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To: Members, Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee
Members, Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee

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Subject: Cooperative Forecasting Round 6.4 Schedule

The Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee decided that a Round 6.4 would go forward next spring (Hopefully, the last round prior to Round 7). COG staff would like to complete and present the Round 6.4 forecasts to the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) at their March 2004 meeting. The COG Board would take final action on Round 6.4 in July 2004. It is important to note that the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee will also continue to work on Round 7 this winter and into next year. The Round 6.4 schedule is presented below for your consideration.

I have also attached a National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) staff proposed schedule for Year 2004 CLRP and the 2005-2010 TIP Air Quality Conformity Schedule. As you can see, the schedule calls for approval by the Transportation Planning Board on March 17, 2004 of all inputs (transportation facilities and land use/growth forecasts). The TPB staff provided this schedule to state DOTs and is seeking comment on the feasibility of such a schedule.

Round 6.4 will be an opportunity for jurisdictions to submit new land use changes (TAZ level Data – Employment, Population, and Households) based on the TPB's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). Since the state DOTs will be submitting projects for the CLRP by February 12, 2004, local jurisdictions should contact their respective TPB Technical Committee members for additional transportation projects likely to be submitted before that date. (If you need one, a TPB Technical Committee membership roster will be available at the next meeting.) The TPB Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, December 5, 2003. The COG/TPB staff will brief the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee (Tuesday, December 9, 2003) of any additional project specific information. Below are links to COG's web site that have the complete list of all major and minor projects associated with the current CLRP.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 962-3274 or via e-mail at ggoodwin@mwcog.org.

<http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/clrp/default.asp>

Major Highway Improvements
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Appendix B- List of Project Inputs

Proposed Cooperative Forecasting Round 6.4 Schedule

December 2003

Tuesday, December 9 – Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee Meeting (Round 6.4 discussion)

January 2004

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Monday, January 26 – Round 6.4 Jurisdictional Totals*** (Employment, Population, and Households) are due to COG

February 2004

Tuesday, February 3 – Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee Meeting (Round 6.4 Final Approval)

Friday, February 13 – Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Round 6.4 Final Approval)

March 2004

Wednesday, March 10 – Metropolitan Development Policy Committee Meeting (Round 6.4 Final Approval)

March 26 – Round 6.4 Jurisdictional TAZ (zone level) due to COG

July 2004

Wednesday, July 14 – COG Board (Round 6.4 Final Approval)

*****Note: Jurisdictional totals cannot change after this date. The zone level data submitted in March must sum to the Jurisdictional totals submitted in January. By March 10th – the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee would have already approved and adopted the jurisdiction totals for Round 6.4.**