



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 8, 2019
11:45 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE: The Foster Parent of the Year Meet and Greet will take place from 11:00 – 11:40 A.M.

- 11:45 A.M. FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR VIDEO PREMIERE**
- 12:00 P.M. FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 12:10 P.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Vice Chair
- 2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Vice Chair
- 12:15 P.M. 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Vice Chair
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2019**
Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Vice Chair
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
- 6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
Derrick L. Davis, COG Board Vice Chair
- A. Resolution R13-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to conduct phase 34 of the Continuous Airport System Planning Program
- B. Resolution R14-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to establish public access bleeding control stations in the National Capital Region
- C. Resolution R15-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract for the conduct of suspicious activity recognition training
- Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R13-2019 – R15-2019.**

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials.
Visit www.mwco.org/accommodations or call (202) 962-3300 or (202) 962-3213 (TDD).

- 12:30 P.M. 7. FISCAL YEAR 2019 THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**
Kate Stewart, COG Secretary-Treasurer
Leta Simons, COG Chief Financial Officer
- The board will be briefed on the FY 2019 third quarter (July 2018 - March 2019) financial statements.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 12:35 P.M. 8. FISCAL YEAR 2020 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**
Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
Leta Simons, COG Chief Financial Officer
- The board will be briefed on the proposed FY 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) Work Program and Budget. The COG Budget and Finance Committee reviewed and recommends board approval.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R16-2019.**
- 12:50 P.M. 9. POTOMAC RIVER WATER QUALITY REPORT**
John Stehle, COG Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee Vice Chair
- The board will be briefed on the results of COG's *Potomac Water Quality in Metropolitan Washington* report, which looks at water quality trends in the Potomac River and the impact of local efforts to reduce pollution.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 1:05 P.M. 10. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION**
Victor Hoskins, Arlington County Economic Development Director
Karima Woods, District of Columbia Business Development and Strategy Director
David Petr, Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation President
- A panel of economic development executives from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia will discuss opportunities for collaboration on economic development in the region in the future.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 1:30 P.M. 11. RESULTS OF THE 2019 HOMELESS ENUMERATION REPORT**
Kim Ball, COG Homeless Services Committee Co-Chair
Tony Turnage, COG Homeless Services Committee Co-Chair
Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager
- In January, COG's Homeless Services Committee conducted the annual enumeration of persons experiencing homelessness in the metropolitan Washington region. The board will be briefed on the results of the 2019 Point-in-Time count.
- Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**
- 1:55 P.M. 12. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 2:00 P.M. 13. ADJOURN**
 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM #2

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLIMATE & ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RECOGNIZING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO KEY CLIMATE AND ENERGY ISSUES IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON.



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS APRIL 22 - JUNE 28, 2019

PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) Climate and Energy Leadership Awards recognize organizations that develop climate stewardship projects and programs that engage and serve the region's underserved communities. The awards program highlights a broad range of climate solutions for their unique engagement practices as well as their results, creativity, and replicability.

RECOGNITION

Climate and Energy Leadership awardees will be recognized in front of local, regional, and national officials. COG will showcase awardees to bring recognition to their successes and to serve as a role model for metropolitan Washington. This type of public acknowledgment can encourage continued and enhanced efforts of communities and organizations. Awardees will also be presented with a unique, environmentally-friendly award that is hand-crafted by a local artist.

ELIGIBILITY

Three applicants from metropolitan Washington will be recognized with a Climate and Energy Leadership Award for leading practices in greenhouse gas reduction, built environment and infrastructure, renewable energy, transportation, land use, sustainability or resilience programs. Scoring places an emphasis on creative, impactful projects that engage and support underserved communities. COG will provide awards to one organization (or partnership) in each of the following categories:

- **Government Agency** (local, state, regional, quasi-govt, utilities, or authorities)
- **Non-Governmental Organization** (non-profit, citizen, or community-based groups)
- **Educational Institution** (K-12, public, private, or higher education)

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted at www.mwcog.org/climateawards or emailed to mdavis@mwcog.org no later than June 28, 2019. Applications must include a 1-3 page project summary file that gives clear description on how it meets the four judging criteria listed below. Engagement will be weighed more heavily and account for 40% of the total score and the other categories will account for 20% each.

- **Engagement** (engage underserved communities) - 40%
- **Results** (results, achievements, measured outcomes like cost-effectiveness) - 20%
- **Creativity** (innovative, resourceful or unique aspects) - 20%
- **Model** (replicability to other communities/organizations) - 20%

Full details on judging criteria, judging process, and application requirements are available in the Procedures and Guidelines on the awards website.

WWW.MWCOG.ORG/CLIMATEAWARDS

RECOGNIZE
Environmental Achievement

ENCOURAGE
Advancement of Regional Goals

FOSTER
Healthy Competition

LEARN
From Each Other

SAVE THE DATE

2019 COG Annual Leadership Retreat

Please save a spot on your calendar for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' 2019 Annual Leadership Retreat, to be held July 19-20 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay. Invitation to follow.

For more information, please contact Pat Warren at (202) 962-3214 or pwarren@mwkog.org.



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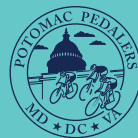


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 Over 100 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia!



May 2019 COG Board Packet 6

Bike to Work Day is funded by DDOT, MDOT, VDOT, and USDOT.

AGENDA ITEM #3

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report – May 2019
DATE: May 1, 2019

POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) – At its April meeting, staff briefed the TPB on the results of the most recent Regional Air Passenger Survey, which looks at data from the region's three commercial airports and highlights trends like the mode of transportation passengers use to get to the airport. The District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) also briefed the board on its efforts to address traffic safety challenges, including its Vision Zero plan to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. It was the second of three presentations this year to the TPB on traffic safety by area DOTs.

Region Forward Coalition (RFC) – The coalition was briefed on the COG Board's housing initiative as well as the Prince George's County's Comprehensive Housing Strategy, which aims to provide housing for all ages, abilities, and incomes. The coalition also received a presentation from COG transportation staff on potential equity-based accessibility targets that its members may wish to consider and refine.



CCA SYMPOSIUM

Chuck Bean, Daniel Linskey (former Boston Police Chief), Sgt. Travis Nelson (COG CCA working group chair), Scott Boggs (COG Homeland Security and Public Safety Managing Director) at the Complex Coordinated Attack Symposium.

OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Complex Coordinated Attack Symposium– The COG-organized event brought 300 public safety professionals together in Washington, DC on April 23 to share information on enhancing preparedness and response to security threats and incidents. The symposium leveraged lessons learned from the Boston Marathon bombing and other recent incidents.

Smart Region Movement – COG and Board of Trade staff held meetings to explore areas of interest and discuss leveraging COG’s existing committee structure and network as the partnership begins identifying regional needs and potential projects. The SRM Strategy Group of COG Board members will be meeting for the first time in May.

COG Board Housing Initiative – COG’s Paul DesJardin briefed Prince William County Planning Department staff on Region Forward and the COG Board housing initiative on April 4.

Anti-Idling Campaign – As part of COG’s Turn Your Engine Off campaign, street teams engaged more than 260 motorcoach and truck drivers at locations throughout the region. The campaign promotes the financial and environmental benefits of diesel idle reduction and encourages compliance with idling regulations.

Auto Show – COG co-hosted an Industry-Government Electric Vehicle (EV) Roundtable on April 4 at the Washington Auto Show, which featured its first-ever electric drive experience where attendees could participate in indoor and outdoor ride and drives.

Odyssey Repower – COG staff participated in an unveiling event for the Odyssey cruise ship on April 16. In partnership with Entertainment Cruises, COG led a project to install state-of-the-art, clean diesel engines on the ship. For several years, COG has been working with companies to replace older diesel engines with cleaner ones. The project was funded, in part, through federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grants.

Salt + Water Quality Workshop – COG environment and transportation staff held a workshop on April 1 on ongoing water monitoring efforts and best practices of departments of transportation for salt management and salt use tracking.

Street Smart – COG’s Street Smart bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign kicked off on April 23 in Fairfax County. The twice-yearly campaign uses mass media messages and stepped-up enforcement to remind motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians of traffic safety laws.

TPB’s Community Leadership Institute – On April 18, the TPB commenced its 16th Community Leadership Institute (CLI), which teaches community leaders about how transportation decisions are made and how they can make a difference. The educational program started in 2006 and has trained about 300 participants.

Infrastructure – Chuck Bean discussed regional infrastructure priorities during a panel discussion at the American Association of Geographers conference on April 6.



AUTO SHOW
Dan Sze (COG Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee Chair) and Mike Kurzeja (EZ-EV Founder & CEO) at the Auto Show’s first electric vehicle test drive track.

2020 Census – Chuck Bean spoke at an April 1 event in Arlington launching the county’s Complete Count Committee, a group of community members who serve as Census ambassadors to ensure a complete count. On April 22, Complete Count Committees from local jurisdictions convened at COG to discuss their strategies for the upcoming 2020 Census.

COG Priorities - Chuck Bean gave a presentation to the Arlington County Board on April 25.



STREET SMART
COG’s Street Smart public safety campaign kicked off in Fairfax County.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Building the smart infrastructure the region deserves – Chuck Bean and the Board of Trade’s Jack McDougle discuss the new Smart Region partnership on Federal News Network’s *What’s Working in Washington* with Jonathan Aberman.

[Federal News Network show](#)

A MARC train to HQ2? A VRE train to Baltimore? This study will answer whether the market's there. – COG’s Tim Canan quoted on TPB’s planned VRE-MARC commuter rail run through service assessment.

[Washington Business Journal story](#)

The Number Of Kids In Foster Care In The Region Is Down. Here Are Some Reasons Why. – COG Child Welfare Committee Member Tabitha Kelly quoted and COG Foster Care Report cited.

[WAMU story](#)

As Md. roadway deaths drop, educational campaign for pedestrians, bikes begins – COG’s Mike Farrell quoted about the Street Smart campaign kickoff.

[Frederick News-Post story](#)

Does DC area have room for 100K more housing units than currently planned? – COG’s Paul DesJardin quoted on the board housing initiative.

[WTOP story](#)

AGENDA ITEM #4

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #5

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
April 10, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES: See attached chart for attendance.

SPEAKERS:

Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
Richard Keech, COG Election Officials Committee Co-Chair
Jessica Newby, Montgomery County Voter Services Manager
Rachel E. Coll, District of Columbia Board of Elections Public Information Officer
Paul DesJardin, COG Community Planning and Services Director
Kanti Srikanth, COG Transportation Planning Director
Dr. Reuben Varghese, Arlington County Health Officer
Dr. Steven Woolf, VCU Center on Society and Health Director Emeritus
Patricia Matthews, Northern Virginia Health Foundation President & CEO

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COG Board Vice Chairman Derrick L. Davis called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Street Smart Campaign promoting pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver safety kicks off on April 23
- B. Climate and Energy Leadership Awards nominations to be accepted from April 22 to June 28.
- C. Bike to Work Day will be held on Friday, May 17.
- D. Board members are invited to the COG Annual Leadership Retreat on July 19 and 20.
- E. The Washington Metrorail Safety Commission recognized COG with plaque for work on helping establish the WMSC.
- F. Mayor Justin Wilson offered a few remarks about the regionalism resolution passed by the City of Alexandria.
- G. The board took a moment of silence to honor the recent passing of Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Michael Erin Busch.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Chuck Bean announced that COG has officially joined the Greater Washington Smart Region Movement with the Board of Trade and Consortium of Universities. Bean announced the members of the newly created strategy group that will help advance the initiative. Next, Bean noted that COG and partners hosted an Industry-Government Electric Vehicle (EV) Roundtable at the Washington Auto Show on April 4 to discuss the challenges and opportunities with EV adoption and infrastructure deployment in the region. Then, Bean mentioned that he spoke at the March Arlington County Board meeting about Amazon's new headquarters and gave updates about related housing, workforce, and transportation initiatives. Finally, Bean recognized COG Housing Program Manager Hilary Chapman for her work on the region's housing affordability and homelessness challenges.

4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 13, 2019 board meeting were approved.

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution R10-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to update the Title VI Plan
- B. Resolution R11-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, and procure and enter into a contract to develop a district school emergency response plan and conduct exercises

ACTION: Approved Resolutions R10-2019 and R11-2019.

7. ELECTION OFFICIALS COMMITTEE UPDATE

COG Election Officials Committee Co-Chair Richard Keech briefed the board about results from previous election years, including voter turnout; the recent March regional conference for elections officials; and activities to prepare for upcoming elections, including efforts on voter registration and security. Montgomery County Voter Services Manager Jessica Newby and District of Columbia Board of Elections Public Information Officer Rachel Coll were also in attendance to help answer questions.

