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COG's *Multi-Sector Working Group*

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HISTORY

COG Board Actions

- 2008: National Capital Region Climate Change Report adopted
- 2009: Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee created
- 2010: Region Forward Report and Compact adopted
 - Incorporates regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals

Recent Policy Board and Advisory Committee Actions

- October 2014: Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committees resolutions
 - Requests TPB and MWAQC to affirm the greenhouse emission goals
 - Requests COG to establish Multi-Sector Working Group
- December 2014: TPB and MWAQC resolutions
 - Affirming greenhouse gas emission goals
 - Support for Multi-Sector Working Group
- **January 30, 2015:** COG Convenes Multi-Sector Working Group

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MSWG Mission/Outcomes

- Identify viable strategies for Energy, Transportation, Land Use, and Built Environment sectors
- Quantify benefits, costs, co-benefits and estimate implementation timeframes
- Explore greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, measures and/or targets for the four sectors
- Jointly develop an action plan for the region - *What We Can Do* report



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MSWG Mission/Outcomes

- Sectors
 - Energy – Large central power plants and energy production
 - Transportation – Moving people and goods
 - Land Use – Development patterns (Activity Centers), planning and zoning
 - Built Environment – Buildings and infrastructure

- Strategies – Local, Regional, State, Federal
 - No regret – Near term cost effective actions
 - Mid-term – May require future policy actions
 - Stretch – May require substantial action to implement; Needed to reach goals

- Direct and Co-benefits
 - Direct benefits include operational savings from actions
 - Co-benefits: reductions in transportation congestion, lower future capital investments, reductions in adaptation costs, similar savings



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MSWG Process

- Convene Multi-Sector Working Group and technical subgroups
 - Identify viable strategies for the energy, Transportation, Land Use and Built Environment sectors
- Analyze Strategies with consultant support
 - Quantify benefits, costs, co-benefits, and estimate implementation timeframe
- Explore greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, measures and/or targets for the four sectors with consultant support
- Jointly develop an action plan for the region with consultant support



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Sample Strategies

- Land Use
 - Incorporate energy performance targets into local green building policies
- Transportation
 - Increase proportion of electric vehicles in the fleet by 15% by 2030
- Energy/Built Environment
 - All new buildings by 2030 meet energy needs from on-site sources



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MSWG Management

- Governing & Policy Board reports and feedback
 - COG Board
 - TPB; MWAQC; CEEPC; Region Forward Coalition
- Multi-Sector Working Group
 - Facilitated by COG Deputy Director
 - Subgroups facilitated by Transportation Planning, Environmental Planning, Community Planning & Services Directors
- Technical committee reports and feedback
 - TPB Technical Subcommittee
 - MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
 - Built Environment & Energy Advisory Committee
 - Planning Directors
- Public input
 - TPB Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee



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Schedule

- January 2015
 - MSWG established and initial meeting
- February- August
 - MSWG and Subgroups meet
 - Public input
 - Consultation with Policy Committees, TPB, MWAQC, Region Forward
- September
 - Interim Report to COG Board, TPB, MWAQC, CEEPC
- October - December
 - Public input
 - Draft Final Report to TPB, MWAQC, CEEPC, Region Forward
- January 2016
 - Final report to COG Board



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Questions?

Thanks

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