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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: February 11, 2009

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

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

A G E N D A

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

**Chairman Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County**

- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Gross

- a) Recognition of Outgoing Policy Committee Chairs**
- b) Executive Director's Report**
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o Legislative Report Update
 - o Information Items

- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2009
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolutions 11.A., 11.B., 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., & 11.F.

**6. COG BOARD POLICY FOCUS FOR 2009
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

Chairman Gross

David Robertson

Chairman Gross will outline the proposed policy focus and priorities for 2009, which build on COG's multi-year focus on growth and development and balance the region's long term goals with short term needs. The Board will be briefed on recommended policy initiatives to be addressed by the COG Board and steps to improve coordination with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. Chairman Gross will seek Board input and concurrence on the 2009 focus and priorities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt proposed policy focus and priorities.

**7. GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 STATUS REPORT
(12:45 – 1:00 p.m.)**

Sharon Bulova

Chairman, Fairfax County

Chairman, Greater Washington 2050 Initiative

Greater Washington 2050 is a regional initiative approved by the COG Board in January 2008 to improve the quality of life for Washington area residents in the next 50 years by fostering stronger regional awareness, leadership and action. Led by COG and a coalition of public, business, civic and environmental stakeholders, Greater Washington 2050 will build on what many members of the Greater Washington Coalition believe is an opportunity for convergence on regional issues of growth, transportation and the environment. Coalition members have established four Task Forces to address development of planning principles; a regional Compact; planning tools for measuring progress; and communications and outreach strategy. Greater Washington 2050 Chair Sharon Bulova will report on accomplishments to date of the Greater Washington Coalition and its four Task Forces and the anticipated completion of this initiative in late 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. UPDATE ON REGIONAL IMPACT OF FINANCIAL AND CREDIT CRISIS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
(1:00 – 1:30 p.m.)**

JoAnne Carter

Managing Director

The PFM Group

In October 2008, the Board received a sobering report on the effect of a destabilized national economy, rising interest rates and tightening credit on the ability of local governments, including those with otherwise strong bond ratings, to borrow money to support schools, road improvements and other municipal projects, including governments. Ms. Carter will brief the Board on the current economic condition, outlook for the future, and what that will mean for local governments.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

9. PRIORITY NEAR-TERM BUS PROJECTS

(1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)

Steve Yaffe

VA Transit Services Manager, Arlington County

During the COG Retreat in July 2008 officials made clear their intent that COG must begin to balance its long term goals, with short term needs. Several projects and initiatives were identified that would allow tangible results in the ensuing months and which would also support COG's long term goals and vision. One of the near-term goals, that of identifying opportunities that would enhance connections among the various jurisdictional bus systems in the region to make bus transit more efficient, has recently been accomplished. In December, the TPB approved recommendations by its Regional Bus Subcommittee on priority bus projects with regional significance that could have short-term benefits. Steve Yaffe, Former Chair of the TPB's Regional Bus Subcommittee will brief the Board on the list of high priority bus projects and next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

10. FY 2009 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

(1:40 – 1:50 p.m.)

J Davis

Mayor, City of Greenbelt

Secretary-Treasurer, COG

Secretary-Treasurer Davis will provide the COG Board with the FY 2009 second quarter (October–December) report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Adoption of Bylaws for the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee

The COG Board of Directors approved consolidating separate policy committees on human services and public safety into a new Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee in late 2008, in part to recognize shifts in program priorities, as well as the need to reduce meeting and administrative expenses. The COG Board of Directors will be asked to adopt new bylaws for the committee. The COG Board will also adopt revised bylaws for other policy advisory committees in subsequent months.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R8-09.

B. Appointment of 2009 Policy Committee Vice Chairs and Additional EPC Members

Chairman Gross will recommend the appointment of the vice chairs of the following COG Board policy committees in 2009: Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee and Metropolitan Development Policy Committee. She will also recommend additional members to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Council. Vice Chairs for the Aviation and Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committees are chosen through a separate appointment process.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R9-09.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding from the Summit Fund of Washington in Support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R10-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$300,000 in grant funding from the Summit Fund of Washington to provide contract and staff services in support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$300,000. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R10-09.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to SubQuality Health Foundation for a Grant Award

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R11-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the Quality Health Foundation for funding support for improving the healthcare of individuals with mental health and substance abuse disorders using regional learning collaboratives. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 is requested for a period of one year. No matching COG funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R11-09.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Expend Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds for the Enhancement of the Water Security Monitoring Network in the National Capital Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R12-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to expend FY 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$490,000 for the purpose of purchasing additional water quality monitors and communication hardware and software upgrades as part of the expansion and enhancement of the National Capital Region's Water Security Monitoring Network. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R12-09.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Engagement of Consultant to Perform a Pension Investment Policy Review and Fund Performance Evaluations on COG's Defined Benefit Plan

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R13-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to contract with a consulting firm to perform a pension investment policy review and fund performance evaluation of COG's defined benefit plan. The firm will also provide consulting services associated with the evaluation of investment manager performance, asset allocation review services, and provide other miscellaneous reviews impacting the short and long-term financial health of the COG Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Funding for this effort will be charged against the Pension Plan fund in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R13-09.



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