ACTION: Received briefing.

8. ADDRESSING ACCESSIBILITY OF REGION'S HOUSING SUPPLY

COG Transportation Planning Director Kanti Srikanth briefed the board on the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) new long-range transportation plan for the region, Visualize 2045, and how the new unfunded aspirational initiatives in the plan, specifically the initiative to bring jobs and housing closer together helps inform the COG Board's housing initiative to address the region's housing shortfall. As part of the board's initiative, COG Community Planning and Services Director Paul DesJardin briefed the board about the accessibility piece, including where the additional housing units could be located, focusing on activity centers and high capacity transit stations across the region. The board voted to approve Resolution R12-2019 establishing the housing strategy group.

ACTION: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R12-2019.

9. SHAPING HEALTH OPPORTUNITY

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center on Society and Health Director Emeritus Dr. Steven Woolf briefed the board on the results of the *Uneven Opportunities: How Conditions for Wellness Vary Across the Metropolitan Washington Region Report*, which was prepared by the VCU center for the COG Health Officials Committee. Dr. Woolf described how the study looks at how conditions for wellness vary across the metropolitan Washington region, and how factors, such as income, education, housing, and transportation impact health outcomes. Arlington County Health Officer and member of the COG Health Officials Committee Dr. Reuben Varghese and Northern Virginia Health Foundation President & CEO Patricia Matthews described how Arlington County and other organizations are applying the data to address health disparities.

ACTION: Received briefing.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJOURN

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M by Chairman Robert White.

April 2019 Attendance

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<i>District of Columbia</i>				
Executive	Hon. Muriel Bowser		Mr. Brian Kenner Ms. Beverly Perry Mr. Wayne Turnage	Y
	Mr. Rashad Young			
Council	Hon. Phil Mendelson	Y		
	<i>Hon. Robert White</i>	Y		
<i>Maryland</i>				
Bowie	Hon. G. Frederick Robinson			
Charles County	Hon. Reuben Collins	Y	Thomasina Coates Gilbert Bowling	
City of Frederick	Hon. Michael O'Connor	Y		
Frederick County	Hon. Jan Gardner		Mr. Roger Wilson	
College Park	Hon. Patrick Wojahn	Y	Hon. Monroe Dennis	
Gaithersburg	Hon. Robert Wu		Hon. Neil Harris	
Greenbelt	Hon. Emmett Jordan		Hon. Judith "J" Davis	
Laurel	Hon. Craig Moe		Hon. Michael Leszcz	Y
Montgomery County				
Executive	Hon. Marc Elrich		Mr. Andrew Kleine	
Council	Hon. Tom Hucker	Y (phone)		
	Hon. Nancy Navarro			
Prince George's County				
Executive	Hon. Angela Alsobrooks		Mr. Major F. Riddick	Y
Council	Hon. Todd Turner	Y		
	<i>Hon. Derrick Leon Davis</i>	Y		
Rockville	Hon. Bridget Newton	Y		
Takoma Park	Hon. Kate Stewart	Y		
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Brian Feldman			
<i>Virginia</i>				
Alexandria	Hon. Justin Wilson	Y	Hon. Redella Pepper	
Arlington County	<i>Hon. Christian Dorsey</i>	Y		
City of Fairfax	Hon. David Meyer		Michael DeMarco	
Fairfax County	Hon. Sharon Bulova		Hon. Patrick Herrity	
	Hon. Penelope A. Gross	Y	Hon. Catherine Hudgins	
	Hon. John Foust		Hon. Kathy Smith	
Falls Church	Hon. David Snyder	Y	Hon. David Tarter	
Loudoun County	Hon. Matt Letourneau			
Loudoun County	Hon. Phyllis Randall			
Manassas	Hon. Mark Wolfe			
Manassas Park	Hon. Hector Cendejas	Y	Miriam Machado	
Prince William County	Hon. Frank Principi			
	Hon. Ruth Anderson	Y		
Virginia General Assembly	Hon. George Barker	Y		

Total: 20

AGENDA ITEM #6

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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A. Resolution R13-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to conduct phase 34 of the Continuous Airport System Planning Program

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R13-2019 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$305,500. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, and enter into a contract to conduct Phase 34 of the Continuous Airport System Planning (CASP) Program. The grant will include the following tasks in support of the CASP Program: (1) Ground Access Forecast and Ground Access Element Update, and (2) Process 2019 Air Passenger Survey (Phase 1). COG will be required to provide a match of \$30,500, which is available in the budget of the Department of Transportation Planning.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R13-2019.

B. Resolution R14-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to establish public access bleeding control stations in the National Capital Region

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R14-2019 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$300,000. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with the procurement of a contractor and enter into a contract to provide and locate Public Access Bleeding Control Stations in government facilities and high-risk sites in the National Capital Region. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R14-2019.

C. Resolution R15-2019 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract for the conduct of suspicious activity recognition training

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R15-2019 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$60,000. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with the procurement of a contractor to conduct suspicious activity recognition training. The purpose of the training is to provide security and non-security personnel with tools and techniques to detect and assess suspicious indicators that could indicate an intent to carry out a man-made threat, to prevent a violent event from occurring, and to disrupt the overall goal of a malicious attacker. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R15-2019.

AGENDA ITEM #7

FISCAL YEAR 2019 THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
Leta Simons, Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2019 Third Quarter Financial Report
DATE: May 1, 2019

We are providing the following interim financial reports to the Board of Directors for the nine months ended March 31, 2019:

- Statement of Revenue, Expense, and Change in Net Position for the period July 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019
- Comparative Statement of Net Position as of March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2019

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

At the end of the third quarter, there is a net deficit from operations of \$301,300, which is less than 1% of the total operating budget of \$31.8 million. Program revenue in Cooperative Purchasing and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Projects is less than budgeted. Since revenue for these programs is not likely to increase significantly in the last quarter, the deficit at fiscal year-end will be approximately the same as reported here for the third quarter. Adjustments have been made in the proposed FY 2020 Work Program and Budget to help ensure a balanced budget in FY 2020. Other operating revenue and expenses are tracking very close to the third quarter totals for FY 2018 and the FY 2019 budget.

