

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING ROUND 7.2 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT
FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON**

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, COG designated its Metropolitan Development Policy Committee as the body responsible for developing these forecasts through the Cooperative Forecasting Program; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing the third update to the Round 7 forecasts based on current development trends and economic and demographic estimates, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of COG's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, which have provided local population, household, and employment forecasts, documentation of methodology and assumptions upon which the forecasts are based, and related analyses for use in the process, and has involved full participation of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 COG adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommended 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);

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2008 the Planning Directors Technical Advisory committee approved updates to the Round 7.1 Cooperative Forecasts to reflect the U.S. Department of Defense BRAC recommendations and other local land use changes; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee on January 14, 2009 reviewed and

recommended approval of the third update to the Round 7 cooperative forecasts, the draft Round 7.2 Cooperative Forecast for use in this year's Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2009 Financially Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

1. The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee recommends that the COG Board approve the third update to the Round 7 forecasts that will be called Round 7.2 to distinguish them from likely annual revisions, attached as part of this Resolution.
2. The Committee commends the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee and all participants in the Cooperative Forecasting Program for their contributions to the effort to date.
3. The Committee charges the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee with monitoring the Round 7.2 Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation and the region's economy and modify the Round 7.2 Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.
4. The Committee charges the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee with beginning work to develop the Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts.
