

# COG

October 13, 2010

## Executive Director's Report

To: COG Board of Directors  
From: David J. Robertson, Executive Director

### September 2010 Outreach

(Staff contact: David J. Robertson, 202-962-3260)

- Met with Marcel Acosta, Executive Director of the National Capital Planning Commission on September 7 to discuss regional planning policies and programs.
- Briefed the Takoma Park City Mayor and City Council on Region Forward implementation on September 7.
- Met with Jeff Greenfield with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on September 13 concerning the department's food and nutrition services program.
- Met with members of the 2030 Group on September 13 concerning its draft report scheduled for release on September 20.
- Met with Senator Mark Warner on September 17 concerning the WMATA governance effort underway by COG and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.
- Attended a work session sponsored by the 2030 Group on September 20 concerning its findings and recommendations on regional governance issues.
- Participated in the WMATA Riders Advisory Council meetings on September 20 and 22 concerning WMATA governance.
- Attended and spoke at the Potomac Watershed Trash Summit on September 22.
- Met with City of Fairfax Councilmember Dan Drummond on September 23 concerning proposed COG activities focused on economic development and related matters.
- Attended the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Metropolitan Policy Forum and Executive Directors Conference in Austin, Texas, September 27 to 30.



COG Membership



Community Planning & Services



Environmental Programs



Public Safety & Health



Transportation Planning



## Community Planning and Services

(Staff contact: Paul DesJardin, Director, 202-962-3293)

- DCPS Director presented the Greater Washington 2050 Initiative/"Region Forward" report to the September 13 meeting of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance.
- DCPS Director participated in the Brookings Institution's September 29th Metropolitan Partners Strategy Session
- DCPS staff participated in a panel presentation on the HUD sustainable communities regional planning grant/Region Forward on September 27.
- DCPS Director briefed the Climate, Energy and Environmental Policy Committee (CEEPC) on the final COG HUD Sustainable Communities Grant Application on September 22.
- DCPS Director chaired the September 16 Capital Area Foreclosure Network Leadership Meeting.
- DCPS child welfare program staff participated in the Black Family Reunion celebration on September 11.

## Environmental Programs

(Staff contact: Stuart Freudberg, Director, 202-962-3340).

- DEP staff moderated a public meeting cum web broadcast put on by EPA regarding the recently released Chesapeake Bay TMDL on September 25.
- DEP staff appeared on NBC's Viewpoint to discuss air quality issues. The taping aired on September 5.
- DEP staff appeared on a panel discussion about regional climate change planning at ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability's, annual conference in Washington on September 25.
- DEP's Climate and Energy staff team attended community events in Greenbelt, Brookland, DC, and Cascades in Loudoun County, to promote the Wise Energy Use by Capital Area Neighbors campaign (WE CAN). DEP staff participated in Greenbelt's Labor Day parade.
- COG sponsored a Helicopter Community Forum at the Arlington County Board Room on September 22.

## Transportation Planning

(Staff contact: Ron Kirby, Director, 202-962-3310)

- DTP Director presented on a panel at the National Forum on Performance Based Transportation Planning on September 13-14.
- DTP Director participated on a conference call with a panel of the Transportation Research Board discussing the impacts on traffic of the BRAC decision on September 28.
- DTP Director participated in several sessions at the Rayburn Building hosted by the Bipartisan Policy Center on Performance Based Planning and Road Use Pricing on September 28-29.

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- DTP Director participated in several meetings of the COG/BOT WMATA Governance Task Force.
- Commuter Connections provided a briefing to the Northern Virginia BRAC Coordinators hosted by NVRC on September 15.
- Commuter Connections held Car Free Day throughout the region on September 22.
- Commuter Connections held an employer outreach training session, "Small Budget Success for TDM," at COG for local jurisdictions on September 27.