

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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DATE: March 12, 2014
TIME: 12:00 – 2:00PM
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: The meeting will begin promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30AM

AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00PM)**

**Phil Mendelson, Council Chair, District of Columbia
COG Board Chair**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05PM)**

Chair Mendelson

- A. New Board Members**
- B. Annual Retreat Date – July 25-27**

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:05 – 12:10PM)**

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15PM)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2014
(12:15 – 12:20PM)**

**Adjunct Member*

**6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25PM)**

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF REAL-TIME CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING SMART, INTEGRATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (SISMS)

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R24-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend \$250,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for the purpose of implementing SISMS technology across the Anacostia Watershed. The grant continues through June 2016. This will expand upon an existing successful partnership between COG, the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership, NFWF and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to manage stormwater, a major factor in Anacostia River's water quality. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is expected to provide \$2,750,000 in matching funds, for a project total budget of \$3,000,000. **No COG matching funds are required.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-2014.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THROUGH JUNE, 2016, WITH GREEHAN, TAVES, PANDAK & STONER, PLLC. FOR LEGAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R25-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC., for ongoing legal services for the period April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. This contract replaces the existing agreement, reflecting an evaluation of COG's legal services requirements over the past four contract years, as well as an assessment of COG's future legal services needs, including individual project support, particularly in the area of homeland security. The retainer fee will be \$15,000 per month plus expenses for April – June, 2014, \$16,000 per month plus expenses beginning July, 2014 through June, 2016, and will include additional services covered under the time and materials section of the contract. Funding for this contract is provided through COG's indirect cost allocation plan, the member services program in COG's adopted work program and budget, and reimbursement under individual project agreements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R25-2014.

**7. OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLAN FOR 2014
(12:25-12:35PM)**

Chuck Bean
Executive Director, COG

Stuart Freudberg
Senior Director, Environment, Public Safety and Health, COG

Regional Infrastructure is a priority of the 2014 COG Board of Directors as outlined in the 2014 Board Work Plan adopted at the February 2014 Board meeting. Staff will briefly review the scope of regional infrastructure in the National Capital Region and outline infrastructure topic areas to be discussed at upcoming meetings throughout the year. The Board will be asked to provide feedback on the proposed topics and discuss additional infrastructure ideas.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and discuss.

**8. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT ROUND 8.3 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
(12:35-12:50PM)**

Rosalynn Hughey
Acting Director, District of Columbia Office of Planning
Chairman, Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee

Paul DesJardin
Director, Community Planning and Services, COG

Greg Goodwin
Regional Planner, Community Planning and Services, COG

COG established the Cooperative Forecasting program in 1975 to enable local, regional and federal agencies to coordinate planning using common assumptions about future growth and development. The Cooperative Forecasts are developed through a “top-down / bottom-up” process which synthesizes regional econometric model projections and local government forecasts based on current and planned development. The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) approved this third update to the 8th major series of Forecasts, “Round 8.3”, at their January 17 meeting, reflecting the 2010 Census and local economic trends. The Board will be asked to approve the draft Round 8.3 Forecasts for use by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2014 financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R26-2014.

**9. THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA'S FUTURE ECONOMY, CHANGING WORKFORCE AND HOUSING REQUIREMENTS
(12:50-1:30PM)**

Stephen S. Fuller, PhD
Dwight Schar Faculty Chair and University Professor, George Mason University
Director, Center for Regional Analysis

The Washington metropolitan area economy was one of the fastest-growing during the past three decades. Driven by federal procurement spending and the rapid growth of a technology-intensive, knowledge-based workforce, the region's economy grew to become the 4th largest among U.S. metropolitan areas. Dr. Fuller will present the results of new research which indicates that the region will face emerging challenges in workforce and housing needs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R27-2014.

**10. ENDORSEMENT OF OFFICE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COORDINATION REORGANIZATION PLAN
(1:30-1:45PM)**

Chuck Bean
Executive Director, COG

Stuart Freudberg
Senior Director, Environment, Public Safety and Health, COG

The Office of National Capital Region Coordination (ONCRC) was established as part of the creation of the Department of Homeland Security in early 2003 to insure a high level federal body was focused on the National Capital Region (NCR) with the mission of coordinating among federal agencies and with state and local governments to insure effective planning, preparedness, training and response to regional emergencies in the wake of September 11, 2001. COG strongly advocated for establishment of ONCRC. Over the past year at the direction of Congress there has been an ongoing review of the structure, staffing, mission and funding for the ONCRC. The COG Board, as well as the CAO Homeland Security Executive Committee, provided feedback to Congress in 2013 about the critical importance of the ONCRC and its presence in the NCR. Over the past two months, an extensive consultation process led by the Acting Director of ONCRC has taken place with key stakeholders, including COG's Emergency Managers Committee, CAO Homeland Security Executive Committee, Emergency Preparedness Council and Senior Policy Group (State Homeland Security Advisors and Emergency Management Directors). The outcome is a reorganization plan designed to revitalize the ONCRC and enhance its communication and coordination functions. The ONCRC will be housed in Washington D.C., under the FEMA Administrator, with a 24/7 Watch Desk co-located at the District of Columbia Homeland Security Emergency Management Agency. This will result in improved regional readiness, communication, coordination and response capability for intentional, accidental or natural regional emergencies. Mr. Bean will note the critical role and importance of the ONCRC, and Mr. Freudberg will highlight the key elements of the reorganization plan that led to a recommendation of endorsement by the key COG and state committees.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R28-2014.

**11. OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIES AND CHALLENGES TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION
(1:45PM-1:55PM)**

Hilary Chapman
Housing Program Manager, Community Planning and Services, COG

In November 2013, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R48-2013, directing COG staff and the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee to prepare a regional assessment of long-term efforts to end chronic homelessness through a scan of local 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness. This presentation will provide an overview of the findings of that report, highlighting common strategies and challenges to ending homelessness in our region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R29-2014.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS
(1:55-2:00PM)**

**13. ADJOURN – THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2014
(2:00PM)**



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