The reduction in UASI Project funds also accounts for the reduced amount of subrecipient pass-through funds compared to the FY 2019 budget. In previous years, COG managed a high volume of regional homeland security procurements on behalf of the D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA). Starting in FY 2018, DC HSEMA began managing more of the project procurements in-house, resulting in fewer projects being passed through to COG.

The Comparative Statement of Net Position shows a small net increase in net assets of \$218,500 as of March 31, 2019 compared to March 31, 2018. This reflects the net increase in funds received in advance of expenditures for specific projects and programs (restricted project funds), reduced by the FY 2018 and FY 2019 year-to-date deficits in general (undesignated) funds.

The board-designated operating and capital expenditures reserves remain fully funded as of March 31, 2019 at \$10.7 million.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
FY 2019 Statement of Revenue, Expense, and Change in Net Position
For the nine months ended March 31, 2019
With Comparisons to Approved Budget and Prior Year Results

Prepared on an accrual basis

	Fiscal YTD As of 3/31/2019	Budget FY2019	% of Budget	Prior FY As of 3/31/2018
Operations Revenue				
Federal and state revenue	16,582,500	21,347,500		15,626,500
Member dues	3,167,400	4,223,100		3,043,700
Regional funds	1,631,700	2,175,400		1,567,900
Building & investment revenue	543,500	694,900		498,600
Other revenue*	1,988,500	3,384,400		2,616,200
Total Operations Revenue	23,913,600	31,825,300	75%	23,352,900
Operations Expense				
Salaries - Direct program	6,401,300	9,012,200		6,430,400
Salaries - Leave benefits	1,243,800	1,751,100		1,258,400
Other employee benefits	1,873,000	2,636,900		1,983,700
Consultants	5,305,900	5,843,400		4,706,000
Other direct program expense	3,479,500	3,144,600		2,190,800
Support services, rent and other allocated expense	5,911,300	9,437,100		6,442,400
Total Operations Expense	24,214,800	31,825,300	76%	23,011,700
Change in Undesignated Net Position	(314,400)	-		(212,100)
Change in Designated Program Funds	13,100	-		553,300
Net Surplus (Deficit) From Operations	(301,300)	-		341,200

*Other Revenue includes sponsorships, donations, fees for services, and other miscellaneous revenue.

Revenue - All Sources	FY2019 YTD	FY2019 Budget	
Operations	23,913,600	31,825,300	75%
Special Revenue Funds	133,500	191,000	70%
Subrecipient Pass-Through	6,098,300	23,722,000	26%
Contributed Services	-	403,400	0%
Total Revenue - All Sources	30,145,400	56,141,700	

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Comparative Statement of Net Position
As of March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018**

	FY2019 as of 3/31/2019	FY2018 as of 3/31/2018	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Cash	4,026,900	3,463,900	
Investments	5,746,300	7,213,300	
Accounts receivable	7,472,000	7,473,400	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	707,200	1,441,100	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,815,900	1,751,700	
Total Assets	19,768,300	21,343,400	(1,575,100)
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	715,500	1,481,900	
Accrued payroll, leave & other liabilities	1,537,100	1,796,700	
Deferred revenue	1,707,300	2,474,900	
Total Liabilities	3,959,900	5,753,500	(1,793,600)
NET POSITION*			
Net investment in capital assets	1,815,900	1,751,700	
Board designated reserves	10,677,300	10,904,400	
Restricted project funds	3,311,200	2,295,700	
Other restricted funds	-	8,200	
Undesignated	4,000	629,900	
Total Net Position	15,808,400	15,589,900	218,500
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	19,768,300	21,343,400	(1,575,100)

*Excludes Net Pension Asset of \$2,760,100, which is available only for pension plan benefits.

AGENDA ITEM #8

FISCAL YEAR 2020 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020 Work Program and Budget
DATE: May 1, 2019

I am pleased to submit the recommended Work Program and Budget of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) for Fiscal Year 2020. The work program and budget is transmitted through the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, for review and approval or modification by the Board of Directors.

TOTAL BUDGET

The proposed budget for FY 2020 totals \$36.9 million, which includes operating, subrecipient pass-through, and other non-operating funds. The budget serves as a fiscal guide for the operation of COG beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Of the total budget, 67 percent supports transportation planning and operations, 16 percent supports environmental programs, 10 percent supports homeland security and public safety, and the remaining 7 percent supports community services and planning, member services, public relations, and strategic initiatives.

OPERATING BUDGET

The operating portion of the budget for FY 2020 is \$31.8 million, which is approximately \$60,000 less than the FY 2019 operating budget. In order to balance the budget in FY 2020, annual cost increases have been offset by staffing and other adjustments based on priorities and available revenue.

SUBRECIPIENT PASS-THROUGH AND OTHER NON-OPERATING FUNDS

Subrecipient pass-through and other non-operating funds total \$5.1 million. Subrecipient pass-through funds budgeted for FY 2020 are significantly lower than the amount budgeted in FY 2019, due to a significant reduction in COG's role in administration of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Projects on behalf of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

RESERVES

Board Designated operating and capital reserves are fully funded at \$11.0 million. The operating reserve is maintained at 25% of annual personnel and support service expense, and the capital expenditure reserve is maintained based on the 5-Year Capital Expenditure Plan. An updated capital expenditure plan for FY2020 – FY2024 will be presented to the Board of Directors in September.

View the full Work Program and Budget on the COG website here:

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2020 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has adopted *Region Forward* as its strategic plan guiding the development of its fiscal year work program and budget; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board of Directors' policy boards and committees, with support from the COG management staff, have developed their proposed work programs and budgets based on *Region Forward* and anticipated revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, COG bylaws require the Executive Director to submit a proposed budget of the corporation to the Board of Directors for approval or modification; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee comprised of the COG Board Executive Committee, COG Corporate President, Chairs of the Transportation Planning Board and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, and COG Secretary Treasurer, reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed FY 2020 Work Program and Budget.

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

The board approves the proposed FY 2020 Work Program and Budget.

