

**Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee  
February 17, 2006**

**Meeting Summary**

The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) met on February 17, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. in COG Meeting Rooms 4 & 5. Chairman Graves called the meeting to order.

**Announcements**

Chairman Graves recognized 2005 Chairman Jim Zook, thanked him for his leadership and presented him with a plaque. Mr. DesJardin discussed the February 17 Mid-Atlantic Planning Coordination Meeting and indicated that Charles Grier of the COG staff was attending the morning session and that other staff would join after the PDTAC meeting. Mr. DesJardin also stated that staff and WAHP members are working to schedule briefings on the WAHP Toolkit for Affordable Housing. Mr. DesJardin stated that nearly all COG member jurisdictions had expressed an interest in the project.

**Discussion of Action on Proposed Updates to the Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts**

Gregory Goodwin of the COG staff stated that in July 2005, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee approved the final Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts to 2030. Mr. Goodwin also staff stated that several jurisdictions have expressed an interest in updating their forecasts to reflect the U.S. Department of Defense BRAC decisions and other local land use changes. Ralph Rosenbaum of the City of Alexandria, Chairman of the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee, stated that during their February 6 meeting, the Subcommittee reviewed the draft updates to the Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts. Mr. Rosenbaum stated that Subcommittee members recommended that approval of the projections be delayed till 2007 due to the need for additional specific information on the BRAC impacts, as well as uncertainty concerning assumptions for additional population and household growth. Mr. Zook expressed concerns about the housing shortfall and stated that he believed BRAC would lead to higher household growth than is currently assumed. Committee members stated that, if no additional households are possible, one possible solution to address the jobs and housing imbalance is to reduce the employment projections for all jurisdictions. PDTAC members concurred with the Subcommittee and recommended that the Round 7.1 updates be delayed for approval until the next annual cycle in Winter 2007. PDTAC members also directed the Subcommittee to continue studying the household and population growth issue and to re-examine the econometric model to determine why the local forecasts for jobs and housing exceed the model projections by more than the 3-percentage point reconciliation target.

**Update on Work on Regional Activity Center and Cluster Analysis of Round 7**

Mr. DesJardin stated that, in approving the final Regional Activity Centers in 2002, the COG Board and TPB directed that the map be revised following the completion of the

next major “Round” of Cooperative Forecasts. Mr. Goodwin indicated that COG staff had provided the initial analysis of the Round 7.0 Forecasts to the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee members for review. Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Grier displayed a Web-based that Subcommittee members could use to adjust the proportion of jobs and households in their TAZs that should be allocated to the Regional Activity Centers.

### **Outcomes from January 18 Transportation Planning Board Work Session and February 8 COG Board briefing on Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study**

Mr. Griffiths stated that on January 18, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) held a work session on results of the TPB’s Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. In addition, Mr. Griffiths briefed the COG Board of Directors on the Study during their February 8 meeting. Mr. Griffiths distributed copies of the presentation and stated that the jobs / housing imbalance of the initial Round 7.0 Forecasts had been resolved based on work developed using the “High Households” Scenario for the Mobility and Accessibility Study. Mr. Griffiths also stated that TPB staff would be working to schedule additional briefings on the initial Study results.

### **Discussion of Potential Joint Meeting With COG Housing Directors Advisory Committee Members**

Committee members agreed that a joint meeting with the members of COG’s Housing Directors Advisory Committee (HDAC) would be worthwhile with an agenda consisting of items of mutual interest.

### **Other Business**

No other business was brought forward.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Graves adjourned the meeting at 11:55 and indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10 from 10:00am to 11:45am.