

**Summary of Climate-Related Activities
of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC
November 2013**

Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee Technical and Citizen Committees

Technical Committees

[Electric Vehicle Planning Initiative](#) (Leah Boggs | lboggs@mwkog.org)

- COG staff continued to work with its member governments to garner interest in a cooperative purchase for electric vehicle transportation and charging stations. Several local governments are joining Montgomery County's EV Charging station solicitation.
- The EV workgroup met on October 30th to learn about Montgomery County's EV charging station solicitation, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's EV Report and Enterprise Holdings' car sharing program which will include EVs. As a result of the meeting, Enterprise will be meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team on Nov. 21st to discuss the leasing program.
- COG staff is working with the Executive Board of the Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition to plan an alternative fuels education component for the Washington Auto Show in January.

[Recycling Committee](#) (John Snarr | jsnarr@mwkog.org)

- America Recycles Day was November 15. COG sponsored a regional contest, and several area local governments held America Recycles events throughout the month. More event information can be found on the [COG website](#), or the [national ARD web site](#).
- The next committee meeting is December 5.

Citizen Committee

[Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee](#) (ACPAC) (Maia Davis | mdavis@mwkog.org)

- ACPAC met on October 21, 2013 and heard from Stewart Schwartz, Coalition for Smarter Growth, and watched Bikeswell, a video on how Arlington is becoming a more bike-friendly community.
- ACPAC also met on November 18, 2013 and heard a presentation on the new International Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) 2013 report and from Interstate Commission on Potomac River Watershed (ICPRB) on climate change impacts to regional drinking water supply.
- The next meeting is Dec 9.

Supporting Technical and Policy Committees

[MWAQC](#) and [MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee](#) (Sunil Kumar | skumar@mwkog.org)

- MWAQC-TAC met on October 8, 2013. The committee discussed the timeline for developing emissions inventories for the base year 2011 required to comply with EPA's 2008 ozone standard. The group also discussed EPA's proposed greenhouse gas rule (announced on September 20, 2013) for the new power plants and its plan and schedule to develop a proposal for the existing ones by June 1, 2014.
- Under the proposal, any new plant that runs on coal would be permitted to emit only about half as much carbon dioxide as an average coal plant puts into the air today. EPA is organizing a number of listening sessions throughout the country to get comments on the proposed rule for the existing power plants.
- MWAQC met on September 25, 2013. The committee discussed the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan presented by Ron Kirby (DTP staff). There was a panel discussion on the long-term trends, clean Air Partners contribution to air quality, and future challenges to air quality in the Washington region. While the region has made significant progress towards lowering ozone and PM2.5 levels, more work needs to be done to meet the current and any tougher future ozone standards.

[Transportation Planning Board](#) (TPB), [TPB Technical Committee](#), [TPB Travel Management Subcommittee](#) and [TPB Scenario Study Task Force](#) (Gerald Miller | gmliller@mwkog.org)

- The TPB met on October 16th.
- The TPB received a briefing on the draft Call for Projects and schedule for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2014 CLRP and the FY 2015-2020 TIP.
- A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion of the revised draft of the TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP). Each member of the TPB was given an opportunity to comment on the draft. The draft will be revised based on those comments and presented at the December meeting. It is expected that approval of the draft of the RTPP document will be addressed on the January 2014 agenda.
- The TPB was updated on the regional "Street Smart" pedestrian and bicycle safety education campaign.
- The November meeting of the TPB was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting of the TPB will be on December 18th.

[Planning Directors Technical Committee](#), Housing Directors Advisory Committee, and [Region Forward Coalition](#) (Paul Desjardin/Sophie Mintier | pdesjardin@mwkog.org / smintier@mwkog.org)

- COG staff continue to work with Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee to revise and refine the Activity Center Strategic Development Plan, and will present the Plan to the COG Board for adoption at their ~~November~~ January Board meeting.
- Staff from Executive Office, DTP, DCPS, and OPA worked with AmericaSpeaks to plan and execute the September 27th event, [Economy Forward: Help Shape the Future of the Region](#). Using interactive polling technology, over 100 leaders from around the region weighed in on

regional issues of greatest concern, challenges to regional collaboration, needs for vibrant Activity Centers, and regional transportation priorities.