AGENDA ITEM #9

POTOMAC RIVER WATER QUALITY REPORT

POTOMAC RIVER WATER QUALITY IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

April 2019



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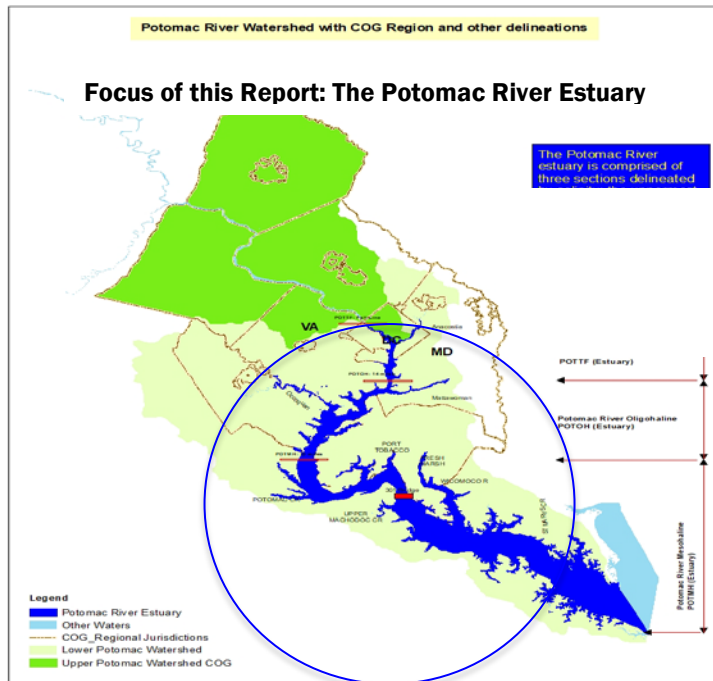
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report, *Potomac River Water Quality in Metropolitan Washington*, provides a broad overview of water quality conditions in the Potomac River, particularly the portion that flows through metropolitan Washington.



Progress in the Potomac

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) assessment of water quality in the Potomac River shows that the billions of dollars invested by the region's local governments and utilities on water quality improvements have reduced pollution significantly in a process that COG has assisted.

Local governments and water utilities in the COG region are making great progress in reducing the amount of nutrients discharged from wastewater plants in the region. The amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus – which, in excess, contribute to water quality problems – contained in the discharge from wastewater plants in metropolitan Washington has declined dramatically

since the 1980s and is on track for further reductions. The number and extent of harmful algal blooms in the upper Potomac estuary has declined significantly. Populations of aquatic plants and animals that live in this portion of the river, such as submerged aquatic vegetation, some fish, and some waterfowl have grown closer to their historical abundances.

There also has been some progress, albeit smaller, in achieving reductions from other nutrient sources in the Potomac watershed.

But Water Quality Issues Remain

These improvements do not mean that the river has fully recovered. Reductions are not yet enough to completely achieve water quality standards. Further efforts are needed to meet the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay restoration goals.

We face a number of other water quality issues in the Potomac beyond the level of nutrients and sediment. These include harmful algal blooms above the Chain Bridge fall line, where the river transitions from free flowing to a tidally-influenced estuary, and the presence of contaminants that may cause intersex fish and other problems. These are noted, but not discussed in detail, in the report.

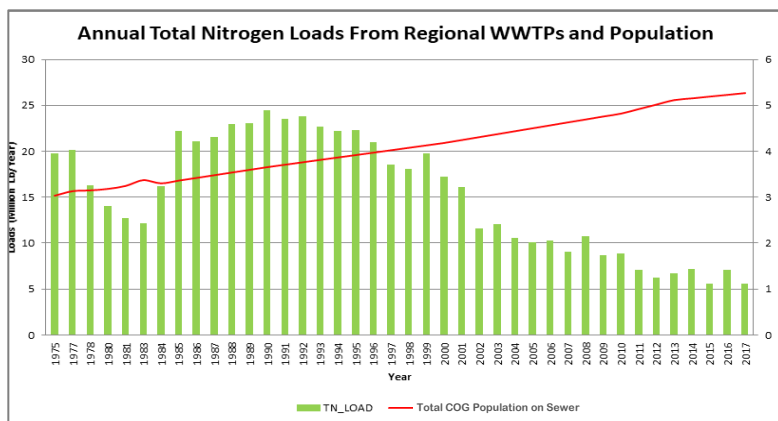
This report focuses on changes over time of key water quality parameters such as dissolved oxygen, water clarity, and chlorophyll-a and major pollutants (e.g., nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment) that are targeted by the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). It looks mainly at water quality in the Potomac River estuary, particularly the tidal fresh portion of the estuary from Chain Bridge to the area around Port Washington. The Bay TMDL is a "pollution diet" established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meant to restore clean water in the Chesapeake Bay and the region's streams, creeks, and rivers. Some long-term trends are positive (improving) while others are negative (degrading). This differs from other Potomac report cards that provide a snapshot in time rather than assessing long-term water quality changes.

Water Pollution Inputs

In broad terms, water quality in the Potomac estuary is affected by three major inputs, wastewater treatment plant discharges into the River; water flowing from the upstream non-tidal portion of the River, heavily impacted by agriculture; and runoff to the River and its tributaries downstream of the fall line, heavily impacted by stormwater and other non-point discharges from urban development.

WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

About 83 percent of wastewater discharges in the Potomac watershed, including the bulk of this region's wastewater discharges, flows directly into the River's tidal estuary. Wastewater discharges have historically been a significant contributor to poor water quality, but are less of a contributor today due to large decreases in pollution. Reductions in the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in the effluent discharged by wastewater treatment facilities account for the most significant progress, by far, in the 35-year history of the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort. These wastewater reductions account for about 75 percent of total reductions of nitrogen and phosphorus from all sources since 1985, according to the Chesapeake Bay Program. The share is even higher in the Potomac watershed.



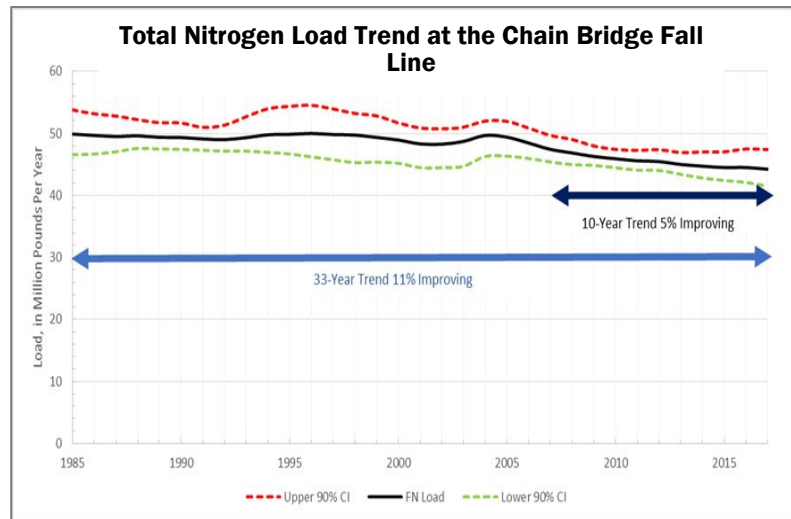
Source: COG

increase, further reductions in these other sources will be needed to maintain progress.

