

Resolution R18-2016
April 13, 2016

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATE TO THE DRAFT ROUND 9.0 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
FOR USE IN THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF THE 2016 CLRP AMENDMENT
AND 2017-2022 TIP**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing the ninth major new series or "Round" of forecasts based on current regional development trends and new national economic projections, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or "FAST Act"; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003, COG adopted Resolution R8-03, recommending that approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts should occur concurrently with the completion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2016 the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the ninth major series of Cooperative Forecasts – "Round 9.0" – for use by the staff of the TPB in the year Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2016 CLRP Amendment and the FY 2017-2022 TIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

The board approves the updates to the draft Round 9.0 Forecasts (shown in the attached tables) for use by the TPB. The revised forecasts include technical corrections to the Frederick County, the City of Rockville, Prince George's County, Loudoun County, the City of Alexandria, and Prince William County draft projections, resulting in a less than 0.5% change to the regional forecasts.

The board charges the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with monitoring the Round 9.0 Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation, and the region's economy and modify the Round 9.0 Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on April 13, 2016.

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