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## COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 8, 2006

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon

**PLACE:** COG Board Room

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

### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
(12:00 Noon)  
  
Chairman Jay Fisetto  
Board Member, Arlington County
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 8, 2006**  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)  
  
Chairman Fisetto
  - a) New NARC Executive Director
  - b) Executive Director's Report
    - a. Outreach
    - b. Letters Sent/Received
4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Items 10.A. & 10.B.

**6. POTOMAC CONFERENCE OUTCOMES  
(12:25-12:55 p.m.)**

**Chairman Fisette**

**George Vradenburg  
President, Vradenburg Foundation  
Chair, Potomac Conference**

**Kathy Whepley  
Vice President, Community Foundation**

The Greater Washington Board of Trade (GWBOT) Potomac Conference – “A Conversation About Our Region’s Future” was held on February 23-24, 2006. The conference was a follow up to the 2005 Reality Check on Growth and sought to build regional consensus around strategies to establish a multi-sector, multi-year region visioning effort in the National Capital Region. COG regional data and information helped to frame much of the Potomac Conference discussion and COG Board Chairman Fisette moderated Friday afternoon panels on regional development challenges and opportunities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing. Review and discuss plans for Envision Greater Washington next-steps, including COG task-force participation.**

**7. HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM  
(12:55-1:15 p.m.)**

**A. Emergency Preparedness Council Focus and Priorities**

**Gerry Connolly  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Chairman, National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

COG established the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) in 2002 as the successor to its Emergency Preparedness Task Force. The EPC is a public-private advisory body that provides policy recommendations to the COG Board and helps to promote regional coordination on emergency planning, preparedness and response among diverse local, state and federal government stakeholders and the private and non-profit sectors. The EPC also provides an oversight role for federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding in the National Capital Region. Chairman Connolly will brief the COG Board on the EPC’s four-point work program for 2006 and other efforts to strengthen its effectiveness and outreach.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**B. Update on the Region’s Emergency Plans**

**Gordon Aoyagi  
Homeland Security Director  
Montgomery County**

**David McMillion  
Department of Human Services, Planning and Public Safety, COG**

In September 2005, following concerns about federal, state and local response to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and the Gulf region, the COG Board of Directors requested that COG review National Capital Area emergency plans to begin to incorporate lessons learned, address

areas of special need, such as vulnerable populations, and more carefully examine assumptions concerning federal emergency response and support for local and state governments. The COG Board will be updated on progress to date and remaining tasks.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**8. METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE: FOCUS AND PRIORITIES  
(1:15-1:30 p.m.)**

**Phil Mendelson, Chair  
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC)  
Member at Large, Council of the District of Columbia**

The COG Board's policy focus on growth and development includes close cooperation on key issues with the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). Phil Mendelson, MWAQC Chair, will brief the Board on the key priorities and areas of focus for MWAQC in 2006 and over the next several years, which include preparation of regional air quality plans to meet the federal health standards for ozone and particulate matter. Mr. Mendelson will also update the Board on MWAQC's governance and operations subsequent to the MWAQC bylaws revisions that were instituted at the beginning of calendar year 2005.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report and provide feedback to MWAQC as appropriate.**

**9. PROPOSED FY 2007 FEDERAL BUDGET AND STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS  
(1:30-1:50 p.m.)**

**Lee Ruck  
General Counsel**

The President released the proposed FY 2007 Federal budget in February 2006, which contained several recommendations that will have a direct impact on regional policies and programs in such areas as transportation funding, including Metro dedicated 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 influence final action on the budget by Congress and federal implementing and regulatory agencies. Staff will also update the Board on regional issues being considered by the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures.

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

**10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**(A). Chairman Fissette will recommend appointments to the following standing and ad hoc administrative committees for 2006:**

- A. Budget and Finance Committee – Responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the COG Board on the proposed FY 2008 work program and budget, and advise the COG Board, as necessary, on COG's budget and financial matters.
- B. Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee – Responsible for providing oversight to the COG Board on the annual evaluation of the executive director and for advising the COG Board on any revisions to employee compensation and benefits.

- C. Pension Plan Administrative Committee – Responsible for providing oversight for COG's employee pension plan and for advising the COG Board on any plan amendments.
- D. Annual Retreat Planning Committee – Responsible for planning the program content and other activities at COG's proposed July 28-30, 2006 annual retreat.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R17-06.**

**(B.) NOMINATION OF PENELOPE GROSS FOR RE-ELECTION TO NARC BOARD**

The COG Board of Directors will be asked to authorize the COG Board Chair to transmit a letter to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) advising that it is COG's intent to nominate Supervisor Penelope Gross, Fairfax County, for re-election to the NARC Board of Directors, representing Region III (DC, MD, VA and WV).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve letter.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2006.**