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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: March 9, 2011**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**PLACE: COG Board Room**

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

**A G E N D A**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
(12:00 Noon)**  
**Chairman Andrea Harrison  
Councilmember, Prince George's County**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**  
**Chairman Harrison**
  - a) Aviation Forum Outcomes**
- 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**
  - a) Outreach**
  - b) Legislative and Regulatory Update**
  - c) Information and Follow-up**
  - d) Letters Sent/Received**
  - e) General Counsel Report**
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2011  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### **A. Appointment of Additional 2011 Policy Committee Chair and Vice Chairs**

Chairman Harrison will recommend the appointment of the chair and vice chairs of the new Region Forward Coalition and the Virginia vice chair of the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee. With this action, only one COG 2011 policy board and committee leadership post remains vacant, the District of Columbia Vice Chair slot for the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council. Appointments to COG's administrative committees will also be recommended.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R15-2011.**

#### **B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding from the Summit Fund of Washington in Support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R16-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$130,000 in grant funding from the Summit Fund of Washington to provide contract and staff services in support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$130,000. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R16-2011.**

#### **C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Issue a Contract to Revise the DC Disaster Response Plan and to Complete all Hazards Planning Tasks**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R17-2011, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$250,000 to revise the DC Disaster Response Plan and to complete all hazard planning tasks. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R17-2011.**

#### **D. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the District of Columbia Department of the Environment, Watershed Protection Division for the Watts Branch Post-Construction Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Project**

The Board will be asked to adopt R18-2011, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to: perform macroinvertebrate sampling for evaluating stream restoration project success in the Watts Branch watershed, perform limited water quality and physical aquatic habitat assessment and prepare a technical memorandum summarizing results from the monitoring effort. The project duration will be 3-years from contract execution. A \$15,000 cash match (\$5,000 per year for the FY12-14 period) from COG's budgeted Non Point Source Program area will be provided.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R18-2011.**

**7. FEDERAL ACTIVITY  
(12:25 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**A. Overview of Proposed FY 2012 Federal Budget and Update on FY 2011 Appropriations**

**Shannon Baxevanis  
Deputy Director, National Association of Regional Councils**

**Nicole Hange  
COG Policy/Government Relations Coordinator**

Congress is considering sweeping budget and appropriations actions to reduce Federal spending, but these actions are also expected to impact programs that affect regions and local governments. NARC representatives will highlight pending budget and appropriations actions of greatest interest to regional councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). COG staff will identify specific actions or proposals affecting COG and/or the National Capital Region.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.**

**B. 2011 Federal Legislative Priorities**

**Nicole Hange  
COG Policy/Government Relations Coordinator**

In addition to pending Federal budget and appropriations issues, the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress may take up several policy matters of great interest to the National Capital Region and COG, including transportation reauthorization, FAA reauthorization, and housing finance reform of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. COG staff will summarize these issues, and others associated with the FY 2012 budget and FY 2011 appropriations process for communication to COG's congressional delegation and House and Senate leadership.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt 2011 Federal Legislative Priorities.**

**8. REGIONAL INCIDENT RESPONSE ACTION PLAN  
(1:00 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Phil Andrews  
Councilmember, Montgomery County  
Chairman, National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

**David Robertson  
COG Executive Director**

Public officials, business leaders and area residents have voiced concern with preparedness and response to the January 26 snow storm that left thousands without electric power and triggered hours-long commutes for many drivers. COG has invited several of its policy boards and committees to provide input on this issue, including the Chief Administrative Officers Committee (CAOs), the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), and the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC), among others. COG staff has also compiled initial information on local and regional actions associated with the January 26 snow event. The COG Board will receive a briefing on findings to date and a staff recommendation that the COG Board appoint an ad hoc committee, chaired by EPC Chairman Andrews, to oversee completion of a six-month January 26 snow/power action plan. Staff will outline the proposed elements of the action plan. The COG Board will receive an implementation report in October

2011, in advance of the 2011-2012 winter season. Chairman Andrews and Mr. Robertson will also be joined by representatives from transportation and emergency management agencies and the CAOs and Public Information Officers (PIOs) Committees, who will respond to COG Board questions and comments.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Action Plan.**

**9. NARC CONFERENCE OUTCOMES AND CALL FOR NARC BOARD NOMINATIONS  
(1:40 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross  
Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County**

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is a membership association of more than 230 regional councils and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including COG. NARC recently concluded its annual conference of regions, which focuses on federal policy, legislation, regulations and budget matters. Vice Chairman Gross, who represents NARC Region III (DC, MD, VA, WV) on the NARC Board, will highlight key conference outcomes. Vice Chairman Gross will also invite COG Board members to consider serving on the NARC Board, as her term expires June 2011. The COG Board will approve nominating a candidate for the Region III slot at its April 13 meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**10. OTHER BUSINESS  
(1:50 - 2:00 p.m.)**

**11. ADJOURN- NEXT MEETING APRIL 13, 2011  
(2:00 P.M.)**



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