

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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RESOLUTION APPROVING 2013 ACTIVITY CENTERS MAP

WHEREAS, *Region Forward – COG's Comprehensive Guide for Regional Planning and Measuring Progress in the 21st Century*, recommends goals organized under themes of accessibility, sustainability, prosperity, and livability, as well as targets specifically related to the share of household and employment growth to be concentrated in regional Activity Centers; and

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2011, the Planning Directors and members of the Region Forward Coalition's Complete Communities Team worked together to develop an update to the Regional Activity Centers, using a new method for identifying Centers based on local government comprehensive plans and other factors, and as a technical and policy tool to support *Region Forward's* goals; and

WHEREAS, *Economy Forward* reaffirmed that Activity Centers are a significant competitive advantage for metropolitan Washington and that concentrating future growth in the Centers will strengthen local and regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Region Forward Coalition approved the new draft map of Regional Activity Centers in July 2012 and recommended its release for public comment; and

WHEREAS, COG staff has briefed all member local government boards and councils on the Regional Activity Centers Map, and has updated and integrated all comments received into the final Map;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The COG Board approves the new Regional Activity Centers map and recommends that it be used as a tool to guide regional technical and policy decisions, and to support local planning, policy and investment decisions as recommended in *Region Forward* and *Economy Forward*.
2. The Board requests that COG and TPB technical and policy committees employ the new Activity Centers in their programmatic work to address economic growth, environmental, affordable housing, transportation, safety and health issues.
3. The Board recommends annual updates to the Map occur should a significant change to a local land use policy or comprehensive plan has been adopted, with initial review by the region's Planning Directors and final review and approval by the COG Board.
4. The Board asks the region's Planning Directors to specifically review the following matters and advise the COG Board in its next report: 1) should the names of the Tysons Corner activity centers be changed; and 2) should Olney, Annandale and the Rt. 15/606 area be activity centers.