

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COG BOARD
REGION FORWARD COALITION**

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2010, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R9-10 which adopted *Region Forward* and recommended the reorganization of the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) to oversee the implementation of *Region Forward*; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2010, the COG Board of Directors adopted the *Regional Action Plan to Implement Region Forward and Develop Priorities for Complete Communities*; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board adopted the *Regional Action Plan to Implement Region Forward and Develop Priorities for Complete Communities* directed that COG staff propose a committee structure to oversee the implementation of *Region Forward's* projects and initiatives, improve regional coordination of land use, housing, transportation environmental planning, and include diverse stakeholders in *Region Forward's* implementation projects and initiatives to build stronger public and private sector partnerships and improve long-term capacity supporting *Region Forward*; and

WHEREAS, COG staff has reviewed and recommends modifications to the the MDPC's existing committee structure, membership and bylaws, to support the establishment of a "Region Forward Coalition", along with the adopted *Region Forward* work program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The Region Forward Coalition is hereby established as a multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector advisory committee of the COG Board of Directors.
2. The mission of the Region Forward Coalition is to oversee the implementation of *Region Forward*, act as the principal policy advisor to the COG Board on comprehensive long-range regional planning and implementation programs, and oversee annual work programs and budgets for these program areas.
3. The initial membership on the Committee shall include:
 - a. One elected official representative each from COG member local governments;
 - b. One representative each from the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County Executive Branch;
 - c. State government representatives (one each) from Maryland and Virginia;
 - d. Three senior or executive level representatives of the Federal Government to include the National Capital Planning Commission, the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration;
 - e. A representative of the Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee, the Water Resources Technical Committee, the Climate and Energy Policy Committee or Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, the Housing Directors Advisory Committee, the Emergency Managers Committee, and the Health Officials Committee;
 - f. Up to 21 stakeholder representatives drawn from business organizations, nonprofit groups, philanthropic organizations, advocacy and community-based

organizations and other public or private stakeholder interest groups shall be appointed biannually by the Coalition Chair in consultation with COG's Executive Director.

4. COG will immediately solicit appointments to the new committee from member and state governments as noted above.
5. COG Board will now preliminarily approve the region's Cooperative Forecasts for conformity analysis and other analytical projects by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board. The COG Board will continue to act in its role to approve the final version of the region's Cooperative Forecasts after comment and review by the Region Forward Coalition.
6. The Region Forward Coalition's bylaws are adopted. Additional appointments will be solicited by COG pursuant to the adopted bylaws.