

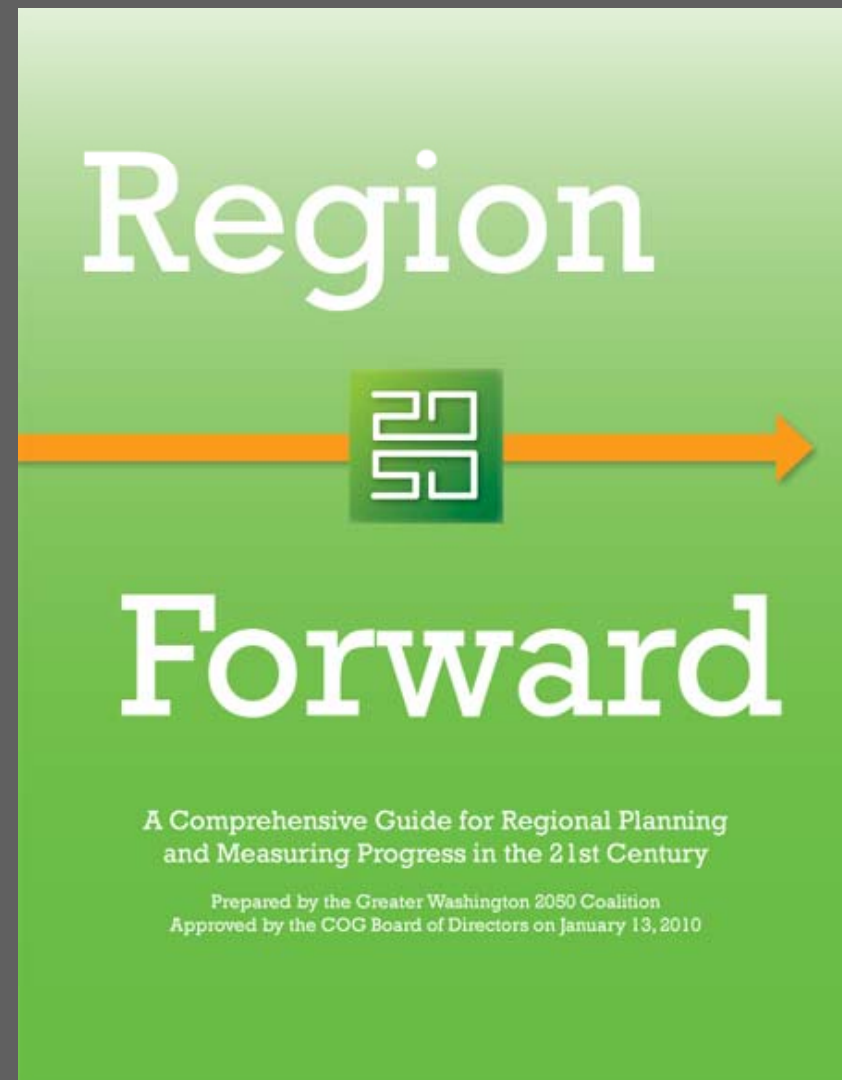


Greater Washington 2050

Round 8.0 Cooperative
Forecasts and Regional
Activity Centers and Clusters
Project

Planning Directors Technical
Advisory Committee

February 19, 2010





- COG staff would like to engage the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) on the early stages of shaping a planning process for updating the regional activity centers.



Round 8.0 Cooperative Forecast

- PDTAC approved the jurisdictional control totals and recommended transmission to the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee(MDPC) - October 2009
- Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved the jurisdictional control totals for use in the forthcoming air quality conformity analysis – January 2010
- COG Board of Directors will take final action in conjunction with the Transportation Planning Board approval of the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) – October 2010



Round 8.0 Cooperative Forecast

- The jurisdictional TAZ level submissions are expected - March 2010
- This will include a new Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) structure (TPB TAZ 3722) almost doubling the number of TAZs from the previous Round 7 series



Regional Activity Centers and Clusters - History

- In April 2002 the COG Board and the TPB approved the Round 6.1 Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps and data
- The Regional Activity Centers and Clusters maps and data are updated following the approval of a major new Round of Cooperative Forecasts
- The last update to the Activity Centers occurred with the completion of the Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecast – April 2006 to April 2007



Regional Activity Centers and Clusters – Round 7.0 Update and Process

- The PDTAC unanimously agreed to use the criteria established in 2002 to evaluate Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts
- This criteria can be found on page 1 and 2 of the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters brochure
- COG staff applied the Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts - three new Regional Activity Centers were identified: Konterra, Woodbridge, and Gainesville
- Six Regional Activity Clusters areas were created and/or modified as a result of the identification of new Regional Activity Centers



Regional Activity Centers and Clusters – Round 7.0 Update and Process

COG staff identified three potential policy uses for the Centers and Clusters:

1. Increasing the Share of Future Employment in the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters
2. Concentrating Residential Growth in the Regional Activity Centers
3. Concentrating Growth in Transit Station and Commuter Rail Station Areas



Regional Activity Centers and Clusters – Round 7.0 Update and Process

..... As a first step towards implementation, the MDPC and COG Board would need to adopt any or all of the goals identified above. The second phase in implementation would be to identify specific regional and local numeric targets for each of the goals..... (Round 7.0 Regional Activity Centers and Clusters brochure - April 2007)



Region Forward Report – Adopted by the COG Board – January 2010

**References to Regional Activity Centers can be found in the
report**

Such as:

- Target: Beginning in 2012, capture 75% of the square footage of new commercial construction and 50% of new households in Regional Activity Centers (Page 17)
- Target: Transportation investments will link Regional Activity Centers (Page 20)



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- Target: By 2020, the housing and transportation costs in Regional Activity Centers will not exceed 45 percent of area median income (Page 22)
- Target: Beginning in 2012, at least 80% of new or preserved affordable units will be located in Regional Activity Centers (Page 23)
- Target: All Regional Activity Centers will have transit access (Page 25)



Next Steps

- COG staff can start by applying the Round 8.0 Cooperative Forecast to the Round 7.0 Regional Activity Centers and Clusters – April and May (Draft product to PDTAC June meeting?)