



# COG Planning Directors TAC Meeting: Confirming 2023 Approach

February 17, 2023

# Today's Discussion Items

- **Review proposed 2023 overarching theme**
- **Discuss and solicit feedback among PDTAC during today's discussion regarding March meeting focus on Office to Residential Conversion**
- **Review and confirm approach for the arc of meetings, including topics, panels, milestones and deliverable(s)**

## Proposed 2023 Overarching Theme

**Equity** as a common thread for framing conversations on specific planning-related topics over the course of the year:

- Considering equity as both a process and an outcome
- Utilizing equity as a lens to explore and discuss topic areas (i.e. housing, environmental justice, transportation)
- Existing and emerging tools to measure equity

# Proposed March Meeting

**Topic:** Office to residential conversions

**Questions for member exploration and input:**

- What are the opportunities/challenges with office-to-residential conversions in the region?
- What perspectives are we hoping to hear and learn from?
- Do you have suggestions for specific individuals to serve as panelists? For example, private sector (developers, analysts), public sector, PDTAC members.

Please email suggestions for panelists by Friday, February 24: [pdesjardin@mwcog.org](mailto:pdesjardin@mwcog.org)

# Potential Topics to Explore Through An Equity Lens

- Office-to-residential conversion
- Commercial Market Resiliency
- Downtown and central business areas
- Equitable transportation strategies and housing connections
- Equitable resilience/environmental justice strategies
- Placemaking for community interaction and access
- Federal office space
- Minority businesses and displacement
- Residential displacement and relocation
- Stakeholder engagement
- Equity-forward comprehensive plans and area plans
- Integrating equity into development review
- Use data to measure equity and address equity deficits
- Addressing digital divide
- Connecting partnerships to implementation
- Dialogue with/lessons learned from counterparts in Anne Arundel/Howard Counties

## Next Steps

- **Online poll to be distributed to TAC members following the meeting for recommended prioritization of topics for 2023 focus and suggestions for speakers**
- **At the March meeting, Co-Chairs and COG Staff to share and discuss:**
  - **Framework for emerging themes ( e.g. process, program, data, partnerships, outcomes)**
  - **Monthly topics and format (e.g. panel discussion)**
  - **Suggestions for participation/leadership for each month**
  - **Look-ahead at key milestones**