" were reported by the Frederick News-Post.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE STORY OR READ THE FULL ANALYSIS IN THE TPB WEEKLY REPORT.](#)



Media Highlight:

**STEPHEN WALZ TALKS  
INFRASTRUCTURE ON WAMU**

COG's Director of Environmental Programs Stephen Walz joined WAMU's Martin Di Caro and Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Robert Puentes on The Kojo Nnamdi show on WAMU for an in-depth discussion of local infrastructure needs.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SHOW.](#)