



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 2017

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### Policy Boards & Committees

#### TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB)

At its January meeting, the TPB appointed new members to its Citizens Advisory Committee for 2017. It also discussed the next phase of work of its Long-Range Plan Task Force. The board deferred until February a final vote to endorse a map that will aid in assessing the impacts of the region's transportation plans on low-income and minority communities.

#### CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE (CBPC)

The CBPC was briefed on water resource issues and infrastructure investment with regard to the new federal Administration and ongoing activities in Congress, as well as water resources bills in the Maryland and Virginia General Assemblies. The committee was also briefed on utility/EPA successes and challenges from the Potomac River sheen incident.

#### CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (CEEPC)

CEEPC convened an expert panel on opportunities to deploy alternative fuel vehicle fleets and infrastructure, including efforts to organize a national model for cooperative procurement under the COG/Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team's Fleets for the Future initiative.

#### REGION FORWARD COALITION (RPC)

The RFC received briefings from Bob Sweeney, COG Global Cities Initiative Managing Director, on the Greater Washington Metro Export Plan, as well as Dawn Leijon on American University's 2017 Millennial Index.



#### Event Feature: **INAUGURATION BRIEFING**

Area government and businesses leaders, including COG Board Chairman Kenyan McDuffie, participated in the January 12 event in the District of Columbia. The event was sponsored by the Board of Trade and COG and featured homeland security, public safety, and transportation leaders.

[MORE ON THE BRIEFING](#)

**COG RETURN ON INVESTMENT PRESENTATION - CHARLES COUNTY**

COG Executive Director Chuck Bean and Cooperative Purchasing Program Manager Rick Konrad gave a presentation to the Charles County Board of Commissioners on January 24 on COG's programs and discussed the benefits the county receives as a COG member.

**STAFF MEMBERS SHOWCASE TRANSPORTATION WORK AT TRB ANNUAL MEETING**

Two dozen COG transportation engineers, analysts, and planners attended the 96th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board, held January 8-12 in the District. Two groups of staff presented research posters highlighting the TPB's use of real-time traffic data to shed light on the travel impacts of disruptive events like last March's day-long Metro shutdown.

**TOD PLANNING IN FALLS CHURCH**

Community Planning and Services Director Paul DesJardin met with Falls Church Mayor and COG Board President David Tarter and Falls Church Planning Director and COG Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee Chairman Jim Snyder in Falls Church on January 23 to discuss planning for transit-oriented development (TOD) at Metrorail stations.

**LOCAL FOOD EVENTS**

COG supported the annual Arcadia Speed-Sourcing Happy Hour in the District of Columbia that connected metro area farmers and chefs to put locally-grown food on plates and pantries in area restaurants. COG also sponsored (and led a panel) at the annual Future Harvest CASA conference in College Park for farmers, food producers, and advocates committed to sustainable agriculture.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES**

COG Housing Program Manager Hilary Chapman participated in an Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel in Collier County, Florida and shared best practices from the D.C. region. The panel is developing recommendations to ensure a more balanced housing supply and development patterns in the future. Following the event, Chapman will update regional housing officials on findings and strategies discussed.

**TPB TO BEGIN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TLC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING**

On February 1, the TPB will open the next solicitation for technical assistance funding under its popular Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. The TLC Program provides support for planning studies and preliminary engineering for projects that help connect transportation and land-use at the local level. Applications will be due April 3. [MORE ABOUT TLC.](#)



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Cooperative Purchasing Highlight:  
**PUBLIC SAFETY RADIOS**

A subscriber radio cooperative Request for Proposal will be released by COG for review in early February. This solicitation involves more than 60,000 radios to be replaced over the next 10 years. The cost savings per unit is expected to be between \$500-1500 per unit, which equates to a regional savings of \$30-90 million.

[MORE ABOUT PURCHASING](#)

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - February 15

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE - February 17

[MORE COG MEETINGS & EVENTS](#)

#### INAUGURATION BRIEFING

Several news outlets covered the COG-Board of Trade special inaugural briefing and reported on potential impacts to area residents' commutes. [MORE FROM NBC WASHINGTON.](#)

#### COG EXPERT TALKS GROWTH IN FREDERICK

A *Frederick News-Post* story featured Greg Goodwin's presentation to the Frederick County Planning Commission on COG's cooperative forecasts and regional employment and population growth. [MORE FROM THE NEWS-POST.](#)

#### NEW TPB DATA ON ACCESSING AIRPORTS

Greater Greater Washington highlighted the TPB News story on ride-hailing apps and how they are changing how people get to the region's airports. [MORE FROM GGW.](#)

#### BERLINER HONORED WITH COG SCULL AWARD

COG's recognition of Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner with the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award was covered by the Virginia Connection Newspapers. [MORE FROM THE CONNECTION.](#)



## Greater Washington Metro Export Plan



#### Media Highlight: WBJ COVERS EXPORT PLAN

A Washington Business Journal story covered the January COG Board discussion on the Greater Washington Metro Export Plan, featuring comments by board members Frank Principi and John Foust as well as COG's Chuck Bean and Bob Sweeney.

[MORE FROM WBJ](#)