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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: April 9, 2008
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Knapp 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)**

**Chairman Michael Knapp
Council President, Montgomery County**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2008
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

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

Chairman Knapp

- a) Pedestrian Safety Workshop April 29
- b) Annual Foster Parent Gala May 17
- c) COG Retreat July 25-27
- d) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o 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 Item 11.A., 11.B., 11.C.,
11.D., 11.E. & 11.F.**

**6. REVISED WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA) JOINT DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

Nat Bottigheimer
Assistant General Manager of Planning and Development
WMATA

During last year's COG Annual Retreat, WMATA's General Manager John Catoe briefed regional leaders on WMATA's plans to revise its joint development guidelines. On Thursday, February 28, the WMATA Board approved new guidelines for joint development projects proposed for location at Metrorail stations. The proposed guidelines have been developed based on the findings of the Joint Development Task Force, which included twenty-one members from outside WMATA, and advice from local jurisdictions. Mr. Bottigheimer will brief the Board on the new guidelines and how they affect regional and local goals for more transit oriented development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and request further analysis by the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee.

**7. BRIEFING ON THE TRANSPORTATION-LAND-USE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
(12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

John Swanson
Senior Transportation Planner, COG

The Transportation Planning Board's Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program provides support to local governments in the Metropolitan Washington region as they work to improve transportation/ land use coordination. Through the program, the TPB provides communities with up to \$20,000 worth of technical assistance to catalyze or enhance planning efforts. The TLC Clearinghouse is a web-based source of information about transportation/land use coordination, including regional and national experience with transit-oriented development and other key strategies. On February 20, the TPB approved eleven technical assistance projects for inclusion in the FY 2008 TLC Program. Mr. Swanson will brief the Board on these projects and next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. AIR QUALITY PLANNING: NEW OZONE STANDARD ANNOUNCED
(1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)**

Dave Snyder, Councilmember
City of Falls Church
Chair, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC)

In March EPA announced a new, more stringent ozone standard. The new standard was revised to be more protective of public health. It will present new challenges for the Washington region, which is expected to meet the current ozone standard next year, 2009. Last year MWAQC commented on the standard when it was proposed, but MWAQC reached no consensus on what the level of the new standard should be. Mr. Snyder will brief the COG Board on the new standard, the effective date of the new standard and how it will affect the Washington region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and request Clean Air Partners to report on the new air quality forecasting system prior to the summer ozone season.

**9. BRIEFING ON ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING COMPOUNDS IN THE POTOMAC RIVER
(1:10 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.)**

**Stuart A. Freudberg, Director
Dept. of Environmental Programs**

**Vicki Blazer
U.S. Geological Survey**

**Tee L. Guidotti, MD, MPH
George Washington University Medical Center**

**Thomas P. Jacobus
Washington Aqueduct Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Recent newspaper accounts described the results of water quality monitoring in the Potomac River and also in some of the region's "finished" water supply. These chemicals are present, albeit in very small quantities, in the river water that the region's water suppliers depend on and are cause for concern. They include pharmaceuticals that may pass through humans or be flushed away and may not be removed in the water treatment process. Three presenters, with monitoring, public health and water utility responsibilities, will provide an overview of what's being found in the Potomac River and in the water supply, present what's known about the risks posed and stimulate discussion about options for a future course of action. Mr. Freudberg will present staff's recommendations for Board consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R19-08.

**10. MEMBER TIME
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to Support a Pedestrian Safety Workshop

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R20-08 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$50,000 in funding from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to provide contract and staff services in support of a Pedestrian Safety Workshop. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$50,000. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-08.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funds to Administer a Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies Exercise Planning Seminar for the National Capital Region

The Board will be asked to adopt R21-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign and expend Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds provided by the District of Columbia State

Administrative Agent. The 8 month grant will provide funding to secure contractor services to implement a one-day Regional Infrastructure Interdependencies Exercise Planning Seminar. The grant will not exceed \$52,046. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R21-08.

C. Resolution Authorizing COG to Fund an Independent Evaluation of the Regional Response to the February 12, 2008 Ice Storm

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R22-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with James Lee Witt Associates to complete an independent evaluation of the regional response to the February 12, 2008 ice storm. The purpose of the initiative is to provide support requested by the Senior Policy Group and the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region for COG to enter into and administer a contract with James Lee Witt Associates. COG is being provided \$131,753 through a Subgrant from the SAA to fund the independent evaluation of the regional response to the ice storm. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R22-08.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept Additional Funding from Freddie Mac for its Foreclosure Collaborative

At its last meeting, the COG Board adopted Resolution R17-08 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Freddie Mac for \$175,000 to fund a three point foreclosure collaborative. Freddie Mac has agreed to provide an additional \$125,000 for the purposes of providing grant assistance to non-profit organizations to address the strains of the foreclosure crisis. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R23-08 authorizing the Executive Director to accept and expend the additional funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-08.

E. Nomination of Penny Gross for Re-Election to NARC Board of Directors

The Board will be asked to authorize the chairman to nominate Fairfax County Supervisor and COG Board Vice Chairman Penelope Gross for re-election to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors. Supervisor Gross has served on the NARC Board since 2004 representing regional councils and metropolitan planning organizations in District III (DC, MD, VA, WV). The NARC Board election will take place at the annual conference and exhibition, June 15 – 17 in Des Moines, Iowa.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of nomination letter.

F. Approval of Capital and Contingency Expenditure for Facility Replacement and Upgrading

The adopted FY 2008 (July 2007 to June 2008) and FY 2009 (July 2008 to June 2009) work program and budget allocate a projected \$650,000 and \$607,000, respectively, to the capital and contingency reserve. The capital and contingency reserve is a separate line item in COG's fiscal year operating budget, supported by building and investment income. The purpose of the capital and contingency reserve is to support facility replacement and repair or new program activities not anticipated when the fiscal year work program and budget was adopted. The Executive Director has recommended that \$125,000 be allocated from the FY 2008 capital and contingency reserve and \$277,000 from the FY 2009 capital and contingency reserve to complete a two-year replacement and upgrade in the data center. Subsequent to the Board's action, COG will enter into competitive contracts to complete this work.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-08.



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