The reduction in nutrient discharges from wastewater treatment plants is all the more impressive because it has been achieved while population and jobs have increased significantly in the region. These reductions will allow the region to meet the Bay TMDL's 2025 pollution reduction targets despite shortfalls from the targets set for other sources such as agriculture and urban runoff. However, as population in the region continues to grow and wastewater loads

WATER QUALITY AT THE CHAIN BRIDGE FALL LINE

The watershed upstream of Chain Bridge has a higher percentage of agriculture than elsewhere in the watershed, so agriculture is a major contributor of pollutants in these upstream waters. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) maintains a Potomac River fall line monitoring station at Chain Bridge. In place since 1985, this station measures total nitrogen, total phosphorus and total sediment amounts (or loads) flowing into the estuary.



Source: USGS

The USGS data show nutrient reduction efforts above the Potomac fall line, such as agricultural nutrient management, have led to a small decrease in nitrogen levels, estimated to be 11 percent since 1985 and 5 percent since 2008.

NONPOINT SOURCE LOADS BELOW THE FALL LINE

A large percentage of the land in the metropolitan Washington region draining to the Potomac River and its tributaries below the fall line is urbanized, so stormwater runoff is a critical factor affecting water quality. While efforts to reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment in stormwater runoff are new compared to wastewater nutrient reduction efforts, some signs have emerged of progress.

All of COG's members are subject to stormwater permitting requirements. These permits require the jurisdictions to pursue a variety of actions to minimize the pollution carried by their stormwater management systems.

Stormwater management systems interact with natural waters at hundreds, even thousands, of stormwater outfalls. Therefore, reducing nutrients, sediment or other pollutants from stormwater systems requires the implementation of thousands of small-scale "best management practices" across the urban landscape. This is a significant programmatic and financial challenge for COG's members.

Water Quality in the Potomac Estuary

Water quality data gathered in the Potomac River estuary and the Chesapeake Bay since 1985 provide a mixed picture of progress. For all three of the Bay TMDL's major parameters – dissolved oxygen, water clarity, and chlorophyll-a – monitoring data shows areas where water quality conditions are improving and other areas where conditions are degrading. In some portions of the Potomac estuary, water quality currently meets the official standards for tidal waters established by Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia; in others, it does not.

Dissolved oxygen (DO) data illustrates the complex nature of assessing progress. Under the water quality standards, there are different levels of DO needed to protect aquatic life in the different depth zones of the estuary. In general, DO attainment is better in the shallower open water habitat in the Potomac estuary than in segments where deep water or deep channel habitat exists. Although the data is not conclusive, Bay scientists believe they can see signs of improvement in the Potomac DO data indicating that restoration efforts are having an impact.

Looking Ahead

Researchers are investigating to what extent nutrient and sediment concentrations must decline further to achieve water quality standards, but the calculation is not a simple linear relationship in which a certain amount of pollution reduction leads to a certain amount of improvement in water quality. Additional issues such as chemical contaminants and climate change also have major impacts on water quality.

Because all of the large wastewater plants in the metropolitan Washington region have already implemented state of the art nutrient reduction technology, further progress in improving water quality conditions depends on efforts to reduce nutrients and sediment from diffuse sources such as agriculture and urban runoff. Here, too, there is uncertainty and mixed signals, with many improving trends, but some degrading ones as well. Scientists are still interpreting how much time elapses between various nutrient reduction efforts and when their impact shows up in the Potomac estuary and the Bay. What is certain is that additional efforts to reduce nutrients and sediment from agriculture and urban runoff will be needed to achieve the river's long-term water quality goals.

View the full report on the COG website:
www.mwcog.org/documents/potomacwaterquality/

AGENDA ITEM #10

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

Victor L. Hoskins

Arlington County Economic Development Director



Victor Hoskins was appointed Director of Economic Development for Arlington County in January 2015. He brings more than 25 years of experience in economic development and executive leadership.

Mr. Hoskins came to Arlington from Prince George's County in Maryland, where he was the Deputy Chief Administrator for Economic Development and Public Infrastructure. In this role, he led efforts to bring a \$123 million conference center and hotel at University of Maryland College Park and attracted the first Foreign Directed Investment from China to build a \$63.5 million mixed use project in College Park for professors and graduate students.

Previously, Mr. Hoskins served as Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development for Washington, D.C., where his achievements included the creation of 52,600 jobs through public private partnership projects and the groundbreaking and/or completion of 87 commercial/retail/hotel/residential projects totaling \$7.5 billion in 3 years, including the Southwest Waterfront Project and City Center project. He also initiated the transformation of the city's Tech Ecosystem with the attraction of accelerator Fortify VC, expansion of Tech Tax Credits, and the establishment of tech startup co-working space 1776. He also held leadership roles with Quadel Consulting, UrbanAmerica LP, and the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development.

Mr. Hoskins holds a Master's degree in City Planning; Real Estate Finance/ Economic Development from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude: Psychology/Urban Studies from Dartmouth College. He also studied Development Finance at Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government. He is a board member of Leadership Greater Washington.

Karima Woods

District of Columbia Business Development and Strategy Director



Karima Woods currently serves as the Director of Business Development and Strategy at the District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), where she is responsible for attracting new businesses to the District, retaining existing businesses and promoting entrepreneurship.

Prior to holding this position, Karima served as Deputy Director of Business Development, International Business Manager, and Senior Business Development Specialist at DMPED, where she successfully developed and launched the District's HUBDC initiative, a partnership between the District of Columbia, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and federal government agencies awarding contracts through the SBA's Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program.

Karima has over 18 years of experience in public-private partnership development, economic and community development. Prior to joining the District, Karima served as Director of the D.C. Neighborhood College at the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership and held various leadership roles at DC Agenda and the Public Education Network.

