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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: November 12, 2009 (**THURSDAY**)
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross will begin the meeting promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(12:00 Noon)
Chairman Gross
Vice Chair, Fairfax County
2. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:00 – 12:05)
 - a) COG Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon – December 9
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)
 - a) Outreach
 - b) Legislative/Regulatory update
 - c) Information and Follow-up
 - d) Letters Sent/Received
4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2009**
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)

CONSENT AGENDA

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

A. Support for Livable Communities Act

In August, Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) introduced the Livable Communities Act (S. 1619). This legislation would provide a multi-year authorization for sustainability planning grants and a new sustainable communities office at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The bill authorizes funds for regional planning to make communities more livable and creates an interagency council to promote sustainable development. A House companion bill is expected to follow soon. The Livable Communities Act would provide significant funding opportunities for COG, specifically in the implementation of Greater Washington 2050. The Board will be asked to approve the transmittal of a letter of support of S. 1619 and applauding the effort to reaffirm the federal role in regionalism.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve letter.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive a Grant from the District of Columbia State Administrative Agent to Provide Support for the National Capital Region Critical Infrastructure Protection Regional Programmatic Working Group Strategy

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R61-09, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee, to receive a grant in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to support implementation of the UASI funded elements of the National Capital Region Critical Infrastructure Protection Regional Programmatic Working Group Strategy project. The Executive Director is further authorized to execute one or more contracts as may be required to obtain consultant assistance to conduct the approved project work program. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration will not exceed 2 years.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R61-09.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive a Grant from the District of Columbia Department of the Environment to Update the District's Water Pollution Control Contingency Plan

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R62-09, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee, to receive a grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) for the purpose of updating the District's Water Pollution Control Contingency Plan. The Executive Director is further authorized to execute one or more contracts as may be required to obtain consultant assistance to conduct the approved project work program. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration will not exceed 2 years.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R62-09.

ACTION AGENDA

7. COG 2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (12:25 – 12:40 pm)

Chairman Gross

During its annual retreat in July, COG members discussed the need to enhance legislative and policy priorities through greater coordination with state and congressional elected officials. Members also identified the issues of sustainability, workforce and transportation as opportunities for focus by COG. Staff has worked with COG's Legislative Directors Committee and the Ad-Hoc Legislative Committee of the Board to draft the region's 2010 state legislative priorities. The Board will be asked to review and adopt these priorities as part of its state outreach to Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia officials in 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt 2010 State Legislative Priorities.

8. SUSTAINMENT FUNDING FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EQUIPMENT PURCHASED WITH URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FUNDS (12:40 – 12:55 pm)

Mike Knapp Council Member, Montgomery County Chair, Emergency Preparedness Council

On September 22, 2009 the Grant Programs Directorate at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced a major shift in policy regarding permissible uses of preparedness grants. The new policy limits the ability of the National Capital Region (NCR) and other U.S. metropolitan regions to use UASI grant funds to maintain and upgrade critical homeland security equipment across grant years. Mr. Knapp will provide a brief overview of the action and its implications for the region. The Board will be asked to approve the transmittal of a letter to the NCR Congressional Delegation urging that the new policy is rescinded.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve letter.

9. ANACOSTIA RESTORATION MOVES TO THE NEXT PHASE: AN UPDATE (12:55 – 1:10 pm)

Dana Minerva Executive Director Anacostia Restoration Partnership

The Anacostia Restoration Partnership has reached a critical milestone since it was created by the COG Board in June 2006. It will soon, with the US Army Corps of Engineers, publish a draft "Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan and Report." Dana Minerva, Executive Director of the Partnership, will preview the Plan and discuss next steps regarding public review and ultimate adoption of the Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**10. PREVIEW OF 2015 POLICE-FIRE OLYMPICS
(1:10 – 1:20 pm)**

Chairman Gross

**Bruce Blechl
Lieutenant, Fairfax County Police
Executive Director, Team Fairfax**

**Jerome Williams
Captain II, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department**

**Dave Quarto
Lieutenant, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office**

The World Police and Fire Games are an Olympic style event held every two years. In August, Fairfax County was selected, from among other finalists including Toronto, Winnipeg, and Sidney, to host the 2015 games. Though many of the events will be held in Fairfax County, several competition venues will be located outside the County including Prince William County and the City of Manassas, which will result in significant economic opportunities region-wide. The 2007 Games, held in Adelaide, Australia, had 10,600 competitors and an estimated 23,000 visitors. Supervisor Gross and Lieutenant Blechl will provide a preview of the Games and its anticipated impact on this region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R63-09.

**11. PRESENTATION ON POTOMAC RIVER COMMUTER FERRY STUDY
(1:20 – 1:35 pm)**

**Frank Principi
Supervisor, Prince William County**

Prince William County completed a study on proposed commuter ferry service on the Potomac, Anacostia and Occoquan Rivers earlier this year. The study examined likely ferry service travel times, potential environmental impacts, preliminary capital and operating costs, and defined the operating parameters needed to provide ferry service between points in Northern Virginia, Suburban Maryland and Washington, DC. The study was presented to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) in October. Supervisor Principi will brief the COG Board on the key study findings, discuss next steps, and request COG participation in a regional stakeholder group that will oversee additional work on this proposal. NVRC will lead the stakeholder group, which will examine market analysis, modal shift, and a service plan and budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R64-09.

12. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2009 AUDIT
(1:35 – 1:45 pm)

Bruce Williams
Mayor, City of Takoma Park
Chair, FY 2009 Audit Committee

Graylin Smith
SB and Company

SB and Company performed COG's FY 2009 audit. A draft of the audit was presented to the Audit Committee at its October 21 meeting. SB and Company provided an unqualified or "clean" audit for COG.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive FY 2009 Audit.



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