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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: January 9, 2008
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

- District of Columbia*
- Bladensburg**
- Bowie*
- College Park*
- Frederick*
- Frederick County*
- Gaithersburg*
- Greenbelt*
- Montgomery County*
- Prince George's County*
- Rockville*
- Takoma Park*
- Alexandria*
- Arlington County*
- Fairfax*
- Fairfax County*
- Falls Church*
- Loudoun County*
- Manassas*
- Manassas Park*
- Prince William County*

**Adjunct member*

PLEASE NOTE: Vice Chairman Knapp 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)**

**Vice Chairman Michael Knapp
Council President, Montgomery County**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2007
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Vice Chairman Knapp
 - a) Recognition of outgoing Board Members**
 - b) Introduction of new Board Members**
 - c) IRE graduation January 11**
 - d) Announcement of GW2050 Coalition Members**
 - e) Executive Director's Report**
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o 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

**6. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
(12:25 – 12:30 p.m.)**

Vice Chairman Knapp

The Nominating Committee will report its nominations for officers of the COG Board of Directors for 2008 for consideration and action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R1-08.

**7. COG BOARD POLICY FOCUS FOR 2008
(12:30 – 12:45 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp

Chairman Knapp will outline key elements of the proposed COG Board policy focus for 2008 and invite additional comments and recommendations from Vice Chairmen Gross and Brown and Board members. The Board will be asked to adopt policy focus recommendations at its February 13 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and direct staff to prepare recommendations for Board review and adoption.

**8. AUTO SAFETY BRIEFING AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(12:45 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Kurt Erickson, President
Washington Regional Alcohol Program**

**Lon Anderson
Staff Director of Public and Government Relations,
AAA Potomac**

The "How Safe Are Our Roads?" report prepared by COG for the Washington Regional Alcohol Program and other studies underscore the seriousness of the problem of impaired driving, automobile accidents and especially accidents involving teen drivers. Several states have begun to enact tougher laws to address these problems. The COG Board will be briefed on key study findings, a comparison of District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia laws, and possible new measures to promote driver education and toughen enforcement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R2-08.

**9. APPROVAL OF ROUND 7.1 COOPERATIVE FORECAST
(1:10 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**Paul DesJardin
Chief of Housing and Planning, COG**

Since 1975, the COG Board of Directors has maintained the Cooperative Forecasting Program for preparing official forecasts of employment population, and household growth for the COG member jurisdictions. In March, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved a request from several jurisdictions to modify the Round 7.0a Cooperative Forecasts to reflect local land use changes, including the Base Realignment and Closure Recommendations (BRAC). Consistent with COG policy, the Board will be asked to approve the new Round 7.1 Cooperative Forecasts concurrent with the

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2007 financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). The TPB is scheduled to approve the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis during their meeting on January 16, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R3-08.

**10. DRAFT AIR QUALITY PLAN FOR FINE PARTICLES
(1:25 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Dave Snyder
Council Member, City of Falls Church
Chair, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) released a new plan for public comment on December 12, 2007. The new plan, which is more stringent than EPA requirements, will continue to reduce fine particle pollution through 2009 and beyond. The plan is the second regional air quality plan to be issued in the past year, continuing the region's progress in cleaning the air. Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia air management agencies will hold public hearings on the plan during the last week of January. Final consideration by MWAQC is scheduled for March, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF 2008 POLICY COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP
(1:45 – 1:50 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp

Chairman Knapp will recommend the appointment or reappointment of the leadership of several policy committees and the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council. Additional appointments or reappointments to policy and administrative committees are anticipated in February.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R4-08.

**12. MEMBER TIME
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution for UASI Grant Authorization

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R5-08, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee, to receive a grant in an amount not to exceed \$251,000 in federal Department of Homeland Security funding, administered by the Senior Policy Group to provide Secretariat support for the Emergency Preparedness Council, Chief Administrative Officers and RESF's. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration will be January 1 through March 31, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R5-08.



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