

# Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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Honorable Patrick Wojahn, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Chair Wojahn:

Thank you for your participation in the joint meeting of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee on October 2, 2014. We are pleased to have heard from COG's Department of Transportation Planning Director Kanti Sirkanth about the transportation planning process. We hope the presentations and discussion helped better inform both our members and the transportation planning community about how we can more effectively work together to address our Region's environmental challenges.

Our Committees jointly endorsed a request to have relevant policy committees at COG, by resolution, affirm the Region's greenhouse gas reduction goals set out in the November 2008 Climate Change Report and adopted by the Council of Governments' Board.

Our Committees also requested that COG convene a multi-sector, multi-disciplinary professional working group to explore establishing a target for screening the regional transportation plan, based on reaching the COG regional greenhouse gas reduction goals. The work would include consideration of how to:

- Identify viable, implementable local, regional, and state actions in each sector (mobile, point, non-road, area);
- Quantify benefits, costs, and implementation schedules;
- Jointly develop a specific action plan for the region; and
- Take appropriate steps towards implementation at the local, regional, and state levels.

By this letter, we are communicating the joint MWAQC and CEEPC actions to the Transportation Planning Board for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roger Berliner  
Chair, Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee



David Snyder  
Chair, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee