



## REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, July 21, 2017  
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

### AGENDA

- 11:00 A.M. 1. COALITION MEMBER UPDATES**  
*Sheryl Bass, Region Forward Coalition Chair*  
*Robert White, Region Forward Coalition Vice Chair*
- A. Introduction
  - B. COG Updates
    - a. Visualize 2045
    - b. 2017 Enhanced Mobility Solicitation
    - c. Additional Updates
  - C. Partner Updates
    - a. Voices DMV - Greater Washington Community Foundation and Urban Institute's Community Engagement Workshops
- 11:25 A.M. 2. UPDATE ON COG 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**  
*Monica Beyrouiti, Government Relations and Member Services Coordinator*
- COG's legislative priorities and relationships with state and federal elected officials continues to be a focus of COG Board leadership and COG staff. Ms. Beyrouiti will discuss efforts to further COG's 2017 legislative platform and advocacy initiatives related to the current federal budget and appropriations process. The Coalition will be asked to provide feedback on legislative concerns and priority programs within their jurisdiction/organization to identify complementary efforts as well as future priorities.
- 11:45 A.M. 3. 2016 COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION TRENDS FOR MWCOG REGION**  
*John Kent, Regional Planner, COG*
- A short briefing describing findings from [COG's Commercial Construction Indicators report](#) will be shared with the Coalition.
- 12:00 P.M. 4. BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IMPACTING METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON'S REAL ESTATE MARKET**  
*Revathi Greenwood, Americas Head of Research, Cushman & Wakefield*
- Calling upon her deep understanding of the commercial real estate industry, Ms. Greenwood will her share insights into global and economic trends impacting metropolitan Washington's real estate markets, what the region can do to support existing businesses and attract new businesses, and what planning and

economic development officials can do to make their jurisdictions more competitive.

**12:30 P.M. 5. TRANSITIONING COMMERCIAL SPACE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

*Robert White, Region Forward Coalition Vice Chair*

*Neil Albert, President and Executive Director, DowntownDC Business Improvement District*

The District of Columbia's Council is considering establishing an Affordable Housing Task Force to determine whether the transition of existing vacant commercial office space into affordable units would help address the District's affordable housing crisis. Vice Chair White will discuss the proposal and Neil Albert with the DowntownDC BID will discuss complementary efforts.

**1:00 P.M. 6. ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday October 27, 2017.