

2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Certainty and Adequacy of Transportation Funding

- ***Support Federal Funding for the Region's Metrorail System***
- Support Additional, Reliable, and Recurring Federal Transportation Infrastructure Funding
- Support Fixing the Deficit in the Federal Transportation Trust Fund
- Support Funding for Next Generation Transportation Systems



Water Quality Protection

- ***Support Investments in Water Infrastructure***
- Ensure Stormwater Regulatory Feasibility
- Support Climate and Flood Resiliency Initiatives
- Ensure Local Government Input
- Support Affordability and Regulatory Flexibility
- Support Water Security
- Support Drinking Source Water Protection



Climate and Energy Innovation & Air Quality Protection

- ***Support Deployment of Clean Energy Innovation and Technology***
- Expand Clean Energy Finance
- Enhance Energy Security and Resilience
- Support Policies that Preserve and Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health
- Ensure Local Government Input



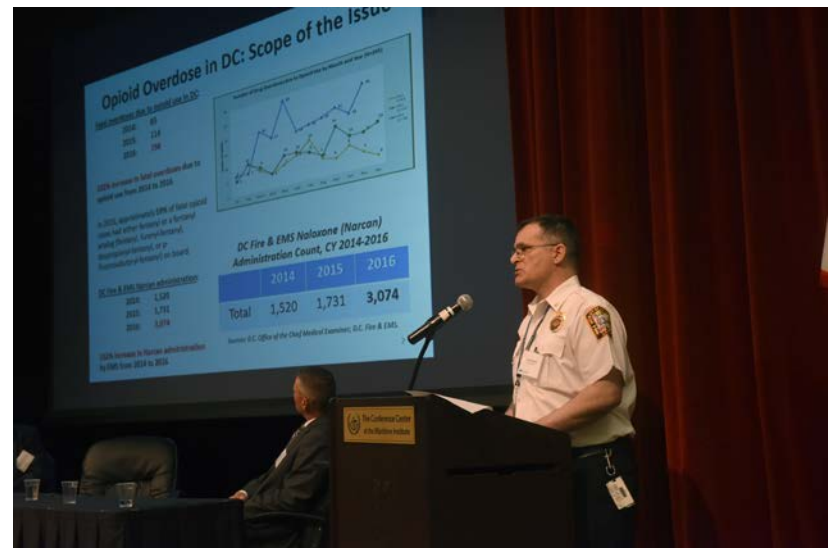
Workforce Development, Housing, and Emergency Preparedness

- *Support Alignment of Workforce Development and Job Creation*
- Support Efforts to End Homelessness and Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing
- Support Regional Emergency Preparedness
- Support Local Governments and Activity Centers



Health and Human Services

- Support Efforts to Combat Opioid and Substance Abuse
- Increase Availability of and Access to Mental Health Services
- Support Healthy Food Access and Local Farmers



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2018 LEGISLATIVE MONITORING

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2018 Legislative Sessions – Metro

- Maryland General Assembly
 - January 10 – April 9 (90 days)
 - Metro legislation anticipated
- Virginia General Assembly
 - January 10 – March 10 (60 days)
 - Metro legislation anticipated
 - Included in Governor McAuliffe's budget proposal
- Federal Government
 - Legislation proposed in 2017
 - Congressman Delaney
 - Congressmen Brown and Raskin
 - Congresswoman Comstock



The MetroNow Coalition is a group of regional leaders from organizations representing businesses and non-profit advocates who have come together to ensure that action is taken to put Metro – the backbone of Greater Washington’s transportation infrastructure – on a safe, smart and sustainable path forward in 2018 and beyond. We are dedicated to securing comprehensive improvement of Metro’s governance, funding and operational structures in 2018.

Members:

- Federal City Council
- The 2030 Group
- Greater Washington Board of Trade
- Greater Washington Partnership
- Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce
- Coalition for Smarter Growth
- Leadership Greater Washington
- District of Columbia Building Industry Association

***The Equation for
Metro’s Success:***

- \$500 million in new, dedicated and bondable funding
- + a smaller Metro board
- = **A safe and reliable Metro system**



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