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**COG Climate Change Steering Committee**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2008**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm\*\*  
COG Board Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

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**Agenda**

1. **Call to Order, Review of 1/23/08 Meeting Summary and Amendments to the Agenda**  
11:00 am – 11:10 am..... *Hon. Nancy Floreen, Chair  
Council Member, Montgomery County*
  2. **Chair Remarks**  
11:10 am - 11:15 am..... *Chair Floreen*
  3. **Staff and Member Announcements/Updates/Advocacy**  
11:15 am - 11:55 am..... *COG Staff and Committee Members*
- LUNCH BREAK 11:55 am – 12:10 pm**
4. **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through “Green” Development**  
12:10 pm - 12:30 pm..... *Harriet Tregoning, Director, DC Office of Planning*
  5. **Agreement on Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals**  
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm..... *Stuart Freudberg, Dir. Environmental Programs, COG  
Joan Roblfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning, COG*
  6. **First Discussion of Climate Change Steering Committee Recommendations to COG Board of Directors**  
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm..... *Stuart Freudberg and Committee Members*
  7. **Regional Climate Impacts Report**  
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm ..... *Ted Graham, Water Resources Program Dir., COG*
  8. **Upcoming Meeting Topics and Adjourn**  
2:00 pm ..... *Chair Floreen*

Upcoming meetings:      Tuesday, March 25, 2008 (11:00 am – 2 pm)  
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11:15 am - 11:55 am..... *Chair Floreen, Committee Members and COG Staff*

- COG Board Action on February 13, 2008
  - *Cool Capital Challenge – Chair Floreen*
  - *Climate/Energy Legislation – Stuart Freudberg*
- Member Updates
  - *Maryland Climate Commission and Maryland Legislative Update  
- Tad Aburn, Maryland Dept. of the Environment*
  - *Virginia Climate Commission and Virginia Legislative Update  
- Nikki Rovner, Virginia Natural Resources*
  - *District of Columbia Energy/Climate Legislation  
- District of Columbia Council Member Mary Cheb*
  - *Montgomery County Energy/Climate Legislation –  
- Montgomery County Council Member Roger Berliner*
  - *Fairfax County Position on Proposed Wise, Virginia Power Plant  
- Fairfax Board Chairman Gerry Connolly*
- Advocacy: Recommended COG Position on Federal Climate Legislation  
*- Falls Church Council Member David Snyder (Member, CCSC Policy Subcommittee)*
- COG Staff Updates - S. Freudberg/COG Staff [See handouts]
  - *Regional Catalogue/ Best Practices Report*
  - *Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report*
  - *COG Climate Change Web Site*
  - *Outline for Climate Change Steering Committee Report to COG Board of Directors*
  - *TPB Scenario Workgroup Greenhouse Gas Reduction Analysis*
  - *Greater Washington 2050*

→ LUNCH BREAK 11:55 am – 12:10 pm ←

#### 4. Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through “Green” Development

12:10 pm - 12:30 pm..... Harriet Tregoning, Director, DC Office of Planning

*Local governments and regions are demonstrating leadership in employing energy efficient building designs and compact development practices, which, among other benefits, can reduce greenhouse gases. Ms. Tregoning will provide an overview of some cutting edge development strategies that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions from both the building and transportation sectors – which may assist the committee in developing recommendations for their final report.*

**Recommended action:** Receive report

#### 5. Agreement on Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm..... Stuart Freudberg, Dir. Environmental Programs, COG  
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*At the last meeting of the Climate Change Steering Committee, there was agreement that short, medium, and long-term regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the Washington metropolitan region should be recommended to the COG Board of Directors. Staff presented several options for medium and long-term goals and was directed to prepare a short-term goal. Staff was also directed to develop preliminary analysis of potential actions that would help achieve the proposed goals. Mr. Freudberg and Ms. Roblfs will provide staff's analysis and proposals for consideration by the Committee.*

**Recommended action:** Reach consensus on regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for incorporation into Climate Change Steering Committee report to COG Board of Directors

#### 6. First Discussion of Climate Change Steering Committee Recommendations to COG Board of Directors

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm..... Stuart Freudberg and Committee Members

*The Climate Change Steering Committee draft report to the COG Board of Directors is scheduled for discussion at the March 25, 2008 meeting. Mr. Freudberg will present staff's compilation of potential recommendations for a first discussion by Committee members.*

**Recommended action:**

- Provide feedback to staff regarding recommendations for inclusion in the Committee's draft final report.
- Ask Policy Subgroup to work with staff in formulating draft final report recommendations.

**7. Regional Climate Impacts Report**

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm ..... *Ted Graham, Water Resources Program Dir., COG*

A key element of the Climate Change Steering Committee’s charge is an assessment of regional impacts of climate change and potential adaptation strategies. Dr. Graham will summarize staff work to date regarding the regional impacts of climate change, and provide suggestions regarding adaptation strategies.

**Recommended action:** Receive report, provide feedback to staff regarding adaptation strategies.

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2:00 pm ..... *Chair Floreen*

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