- On October 31st, the COG Housing Program in partnership with NCB Capital Impact and Coalition for Smarter Growth, hosted an [in-depth workshop](#) on implementing shared equity homeownership programs for local government and nonprofit housing practitioners.
- On November 4th, COG and the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington cohosted [Region Forward: Moving the Needle on Health, Education, and Workforce Development](#). The meeting engaged Roundtable nonprofit members in a discussion of challenges and opportunities to meeting Region Forward's health, education, and workforce target and achieving greater cross-sector collaboration.

Affiliated Partnerships

[Clean Air Partners](#) (Jen Desimone | jdesimone@mwkog.org)

- 2013 Media Campaign – Clean Air Partners completed its annual media campaign which included radio, online, and transit advertising. The campaign generated more than 49.2 million media impressions across various marketing and media relations efforts, with an overall advertising value of \$677,543. Clean Air Partners leveraged the total media campaign budget by 667 percent.
- Car Free Days Twitter Chat – Clean Air Partners partnered with Commuter Connections in a Twitter Chat to celebrate Car Free Day. The Chat was held on September 18 to raise awareness and participation in Car Free Day.
- Slogan Contest – Clean Air Partners 3rd annual slogan contest for local middle and elementary students is open for submissions. Students in grades 4-8 are invited to submit a creative slogan that brings to light solutions to air pollution and climate change and inspire people to take actions to improve our region's air quality. The deadline for submissions is November 22, 2013. Winners will be announced on December 13, 2013.

[Commuter Connections Subcommittee](#) (Nick Ramfos | nramfos@mwkog.org)

- Commuter Connections held Car Free Days on September 20, 21, and 22nd.
- Nicholas Ramfos spoke on a panel titled "The Impacts of Shared Use Mobility Services" at the Shared Use Mobility Summit in San Francisco on October 10th.
- Ramfos gave a presentation to TransUrban staff on October 25th on the preliminary results from the 2013 State of the Commute Survey.
- The Safe Routes to Schools regional meeting on October 29 included a presentation on the Commuter Connections SchoolPool software system.

[Tree Canopy Workgroup](#) (Amanda Campbell | acampbell@mwkog.org and Brian LeCouteur | blecouteur@mwkog.org)

- The Workgroup plans to meet in December, date TBD, to continue work on the regional tree canopy strategy report

Other Committees

Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (formerly [Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#)) (Tom Savoie | tsavoie@mwkog.org)

- The Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team will meet on November 21 to hear a presentation from Enterprise Holdings on leasing EVs.

[Water Resources Technical Committee](#) (WRTC) (Tanya Spano | tspano@mwkog.org)

- At the November 7th meeting, WRTC heard a presentation on Fairfax Water's study on the potential water supply impacts from uranium mining and milling should the ban on such activities be lifted in Virginia.
- WRTC also heard an overview of hydraulic fracturing and potential water quality and water supply issues related to the proposed natural gas extraction in the George Washington National Forest.
- WRTC's next meeting is scheduled for January, date TBD.

[Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee](#) (Heidi Bonnaffon | hbonnaffon@mwkog.org)

- At their September meeting, the CBPC was briefed about wastewater treatment plant capacity projections to 2040 and technological upgrades, which are both on track for meeting future population growth.
- CPBC also got a briefing from the U.S. Conference of Mayors about ongoing permit flexibility and affordability dialogues with EPA; COG has been a part of this national affordability/flexibility dialogue, along with EPA, the National Association of Counties and National League of Cities.
- At their November 15th meeting, the CBPC will be hearing about a report from the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River about potential future climate change impacts to the region's drinking water supply and will learn about COG's regional drought planning efforts. The CBPC will also be getting a 2014 legislative forecast, with an eye on cross-cutting issues where CEEPC and CBPC may wish to jointly comment in the new year.
- The CBPC will meet again on Friday, January 17.