

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 10, 2003
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chair Hill 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)**
**Chair Mary K. Hill
Supervisor, Prince William
County**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 9, 2003
(12:00 - 12:05 p.m.)**
Chair Hill

- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**

- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:10 - 12:20 p.m.)**
Chair Hill
 - a) Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Outgoing COG President John Koskinen**

 - b) Recognition of President Pro Tem Robert Dorsey**

 - c) Executive Director's Report**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt consent agenda item 10.A.

- 6. THE BLACKOUT OF 2003 AND RECENT STORM-RELATED POWER OUTAGES –
REVIEW OF THE EVENTS, THEIR IMPLICATIONS, AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
(12:20 – 12:55 p.m.)**
**Bruce Romer, COG Chief
Administrative Officers
Committee
Chief Administrative Officer,
Montgomery County**

**Chuck Clinton, Director
District of Columbia Energy
Office**

The National Capital Region was fortunate that the Northeast Blackout of 2003 did not directly impact our region. However, a great deal of attention has focused on what went wrong in other regions of

the country and how the Washington area can prevent future power disruptions. Two weeks later, however, our region was seriously affected by the recent storm-related power outages. The COG CAOs Committee met on September 3, 2003, to receive a briefing from area utility and public service commission representatives and the state energy directors. The CAOs reviewed both power events as well as future steps for COG and its Energy Policy Advisory Committee.

Bruce Romer, representing the CAOs, will summarize the information received by the CAOs Committee at its September 3 meeting on both the Blackout of 2003 as well as the recent storm-related outages. Chuck Clinton, Director of the District of Columbia energy office and member of COG's Energy Policy Advisory Committee, will review next steps planned within COG and at the state level.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

7. BRIEFING ON CHESAPEAKE BAY POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDING FOR BAY RESTORATION EFFORTS (12:55 – 1:30 p.m.)

**Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Williams,
City of Takoma Park, Chair,
Chesapeake Bay Policy
Committee**

**Supervisor Penelope Gross,
Fairfax County, CBPC Vice Chair**

**Commissioner John Lovell,
Frederick County, CBPC Member**

**Mayor Judith Davis,
City of Greenbelt, CBPC Member**

At the July 9, 2003, Board meeting, a representative of the Chesapeake Bay Commission briefed the Board on the funding needed to achieve restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and potential legislative vehicles at the federal level that could provide substantial financial assistance. COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (CBPC) Chair Bruce Williams has been working with other CBPC members and staff to develop a COG position on the various legislative proposals. Chair Williams, CBPC Vice-Chair Penelope Gross, and CBPC members John Lovell and Judith Davis will brief the Board on the financial implications for the region's local governments of meeting the new water quality goals set by the Chesapeake Bay Program. They also will discuss funding opportunities at the state and federal level. The Board is requested to provide feedback and guidance to the CBPC to enable the development of a formal COG Board policy position for potential action in October or November. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R39-03, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to formalize the Committee's action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide feedback on proposals and adopt Resolution R39-03.

8. PRESENTATION ON THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD'S REGIONAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY STUDY

(1:30 - 1:50 p.m.)

**Robert E. Griffiths
Department of Transportation Planning**

**Paul DesJardin
Department of Human Services,
Planning and Public Safety**

In an amendment to the 2000 Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region, the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) called for a special regional study entitled "Improving Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study." The stated purpose of this study is to "evaluate alternative options to improve mobility and accessibility between and among regional activity centers and the regional core." This study will analyze both land use and transportation options for improving regional mobility and accessibility. With guidance from a Joint Technical Working Group, composed of members from the TPB Technical Committee, the Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) Technical Advisory Committee, the active participation of Citizen Advisory Committees to the TPB, MWAQC, and the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC), five proposed alternative land use scenarios have been developed for testing in the TPB's Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. COG's MDPC has also been keenly involved in the development and review of these proposed alternative land use scenarios.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

9. REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF COG RETREAT – JULY 25-27, 2003

(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

The fifth annual COG retreat was held on July 25-27 in Loudoun County, Virginia. Chair Hill and COG staff will brief the Board on participation, discussion and outcomes, including next steps to complete the update to COG's strategic plan and develop proposed bylaws revisions for adoption at the annual meeting on December 11, 2003.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

10. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

(A) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept a Grant for \$120,000 (\$40,000 Per Year for Three Years) For the Potomac Regional Education Partnership (PREP) from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation for General Operating Expenses.

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R40-03, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to accept a grant for \$120,000 (\$40,000 per year for three years) for PREP from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation for general operating expenses for public schools/community technology center partnerships. No COG matching funds are required. COG authorized the establishment of PREP in November 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R40-03.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003.