

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING ROUND 8 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT
FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board designated its Metropolitan Development Policy Committee as the body responsible for developing these forecasts through the Cooperative Forecasting Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past two years in developing this 8th major series update to the forecasts based on current regional development trends and new national and regional economic and demographic estimates, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of the COG's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, which have provided local population, household, and employment forecasts, documentation of methodology and assumptions upon which the forecasts are based, and related analyses for use in the process, and has involved full participation of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 the COG Board adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommended the approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts occur concurrently with the completion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2010 the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee recommended the draft Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts for use in this year's Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY 2011-2016 TIP and the 2010 CLRP, the results of which will be acted on by the TPB during their meeting

on November 17.

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

1. The Boards approves the Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts, attached as part of this Resolution.
2. The Board recommends that the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and Metropolitan Development Policy Committee begin work to update the Regional Activity Centers maps, consistent with the recommendations of the Greater Washington 2050 *Region Forward* report, as well as with Resolution R13-02 which recommends updating the Centers following adoption of a major new series of Cooperative Forecasts.
3. The Board commends the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee for their contributions to the effort to date.
4. The Board charges the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with monitoring the Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation and the region's economy and modify the Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.
