

Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee July 11, 2003

Meeting Summary

The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) met on July 11, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 in COG Meeting Room 1. Chair Wagner called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves.

Announcements

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff announced that the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Joint Technical Working Group would meet immediately after the PDTAC meeting. Mr. DesJardin stated that the COG Board of Directors would hold their annual retreat on July 25-27 at the Lansdowne resort. Mr. DesJardin also stated that MDPC Chair Joyce Woodson would participate in a panel on "Enhancing Regional Development Policy" that would focus on an analysis of the Round 6.3 Forecasts and ways in which the Washington "region" is defined and portrayed.

Washington Area Housing Trust Fund

Stacy Silber of Holland and Knight stated that the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund is a regional housing fund, formed by the Washington Area Housing Partnership and COG. Ms Silber stated that the trust fund received a \$500,000 appropriation in the FY'03 federal budget to finance the purchase, rehabilitation, construction or preservation of affordable housing throughout the region. Peggy Sand of the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund stated that the Fund staff was eager to work with members of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee to promote an on going partnership to increase the region's supply of affordable housing.

Update on Approval of Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that based upon the recommendation of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC), the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) is approved the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts during their March 12 meeting for use by the TPB. Paul DesJardin of the COG staff also noted that in approving the Forecasts, the MDPC directed staff to prepare an analysis of the implications of the new projections for the May 14 MDPC meeting. PDTAC members asked to receive a briefing on this analysis during the next Committee meeting and agreed to re-schedule the meeting to May 9.

Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study Alternative Growth Scenarios

Mr. DesJardin stated that Since the June 13 meeting, COG/TPB staff and Committee members have been working to refine the zone-level data files for the alternative land use scenarios of the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. Mr. Griffiths distributed tables showing each

jurisdiction's "share" of new employment, population and household growth based upon the draft Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts. Mr. Griffiths also noted that during the TPB Work Session on the project, TPB Chair Peter Shapiro recommended an alternative scenario – "The Region Undivided". PDTAC members agreed to: Staff also distributed tables showing the amount of additional jobs, population and households each jurisdiction could be asked to re-allocate by TAZ under at least one alternative growth scenario.

Staff explained that each jurisdiction could allocate an additional increment of growth based upon the difference between the Round 6.3 regional totals and the COG Round 6 "econometric model" shares.

Economic Trends and Commercial Construction Reports

Greg Goodwin of the COG staff stated that COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. Mr. Goodwin presented key findings contained in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 1998 to 2002*, including population growth, employment, federal spending, construction activity, housing sales, income, retail sales and the number of passengers at the region's three major airports. Diana Farina of the COG staff provided additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2002 Summary Report*. Ms. Farina stated that the report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, relationship to Metrorail and commuter rail stations, and in Regional Activity Centers. Ms. Farina also stated that more than 33 million square feet of space in 510 projects was started in 2002

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. and Chair Wagner announced again that the next PDTAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m.