Karima completed her MBA at George Washington University and BA in law and society at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

David Petr

Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation President



David Petr is President and CEO of MCEDC, developing innovative strategies, strengthening partnerships and leading a team to promote Montgomery County as the ideal place to start, grow and expand business in the county's key industries. With a spectrum of economic development, strategic business and marketing experience, David thrives on changing the culture of organizations to become more nimble, proactive and creative.

David was named to Washington Business Journal's Power 100, Washington's most influential newsmakers of 2017, after just 13 months at the helm of the organization.

He is raising the profile of Maryland's top-performing county, consistently out in the community meeting CEOs, entrepreneurs, startups and established companies. David's expertise has contributed to rapid growth in key industries including Life Sciences and Technology. Through his responsive approach to the business community, he is aligning business needs directly to MCEDC's strategic goals. He has spearheaded forward-thinking digital video campaigns: a Think Success video series where David interviews CEOs and business leaders and MOCO 365, a campaign that reveals the stories of leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators in the County.

In addition to a focus on expanding the local business community, David is active on the global front. He was recently part of a business delegation that went to South Korea and China and continues to introduce global business to the County. He is very involved in regional connectivity, collaborating with leaders throughout Maryland and throughout the Greater Washington area, understanding that regional business success is good business for Montgomery County.

David appreciates Montgomery County for its diversity of places, people and cultures. He loves exploring the many natural assets of the county, including the C&O Canal along the Potomac River. An avid photographer, he is frequently armed with his camera to capture the beauty of the county. David is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Texas at Austin.

AGENDA ITEM #11

RESULTS OF THE 2019 HOMELESS ENUMERATION REPORT

HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Results and Analysis from the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

May 2019



HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Prepared by the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee

Adopted May 8, 2019

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the 19th consecutive year, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee has conducted a regional enumeration of the area's residents experiencing homelessness and those who were formerly homeless.

This year's enumeration and survey occurred on January 23, 2019. The report provides a one-night "snapshot" of the region's residents experiencing homelessness within nine metropolitan Washington area jurisdictions. It is important to note that this "snapshot," by definition, provides only one perspective on the state of homelessness in metropolitan Washington on only one night, and the count may be influenced by numerous variables, such as weather and bed availability by jurisdiction.

Key findings, highlights, and trends from the 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) Enumeration follow below:

LITERALLY HOMELESS COUNT

- The 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) Enumeration resulted in a total count of **9,794 literally homeless individuals**. **This is the lowest number of persons counted experiencing homelessness since the region began coordinating in 2001, and the first time that the literally homeless total has been below 10,000 persons.**
- The region's number of persons experiencing homelessness **decreased by seven percent (or 686 people) from 2018.**

This decrease follows a similar reduction recorded in 2018, when the PIT count found the number of persons experiencing homelessness decreased by six percent and 648 persons. Seven of nine jurisdictions recorded decreases in the number of persons experiencing homelessness in 2019 from the 2018 count.

SHORT-TERM CHANGES IN THE HOMELESS ENUMERATION, 2018 TO 2019

- The District of Columbia had the greatest reduction in the number of persons experiencing homelessness from 2018 to 2019 (383 fewer persons), followed by Montgomery County (193 fewer persons) and Prince William County (97 fewer persons counted).
- The greatest reduction in the percentage in the one-year rate of persons experiencing homelessness was recorded in Prince William County (26 percent).

LONGER TERM CHANGES IN THE HOMELESS ENUMERATION, 2015 TO 2019

- **Eight of nine participating Continua of Care experienced a decline in the number of people experiencing homelessness between the 2015 and 2019 enumerations.**

- During the period from 2015 to 2019, the District of Columbia experienced the greatest reduction in persons experiencing homelessness, counting 777 fewer individuals. The District of Columbia also has the largest proportion of the region’s residents experiencing homelessness (67 percent). Montgomery County had the second largest reduction between 2015 to 2019, with 453 fewer homeless persons counted, followed by Prince George’s County (180 fewer persons) and Fairfax County (170 fewer persons).
- Montgomery County reported the highest percentage reduction in its literally homeless count from 2015 to 2019 (41 percent).

VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Reversing the slight increase noted in 2018, the region counted fewer veterans experiencing homelessness on the night of the count from the previous year’s enumeration.

- In 2019, the total number of veterans counted on the night of the PIT was 415, or 26 fewer individuals than were counted in 2018 (six percent decrease);
- The total number of veterans experiencing homelessness counted in 2019 remains below the number recorded during the PIT counts in 2014, 2015, and 2016; only two jurisdictions (Arlington County and Fairfax County) noted an increase from 2018 to 2019, for a combined total of 11 additional veterans counted.
- The District of Columbia recorded the greatest reduction in the number of veterans between 2015 and 2019 (111 fewer veterans counted), followed by Montgomery County (11 veterans), and Arlington and Frederick Counties (both counted nine fewer veterans).
- The greatest percentage reduction between 2015 and 2019 was recorded by Frederick County (69 percent fewer veterans counted), followed by Arlington County (47 percent reduction) and Montgomery County (46 percent reduction)¹.
- All nine CoCs reduced the incidence of veteran homelessness since 2015, for a regional reduction of 28 percent.

Coordinated regional efforts from the local to state and federal level at the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) have had a positive impact on reducing the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in our region since 2015. Key elements of this success include the increased availability of permanent housing resources (such as SSVF and VASH vouchers), tied to the use of coordinated entry to ensure that available resources are used efficiently. Several jurisdictions in the region have participated in organized campaigns, such as Community Solutions’ Built for Zero², with its goals to end veteran and chronic homelessness.

¹ It’s important to note that these percentages are based on small total numbers; for example, in Frederick County, the 69 percent reduction is based on a difference of six individuals.

² <https://www.community.solutions/what-we-do/built-for-zero>

The Continua of Care³ (CoCs) in the metropolitan Washington region will continue to implement proven strategies to end the experience of homelessness for those who have served in the military by placing veterans in permanent housing.

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

The trend noted for the number of persons counted as chronically homeless follows similar positive results noted for other persons experiencing homelessness in 2019.

