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**DATE: Wednesday, September 8, 2004**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**PLACE: COG Board Room**

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

**A G E N D A**

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

**Chair Phil Mendelson  
Council Member, District of  
Columbia**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2004  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)** **Chair Mendelson**
  - a) Gang Summit – September 29**
  - b) National Preparedness Month - September**
  - c) Low Impact Development Conference – September 21 - 23**
  - d) COG Board Retreat Summary**
  - e) Council Member Camille Exum appointed to WAHTF**
  - f) Executive Director's Report**
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 12.A. - 12.D.**

**6. PRESENTATION ON INITIAL FINDINGS OF THE REGIONAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY STUDY  
(12:15 – 12:35 p.m.)**

**Robert Griffiths  
Director, Technical Services, COG  
Department of Transportation Planning**

In 2000 the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) began a study to evaluate options to improve mobility and accessibility between and among regional activity centers and the regional core. The Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study is a "what if" study that examines effects of different land use and transportation scenarios projected through 2030. The COG Board will be briefed on the background and technical approach of the study and the alternative land use and transportation scenarios being analyzed. The results of the first phase of the study, which analyzes a regional congestion management plan with five alternative land use scenarios, will be presented. Later this year, a set of additional transportation scenarios will be developed for further analysis.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.**

**7. REPORT OF CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY FOR REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT  
(12:35 – 12:50 p.m.)**

**Barbara Favola  
Chair, Arlington County Board  
Chair, CONAANDA and Part 150 Advisory  
Committee**

Chair Favola will brief the Board on the recommendations of Citizen Advisory Committee on the "Noise Compatibility Study" for Reagan National Airport. The study was conducted over a more than two year period in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) "Part 150" process, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) with the assistance of COG. The study developed forecasts of future noise conditions at Reagan National and identified abatement and mitigation actions to reduce community noise impacts. The study includes proposals regarding how the FAA and the MWAA can implement noise abatement and mitigation measures at Reagan National Airport. The Board will be asked to endorse the study for submission to the MWAA for review and public comment.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R38-04.**

**8. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATING A SPECIAL REGIONAL PANEL TO EXAMINE DEDICATED FUNDING OPTIONS FOR WMATA  
(12:50 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Gerry Connolly  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of  
Supervisors**

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) have both recently called for the establishment of a special blue ribbon panel to examine dedicated funding options for WMATA. Recent studies by WMATA, the U.S. General Accounting Office, and the Brookings Institution have raised concerns about transit funding shortfalls in the region. In addition, these studies have noted that WMATA is the largest regional

transit system in the nation without a dedicated source of revenue. Participants at the recent COG Board retreat recommended that COG also call for the establishment of a special regional blue ribbon panel and that COG host panel meetings, provide secretariat support and assist the panel in developing its findings and recommendations.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R39-04.**

**9. COG'S UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**(1:10– 1:25 p.m.)**

**Bruce R. Williams  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Takoma Park  
Chair, Strategic Planning Committee**

**David J. Robertson  
Executive Director**

Based on feedback and guidance from the July Board Retreat, the Strategic Planning Committee has developed recommended Vision, Mission, and Goal Statements for consideration as updates to COG's Strategic Plan. Chair Williams will present the Committee's recommendations, and Mr. Robertson will summarize how the updated Strategic Plan will be integrated with COG's FY 2006 Work Program and Budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report and provide comments to the Strategic Planning Committee to facilitate Board adoption of the updated Strategic Plan in October.**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

**(1:25 – 1:45 p.m.)**

By motion the Board of Directors will conclude the public meeting and reconvene in Executive Session for personnel purposes to discuss the results of the performance evaluation process conducted by the Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee (ECBR) and other COG Board Members. Following the Executive Session the Board will be asked to approve the ECBR's salary recommendations as contained in Resolution R40-04. The Board will also approve the Executive Director's goals for the next performance review period, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R40-04.**

**11. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board will reconvene in Public Session for such purposes as the Board deems appropriate.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**(A) Resolution Authorizing Application To The Bank Of America Foundation For Funding Under The Neighborhood Builders Award**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to submit an application for the Bank of America Foundation's Neighborhood Builders Award. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is requested for a period covering two-years. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R41-04.**

**(B) Resolution In Support Of A National Foster Parent Advocacy Conference**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to accept grant funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation, the Maryland League of Foster and Adoptive Parents, and the DC Metropolitan Foster and Adoptive Parent's Association to sponsor the National Advocacy Summit. Funds in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 will be accepted. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R42-04.**

**(C) Request for Authorization to File a Grant Application with the Federal Aviation Administration for Phase XXII of the Continuous Airport System Planning Program**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to accept grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Phase XXII of the Continuous Airport System Planning (CASP) program for the National Capital Region, in an amount not to exceed \$405,362, for Phase XXII of the program, which includes the following tasks: 1) Air Passenger Origin/Destination Forecast Update, and 2) Air Cargo Element Update. The FAA will provide funds for ninety-five percent (\$385,094) of the project total. The five percent match, \$20,268, will be provided from local FY 2005 funds previously approved for this purpose.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R43-04.**

**(D) Recognition of National Preparedness Month**

The Board will be asked to recognize September as National Preparedness Month in the National Capital Region. Local governments, state and federal agencies and private sector organizations are marking the observance with special programs or events to promote greater public awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R44-04.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004.**

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