

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING GREATER WASHINGTON 2050**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), as the regional council, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and tri-state air quality planning agency for the National Capital Region supports its member governments by helping to promote balanced, sustainable growth and livable communities, a multi-modal transportation system, and sound management and stewardship of environmental resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years COG has sponsored several policies, programs and initiatives to advance these goals, including the Partnership for Regional Excellence, the TPB-sponsored Transportation Vision, the energy strategic plan, the regional climate change initiative, and the fiftieth anniversary futures forum, and a broad range of efforts to foster improved coordination of transportation, land use and environmental policies; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has also partnered with non-governmental organizations and stakeholders to advance these goals, including Reality Check on Growth and a multi-sector collaborative effort in 2005-2006 known as Envision Greater Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2007, the COG Board of Directors tasked the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) with reviewing the July 2006 Envision Greater Washington report and developing an aggressive, action-focused, short-term work program that could be advanced by COG in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COG Board of Directors' action, MDPC developed the Greater Washington 2050 Discussion Report, which contains recommendations for achieving stronger multi-sector, multi-jurisdictional and citizen engagement; leveraging of existing plans and visions; public choice through deeper understanding of the impact and consequences of alternative growth and investment scenarios; and a commitment to action and outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, MDPC presented the Greater Washington 2050 Discussion Report to COG leadership at its July 2007 retreat and to the COG Board of Directors in September 2007 and also solicited additional input from COG member governments and non-governmental organizations and stakeholders in September and October 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. COG endorses the creation of Greater Washington 2050 to foster regional consensus on enhancing the quality of life in the National Capital Region between now and 2050 as outlined in the Greater Washington 2050 Discussion Report.
2. The outcomes of Greater Washington 2050 shall be formalized through a Greater Washington 2050 Compact that defines a common regional vision and identifies and implements new tools to dramatically enhance regional coordination of transportation, land use and environmental policies.

3. The COG Board of Directors approves the following framework elements to guide establishment of Greater Washington 2050 and tasks MDPC with developing an administration and finance plan, governance structure, and project schedule and milestones for action by the COG Board of Directors on December 12, 2007.
4. Administration and Finance: COG shall sponsor Greater Washington 2050 and provide staff support and policy and administrative oversight, consistent with actions by the COG Board of Directors.
  - a. COG staff shall identify currently budgeted activities which can support the Greater Washington 2050 work program.
  - b. COG staff shall also identify additional revenue required, either from COG or non-COG sources in FY 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008).
  - c. The proposed COG FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) work program and budget includes \$50,000 in COG sources and \$150,000 from non-COG sources to support Greater Washington 2050.
5. Governance: COG shall establish the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition, inviting governmental and non-governmental participation on the Coalition.
  - a. The Greater Washington 2050 Coalition is a public-private advisory board housed in and staffed by COG; all policy actions shall require concurrence by the COG Board of Directors, upon the review and recommendation of MDPC and such other entities whose views may, from time to time, be requested.
  - b. The Chairman of the COG Board of Directors shall invite and appoint representatives to the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition and its officers, with the concurrence of the COG Board of Directors, no later than January 9, 2008.
  - c. The Greater Washington 2050 Coalition shall be comprised of representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations, not to exceed 30 persons, inclusive of an Executive Committee and Technical and Community Advisory Committees, as described in the attached proposed governance organization chart.
6. Project Schedule: Greater Washington 2050 shall support an action-focused work program that builds on existing or proposed COG work program activities and the work of partner organizations and stakeholders.
  - a. MDPC shall suggest a project schedule and milestones by major task or deliverable as described in the Greater Washington 2050 Discussion Document.
  - b. Greater Washington 2050 shall have a period of performance not to exceed eighteen months that begins January 2008 and concludes no later than June 2009.
  - c. The Greater Washington 2050 Coalition shall develop a meeting schedule and subcommittees or work groups, as necessary, to support its mission and work program, consistent with COG Board action and approved funding.
7. The Greater Washington 2050 Coalition shall report to the COG Board of Directors no less than quarterly concerning progress on its mission and work program during its period of performance.