

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT ROUND 8.3 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR USE IN THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF THE 2014 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CLRP) AND THE FY2015-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing the second update to the 8th major series of forecasts based on current regional development trends and new national and regional economic and demographic estimates, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of COG's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 COG adopted Resolution R8-2003, which recommends that approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts should occur concurrently with the completion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP);

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014 the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee recommended the draft Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts for use in this year's Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2014 CLRP and the FY 2015-2020 TIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The Board approves the Round 8.3 Forecasts attached as part of this Resolution.
2. The Board charges the Region Forward Coalition and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with monitoring the Round 8.3 Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation and the region's economy, and modify the Round 8.3 Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 12, 2014.

Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors