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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 14, 2007  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** COG Board Room

- District of Columbia*
- Bladensburg\**
- Bowie*
- College Park*
- Frederick*
- Frederick County*
- Gaithersburg*
- Greenbelt*
- Montgomery County*
- Prince George's County*
- Rockville*
- Takoma Park*
- Alexandria*
- Arlington County*
- Fairfax*
- Fairfax County*
- Falls Church*
- Loudoun County*
- Manassas*
- Manassas Park*
- Prince William County*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Chairman Gray will begin the meeting promptly at **11:30**. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at approximately 12 noon, prior to the Executive Session.

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (11:30 a.m.)**

**Chairman Vincent Gray**  
**Council Chair, District of Columbia**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2007 (11:30 – 11:35 a.m.)**

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:35 – 11:45 a.m.)**

**Chairman Gray**

- a) NARC Conference Update
- b) Reminder: Executive Session Today
- c) WAHP Outreach Campaign
- d) Upcoming Special Events and Meetings
- e) Executive Director's Report
  - Outreach
  - Letters Sent/Received

- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA (11:45 – 11:50 a.m.)**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (11:50-11:55 a.m.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Items 13.A., 13.B., 13.C., 13.D., 13.E., 13.F., 13.G., 13.H., 13.I., 13.J., 13.K., 13.L., & 13.M.

*\*Adjunct member*

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
(11:55 – 12:20 p.m.)**

COG staff will update the Board on litigation against COG and the Transportation Planning Board, COG's proposed response, and a funding recommendation.

**7. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION  
(12:20 – 12:30 p.m.)**

The Board will reconvene in public session and will be asked to act on recommendations provided in Resolution R15-07.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R15-07.**

**8. PROPOSED COG BOARD POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2007  
(12:30 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**Chairman Gray  
Vice Chairman Knapp  
Vice Chairman Gross**

Board officers will outline a proposed policy focus and set of priorities for 2007, which builds on the multi-year focus on growth and development approved by the COG Board of Directors in 2004. The Board will be briefed on recommended policy initiatives to be addressed by the COG Board and steps to improve coordination with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. Chairman Gray will seek Board input and concurrence on the 2007 focus and priorities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt proposed policy focus and priorities.**

**9. FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

**A. Proposed FY 08 Federal Budget  
(12:45-1:00 p.m.)**

**Lee Ruck  
General Counsel**

The President released the proposed FY 2008 Federal budget in February 2007, which contained several recommendations that will have a direct impact on regional policies and programs including such areas as transportation funding, the Chesapeake Bay and homeland security. COG staff will highlight key proposals, anticipated impacts, and opportunities for COG and its member local governments to take action to influence final decision on the budget by Congress and the administration. Staff will also update the Board on state budgetary issues impacting the region.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing, consider response, and refer to the COG Board executive committee for further review.**

**B. District of Columbia Voting Rights  
(1:00 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Chairman Gray**

Delegate Norton (D-DC) and Representative Davis (R-VA) have introduced H.R. 1433, the District of Columbia Voting Rights Act of 2007, a bipartisan attempt to secure voting representation for D.C. residents in the U.S. House of Representatives. This same Bill was favorably reported by the Committee on Government Reform last year, but did not reach the floor in the waning weeks of the 109th Congress. The House leadership has indicated a swift floor vote in this Session of Congress if the Bill again receives Committee support. The Board will be asked to adopt a resolution supporting enactment of H.R. 1433.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R16-07.**

**10. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND ISSUES  
(1:15 – 1:35 p.m.)**

**Wanda Gibson  
Chief Information Officer, Fairfax County**

Since September 11, 2001, COG member governments have been engaged in efforts to improve the security of the metropolitan Washington region. Recently, these efforts have included the establishment of interoperable communications systems that function on a regional level. The primary mechanism for creating these systems has been grant dollars from the Department of Homeland Security. As funding priorities change and the regional technology infrastructure grows, it is increasingly important that the region prepare to absorb the responsibility of maintaining these systems over time. The Board will be asked to adopt a resolution that would establish the CAO Committee as administrator of an NCR Interoperability Services Program, with COG as an administrative and contracting agent.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R17-07.**

**11. FY 2007 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT  
(1:35 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Hilda Barg  
Supervisor, Prince William County  
Secretary-Treasurer, COG**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's second quarter FY 2007 financial report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing.**

**12. MEMBER TIME  
(1:45– 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Gray will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **(A.) Appointment of 2007 Policy Committee Vice Chairs**

Chairman Gray will recommend the appointment or reappointment the vice chairs of the following COG Board policy committees in 2007: Human Services Policy Committee, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, and Public Safety Policy Committee. Vice Chairs for the Aviation and Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committees are chosen through a separate appointment process.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R18-07.**

