



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2017

COMMITTEE WORK FEATURE OUTREACH CALENDAR MEDIA

Policy Boards

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB)

At its October meeting, the TPB approved an amendment to the region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP), kicked off the solicitation of inputs for the new Visualize 2045 long-range plan, and approved five projects in the District of Columbia to receive \$1.1 million in federal Transportation Alternatives funding.

Outreach Highlights

CIVIC FORUM ON METRO

COG Executive Director Chuck Bean spoke on a panel at the Metro "Fund it and Fix it" call to action forum organized by the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area and the Coalition for Smarter Growth. Bean joined Metro's Allison Davis and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission's Kate Mattice on the panel.

ANACOSTIA RIVER EVENT

COG joined several other organizations to co-sponsor the Festival del Rio Anacostia, a free, bilingual event on October 14 that featured nature walks, boat trips, crafts, and entertainment. The event drew about 300 people.



Staff Feature: CHARLENE HOWARD

Interactive maps created by COG Principal GIS Analyst Charlene Howard support various regional efforts, such as the TPB's long-range plan and the new equity emphasis areas. These maps—and COG's GIS site—were also the foundation for COG's recent Amazon headquarters initiative to promote the region's many assets.

EXPORT CENTER

At the Second Annual Future of Greater Washington event held by Leadership Greater Washington on October 26, COG Consultant Bob Sweeney provided an update on planning related to the Greater Washington Export Center, which will focus on accelerating global business growth for area companies. Creation of the center is a priority for local leaders involved in the region's Global Cities Initiative (GCI), a joint project of The Brookings Institution and JPMorgan Chase.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORIES

COG staff met with climate leaders from across the country at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado. COG is part of a national grant team to update COG member greenhouse gas emissions inventories and develop new models and a toolkit for localities to evaluate the drivers of change in these inventories.

REGIONAL FREIGHT FORUM

On October 31, the TPB brought together experts from around the region and beyond to discuss the challenges of moving freight through and to urban areas like metropolitan Washington and explore ways to improve the system.

AMPO CONFERENCE - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Several COG staff members attended the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (AMPO) Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia. They also presented on two panels, one focused on how to meet federal Environmental Justice requirements and the second focused on public involvement and communications. The AMPO Annual Conference is an important venue for staff from the country's 400+ MPOs to meet each other, learn about how other MPOs do their work, and collaborate on responding to emerging challenges in metropolitan planning.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

COG hosted the fourth Regional Impact Meeting for the Housing Leaders Group of Greater Washington on October 16. The group's co-conveners are COG, the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, Enterprise Community Partners, the Greater Washington Community Foundation, and Citi Community Development.

COMMUTER OUTREACH

COG's Commuter Connections staff promoted the program's commuter services at several events, including the Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA) Block Party at Reston Town Center, the U.S. Coast Guard Employee Transportation Fair, and the Riverdale Park Station Transportation Event in Prince George's County.



Event Highlight: IRE GRADUATION

COG's Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE) honored Prince George's County Chief Administrative Officer Nicholas Majett and Alexandria City Manager Mark Jinks (pictured left) with leadership awards. The awards were presented during the IRE graduation ceremony for 32 new Certified Public Managers on October 6.

[MORE ON THE IRE AWARDS](#)

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TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FORUM - Nov 2

REGION FORWARD COALITION - Nov 3

STREET SMART PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN KICKOFF EVENT - Nov 3

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL - Nov 8

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - Nov 15

CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE - Nov 15

CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE - Nov 17

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE - Nov 17

[MORE COG MEETINGS & EVENTS](#)

REGIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY

In October, the TPB kicked off the once-in-a-decade Regional Travel Survey that asks randomly selected households about their travel patterns to help plan for the region's transportation future. COG's Ken Joh was interviewed. [MORE FROM WAMU](#)

TPB LONG-RANGE PLAN AMENDMENT

The TPB approved updates in the region's long-range plan--modifications to the I-66 and I-95 projects in Northern Virginia, an earlier completion date of the Governor Harry Nice Bridge, and Maryland's I-270 Innovative Congestion Management Project. [MORE FROM THE FREDERICK NEWS-POST](#)

VISUALIZE 2045

The TPB was updated on preliminary findings from the Visualize 2045 public input survey. The TPB conducted the survey as part of the development of Visualize 2045, the region's new long-range transportation plan. COG's Lori Zeller was interviewed. [MORE FROM WTOP](#)

CLIMATE & ENERGY AWARDS

The Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy team (AIRE) received one of COG's 2017 regional Climate & Energy Awards. [MORE FROM ARLNOW](#)



Media Highlight: AMAZON HQ2

COG's work to support local jurisdictions as they prepared their responses to the Amazon request for proposal was covered by several outlets, including WTOP, WMAL, and the *Washington Business Journal*. Quotes by COG Vice Chairman Derrick Davis and Chuck Bean appeared in the *Business Journal*.

[MORE FROM THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL](#)