- Seven of the nine participating jurisdictions experienced decreases in their chronically homeless single adult counts since 2015, as well as recording a decrease between the PIT counts of 2018 and 2019. Overall, the region counted 20 percent fewer single persons who were considered chronically homeless on the night of the enumeration between 2015 and 2019.
- The District of Columbia had the greatest reduction in the region in the number of chronically homeless single adults from 2015 to 2019 (219 fewer persons counted in 2019), followed by Montgomery County and Frederick County, (145 and 52 fewer chronically homeless persons respectively).
- The jurisdiction with the greatest percentage reduction in chronically homeless single adults since 2015 is Montgomery County (93 percent), followed by Prince William County (68 percent) and Prince George's County (65 percent).

Being able to intervene in other systems of care to prevent a housing crisis challenges the jurisdictions in the region from preventing a person from becoming chronically homeless. Persons seeking a permanent home may wait long enough to find housing they can afford that they eventually meet the HUD definition for chronically homeless. It is a conundrum faced nationwide in communities with high housing costs and limited housing affordable to those with the lowest incomes.

FORMERLY HOMELESS

The number of individuals who are in permanent housing and no longer experiencing homelessness continued its positive upward trend in 2019. The region measured an increase of six percent from 2018 of the single individuals and persons in families who were counted in permanent housing on the night of the PIT and are no longer considered homeless, and an increase of 62 percent since 2015.

In addition, in 2019:

- 7,149 formerly homeless individuals were rapidly re-housed, a 12 percent increase from 2018;

³ According to HUD, a Continuum of Care is "a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness." Definition accessed at <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/what-is-a-continuum-of-care/>

- 10,856 formerly homeless persons were counted in Permanent Supportive Housing, a slight decrease (two percent) from 2018; and
- 5,167 formerly homeless persons were counted in other permanent housing (a 15 percent increase from 2018).

This brings the regional total of formerly homeless persons in 2019 to 23,172, an additional 1,290 people housed than at this time last year. The significant number of people placed in permanent housing has constrained the incidence of homelessness in the region and helped prevent it from growing unchecked.

Conclusion

Data collected this year confirm what each jurisdiction has observed in practice, that the single greatest barrier to ending homelessness in our communities is the insufficient number of affordable and available permanent housing opportunities for the lowest income households.

The 2019 report highlights several key, recurring themes:

1. The significant increase in the number of formerly homeless persons in permanent housing;
2. The positive impact of shelter diversion and homeless prevention programs;
3. The critical need to increase the supply of housing affordable to the lowest-income households and appropriate supportive resources.

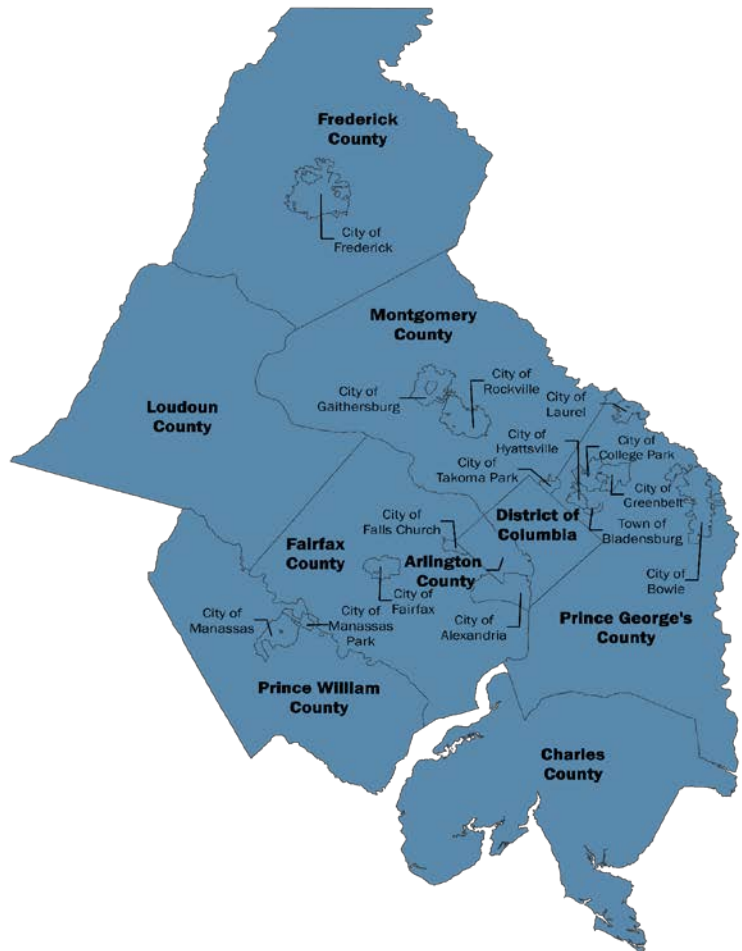
Dedication to addressing the region's homelessness challenges has resulted in steady, measurable progress in providing shelter and wrap-around services to homeless individuals and families. The region should celebrate the achievements made to reduce the number of people counted experiencing homelessness in 2019. These reductions reflect the dedication and coordinated efforts of many to prevent people from entering the homeless system, to improve service delivery, and to increase permanent housing solutions. Reductions in chronically homeless and veteran subpopulations reflect focused efforts to ensure that the experience of homelessness is *brief, rare, and one time only*.

However, there remain significant challenges highlighted in this year's numbers. Accurately counting and addressing the needs of homeless unaccompanied youth remains problematic, not just for our region, but nationwide. The continued challenge of preventing and ending homelessness throughout the region reflects the stark reality about the lack of sufficient housing affordable to those with limited incomes. The successes reflected in the numbers in the report demonstrate that effective strategies are in place, but a sustained commitment to creating and adequately funding viable housing solutions for the lowest-income individuals and families, continuously improving data tracking and interpretation, and providing service paths to ensure successful housing placements are among the most critical components to making further significant reductions in the annual Point-in-Time count.⁴

⁴ The map (following page) represents those jurisdictions which are members of COG. However, Charles County is not included in this Point-in-Time report. Unlike the other jurisdictions, Charles County provides its homelessness data to the Baltimore HUD Field Office

The following report includes a count of the region's residents who are:

- Unsheltered and living on the streets, including parks, alleys, and camp sites;
- Staying in an emergency or hypothermia shelter or safe haven;
- Living in transitional housing where they receive supportive services designed to help them move into some form of permanent housing;
- No longer experiencing homelessness and are now living in permanent supportive housing or other permanent housing and who may be receiving supportive social services.



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OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #13

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