#### **(B.) Approval of 2007 Bylaws Committee**

COG officials identified several organizational changes during the July 2006 retreat that may require bylaws amendments, for example, including policy committee chairs as ex officio members of the Board of Directors. In addition, staff wishes the Board to consider a recommendation to reorganize and consolidate several administrative committees, such as the budget and finance committee and the employee compensation and benefits review committee. The chairman is authorized to appoint a 2007 bylaws committee to examine these and related issues and to advance its recommendation(s) to the Board of Directors for further review and action.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R19-07.**

#### **(C.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Support of Contract Services for the Anacostia Restoration Partnership**

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R20-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$100,000 in grant funding from EPA to provide contract services in support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$100,000. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R20-07.**

#### **(D.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding from the Summit Fund of Washington in Support of Contract Services for the Anacostia Restoration Partnership**

The Board will be asked to approve Resolution R21-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$90,000 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 \$90,000. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R21-07.**

#### **(E.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Supplemental Funding Agreement with the District of Columbia and a Contract with a Contractor to Complete a Continuity of Operations Plan for the Metropolitan Washington Police Department**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R22-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive supplemental funding from the District of Columbia and to execute a contract with a competitively bid contractor to complete a Continuity of Operations Plan for the Metropolitan Washington

Police Department in the District of Columbia. Funds have been provided to COG by the District of Columbia in the amount of \$150K to complete this project. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R22-07.**

**(F.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Prince Charitable Trusts for a Regional Agricultural Web Site Marketing Program**

The Board will be asked to adopt R23-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the purposes of developing a Regional Agricultural Web Site Marketing Program for COG and its member jurisdictions. The project duration will be 12 months from the receipt of funding. A \$10,000 COG match from budgeted FY 07 funds is requested.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R23-07.**

**(G.) Resolution Authorizing COG to Contract for Green Building Services**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R24-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contractual agreement with Stella Tarnay to provide green building strategic and program support to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on green building. Contractual services will not exceed \$25,500 and will be provided from existing program funding. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-07.**

**(H.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Supplemental Funding Agreement with the District of Columbia and a Contract with SRA International to Complete a Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment, Impact Analysis and Critical Infrastructure Strategy Benchmarking for the National Capital Region**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R25-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive supplemental Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding in the amount of \$1.2M from the District of Columbia to complete a Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment (HIRA), Impact Analysis and Critical Infrastructure Strategy Benchmarking for the National Capital Area. Further the Executive Director is authorized to amend the contract with SRA International, COG's contractor for this project. Funding for the contractor includes \$200K for HIRA tasks dedicated to the District plus \$265K to complete additional tasks authorized by the District. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R25-07.**

**(I.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the USDA Forest Service for an Urban Waste Wood Recovery and Utilization Demonstration Project**

The Board will be asked to adopt R26-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the purposes of developing an Urban Waste Wood Recovery and Utilization Demonstration Project for COG and its member jurisdictions. The grant would be in the amount of \$100,000 with a \$20,000 COG match from budgeted FY07 funds, and \$80,000 provided through in-kind services from COG partners. The project duration is one year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R26-07.**

**(J.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with the Stewards of Change for Training for COG's Thought Leadership Series**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R27-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contractual agreement with "Stewards of Change," a for profit educational group, to provide training for COG's Thought Leadership Series. Contractual services will not exceed \$55,350. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R27-07.**

**(K.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement to Provide Administrative Support for the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination Program**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R28-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with member agencies of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program Steering Committee, in an amount not to exceed \$2 million, for the purpose of providing administrative support services for the MATOC Program. The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) comprise the MATOC Program Steering Committee; the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board shall be an ex-officio member of the Steering Committee. The Executive Director is further authorized to retain the services of a consultant team to provide technical support services for the program. The project duration will be from receipt of funding through no later than June 30, 2010. The source of funding is a federal transportation grant matched by funding provided by DDOT, MDOT, and VDOT. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R28-07.**

**(L.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept Funding for the 2007 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Campaign**

The Board will be requested to approve Resolution R29-07 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements with, and accept funds from, the organizations that have agreed to participate in the Street Smart campaign, for the purpose of implementing the 2007 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign. The Executive Director is further authorized to enter into an agreement with the project consultant, Design House, to implement the 2007 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R29-07.**

**(M.) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Host Critical Homeland Security-Related Equipment on Behalf of the Region**

Recently, through funding from the UASI grant program, COG has managed a project to identify hazards and risks to the NCR, and provide priorities for managing and/or alleviating those risks. The Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, or HIRA, project has released a draft report which is being reviewed by emergency managers and other subject matter experts. Part of the project includes a secure online Geographic Information Systems (GIS) base map of the region showing the identified hazards and other critical infrastructure. This GIS system is currently being hosted by COG on equipment that is designated for another project. This resolution would allow COG to receive funds in the amount of \$41,000 from UASI to pay for new hardware. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-07.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007.**



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