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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 10, 2006

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chair Fisette will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(12:00 Noon)

Chair Jay Fisette
Board Member, Arlington County

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2006**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)

Chair Fisette

- A) Notice of Executive Session
- B) Local-State Partnership Dinner May 24th
- C) Chesapeake Bay Education and Advocacy Initiatives
- D) Envision Greater Washington
- E) Walter Weaver Retirement
- F) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Outreach
 - b. Letters Sent/Received
 - c. Legislative Report Update

4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)

5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 13.A., 13.B., 13.C.,
13.D. and 13.E.

**6. REGIONAL ACTION ON METRO DEDICATED FUNDING
(12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)**

Chairman Fisette

**Councilmember Michael Knapp
Montgomery County
Vice Chairman, COG Board of Directors
Chairman, Transportation Planning Board**

In January 2005, the COG Board of Directors and TPB supported the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Metro funding, which called for a dedicated source of funding by the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. In February 2006, the COG Board established a Joint Coordinating Committee to track and support legislative efforts to enact dedicated funding, co-chaired by Chairman Fisette and Vice Chairman Knapp. The COG Board will be briefed on outcomes in the District of Columbia and Maryland, and the status of legislation in Virginia and the U.S. Congress. The COG Board will also be asked to consider recommended next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R21-06.

**7. PRESENTATION ON SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
(12:40 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Cindy de Sales
Sister Cities International**

Sister Cities International will be holding its 50th Anniversary Conference, July 13-16 in Washington, D.C. First established in 1956 following President Eisenhower's White House Conference on Citizen Diplomacy, the July Conference will bring together more than 1,000 Sister City activists from throughout the world to share global best practices and promote citizen diplomacy. Several area local governments have supported this program through Sister City relationships with communities in other nations. The COG Board adopted Resolution R36-05 in October 2005 endorsing the Sister City International Conference. The COG Board will be briefed on conference plans and opportunities to get involved in the Sister City program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. BRIEFING ON THE 2006 UPDATE TO THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
(12:55 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Ronald Kirby
Director of Transportation Planning, COG**

At its April 19 meeting the Transportation Planning Board approved the inclusion of five major new projects and two new studies in the 2006 update to the region's long-range transportation plan. Three of the new projects, totaling over \$1 billion, were linked with the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative in the District of Columbia, while the remaining two projects were modest improvements to major arterial roads in Maryland and Virginia. The five new projects will be included along with land use changes associated with the new Nationals baseball stadium in the air quality conformity analysis to be conducted as part of the 2006 transportation plan update. The COG Board will be briefed on the new projects and studies, on the land use changes, and on the schedule for completing the plan update in the fall of this year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**9. OUTCOMES OF REGIONAL "STREET SMART" PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CAMPAIGN
(1:15 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Michael Farrell
Department of Transportation Planning, COG**

**Dr. Samir Fakhry
Chief, Trauma Services
Inova Fairfax Hospital**

**Dr. Refaat Hanna
Injury Prevention Epidemiologist
Inova Fairfax Hospital**

The recently concluded 2006 regional "Street Smart" pedestrian safety campaign funded by federal, state, and local governments and sponsored by the TPB and COG, received strong support from area local governments, law enforcement agencies and state transportation officials. Pedestrian safety was identified by the COG Board as a priority, cross-cutting policy focus for 2006. The Board will be briefed on the Street Smart events held in recent weeks, on the findings of a recent report on pedestrian injuries in the Washington region, and on recommended next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and approve next steps.

**10. 3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
(1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Dr. Jacqueline Brown
CAO, Prince George's County
Secretary-Treasurer, COG**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's third quarter FY 2006 financial report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(1:40 – 1:55 p.m.)**

Chairman Fisette

By motion, the COG Board will conclude the public meeting and reconvene in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Section 4.07 of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Rules of Procedures, as amended by the General Membership January 14, 2004, authorizes the Board to convene in executive session for discussion of personnel, property or legal matters, or in work session.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Convene in executive session.

**12. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION
(1:55 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Fisette

The COG Board will reconvene in public session for such purposes as the Board deems appropriate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Reconvene in public session.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF DAY LABOR SUMMIT OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Human Services Policy Committee convened summit meetings in November 2005 and March 2006 to provide a forum to discuss best practices and public management responses to the challenge of day labor issues. The COG Board was briefed on the summit outcomes and recommendations at its April 2006 meeting, but deferred action at that time due to a lack of a quorum and recommended that action be taken at the Board's May 2006 meeting on the consent agenda.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R19-06.

B. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANTS TO ADMINISTER THE HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R22-06, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to accept grant funds from the District of Columbia's Office of Early Childhood Development (D.C. OECD) to provide opportunities for tuition-free college level education and training for child care providers who wish to obtain an advanced degree in early childhood education. COG has been administering the Higher Education Scholarship Program (HESP) for ten years. HESP grants scholarships to family child care providers and center-based child care staff. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and used at area colleges and universities. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 will be accepted from D.C. OECD. The Resolution also asks the Board to authorize an application for additional grant funding to the U.S. Department of Education to expand the number of HESP scholarships provided. Grant funds not to exceed \$436,000 over three years will be requested. Matching funds are required. Matching funds include an amount not to exceed \$60,900 in COG child care program funds previously approved in the FY 2007 COG budget, and D.C. OECD grants and scholarship matching funds provided by HESP partner Universities and Colleges.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R22-06.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ICF CONSULTING TO SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE EXERCISE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R23-06, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee is to execute a contract with ICF Consulting to provide a regional homeland security comprehensive exercise and corrective action program. Task orders will be forwarded to ICF Consulting as requested by ETOP based on the availability of funds that will be provided by the State Administrative Agent for the NCR in an amount not to exceed \$618,047. ICF Consulting was chosen through a competitive bidding process. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-06.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CREATE AN ONLINE SPACE FOR THE REGIONAL PROGRAM WORKING GROUPS (RPWG) AND THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (RESF) TO FIND INFORMATION, COLLABORATE AND COMMUNICATE

The Board will be asked to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute the approved proposal to provide website services for the Regional Program Working Groups and the Regional Emergency Support Functions. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with \$29,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding to execute the proposal to provide the needed website services. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-06.

E. APPROVAL OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ENVISION GREATER WASHINGTON PHASE ONE WORK PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to authorize the Executive Director to solicit and commit funding to support the three-month, Envision Greater Washington (EGW) work program. Following the recent Greater Washington Board of Trade (GWBOT) Potomac Conference, the COG Board joined the GWBOT and the Community Foundation of the National Capital Area in co-convening the first phase of EGW. Several area elected and appointed officials serve on the EGW Working Group, which has a three-month, \$100,000 work program. The requested public sector share of this work program is \$25,000. The Executive Director will solicit voluntary financial support from interested local governments, as well as supplemental COG financial support. COG supplemental support shall not exceed \$25,000 in cash or in-kind support from the approved FY 2006 COG Metropolitan Planning and Economic Development work program and/or contingency reserve. The EGW Working Group is expected to present its report and recommendations at the COG retreat, July 28-30, prior to additional public sector outreach and further COG Board review and action in the Fall 2006.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R25-06.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2006.