



### **NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**

At the April TPB meeting, officials were briefed on a TPB study that identified 25 underutilized Metro, MARC, or VRE rail stations across the region and more than 3,000 potential bicycle and pedestrian improvements to support increased ridership at those stations. Kristin Haldeman (Metro) also provided an update on a new study that works alongside the TPB study to prioritize walk/bike access projects within a half mile of Metro's 91 stations.

### **METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE**

MWAQC approved a resolution to implement an early Regional Action Plan to address the current and the future ozone standards and to better protect public health. The resolution said MWAQC is committed to achieving reductions in air pollutant emissions through a broad range of cost-effective control measures across multiple sectors.

### **CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE**

CBPC focused on innovative infrastructure financing. Adam Ortiz (Prince George's County) gave a presentation on the County's Public Private Partnership (P3) to address stormwater management with a focus on community development opportunities. Maureen Holman (DC Water) spoke about various technology innovations, as well as the use of new financial tools, to address major infrastructure investments such as their combined sewer system tunnels that have a long service life. COG staff were tasked with finding ways to help share these innovations with its members.

### **CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**

CEEPC was briefed by Kate Brandt (White House Council on Environmental Quality) on a new Executive Order that sets a new and more aggressive greenhouse gas reduction target (to reduce emissions 40% by 2025) and renewable energy target (30% of electricity by 2025) for federal operations. The EO also sets new targets for energy efficiency, water efficiency, fleet efficiency, climate preparedness, training, and federal procurement. CEEPC members discussed how these actions can help the region achieve its goals.



Heart of COG:

### **AUBIN MAYNARD & HOW COG HELPS RECONNECT PEOPLE WITH THE ANACOSTIA**

By day, you'll find Aubin Maynard wading in a local stream performing water quality analysis. In the evenings, he works alongside citizens in D.C. and Maryland living in and around the Anacostia watershed, arming them with the data and knowledge needed to clean up and better access their river.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE STORY.](#)

**INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING WORKSHOP**

COG hosted an interactive workshop to generate unique infrastructure financing ideas for local governments in the metropolitan Washington region across a variety of sectors. Dr. Shalini Vajjhala of Re:focus Partners worked with participants on several case studies to identify solutions to infrastructure issues in local jurisdictions.

**LEADERSHIP GREATER WASHINGTON - REGION FORWARD DAY**

COG hosted the Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2015 for a special Region Forward Day. COG Board Chairman William Euille delivered remarks about COG’s programs and Community Planning and Services Director Paul DesJardin gave an overview on the regional vision plan.

**CORRECTIONS CEREMONY**

The COG Corrections Chiefs Committee sponsored the 24th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony on May 9 in honor of fallen corrections officers at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in the District of Columbia. The ceremony, which commenced with remarks from Chairman Euille, included a tribute to Carolyn Cross (1949-2014), who was Deputy Director of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections.

**FLOODING, STORMWATER DISCUSSION**

COG hosted the DC Silver Jackets, a multi-agency group of primarily federal partners that convenes to address flooding issues in and near the District of Columbia. COG also organized a panel discussion at which Tanya Spano, COG Regional Water Quality Management Chief, gave an overview of the challenges that local governments face in integrating stormwater management and flood mitigation work. The panelists discussed the programs and tools local governments are using to address these issues, the challenges of communicating flood risk to homeowners, the role and limitations of green infrastructure to address flooding.

**CAO COMMITTEE HONORS BARBARA DONNELLAN**

Local city and county managers on COG’s Chief Administrative Officers Committee held a special luncheon to recognize the work of Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan ahead of her retirement. Her peers noted her leadership on various issues, such as regional homeland security planning. Donnellan served as Chair of COG’s Chief Administrative Officers Homeland Security Executive Committee.



Event Highlight:  
**CLEAN AIR PARTNERS ANNUAL CELEBRATION AND AWARDS**

Clean Air Partners honored students, individuals, and organizations from across the region at the 7th Annual Celebration and Awards at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Chairman Euille provided welcoming remarks for more than 120 attendees and award winners.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD - JUNE 17**

**MULTI SECTOR WORKING GROUP (FOCUSED ON STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GASES) - JUNE 18**

**HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE 19**

**COMMUTER CONNECTIONS EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARDS - JUNE 30**

**REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS WORKSHOP - JUNE 30**

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### **REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS**

COG's Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington report was featured by a number of local media outlets, including WAMU, WUSA 9, the Washington City Paper, and The Washington Post. [CLICK HERE FOR THE WAMU STORY.](#)

### **UNDERUTILIZED RAIL STATIONS STUDY**

The TPB study on underutilized rail stations received coverage from WTOP and WNEW. [CLICK HERE FOR THE WTOP STORY.](#)

### **MEMORIAL DAY TRAFFIC ANALYSIS**

A TPB Weekly Report examining historical travel speed information on the region's freeways and several major arterial highways in the days leading up to the Memorial Day holiday weekend was featured by WTOP, WMAL, The Washington Post, and FOX5. [CLICK HERE FOR THE FOX5 CLIP.](#)

### **BIKE TO WORK DAY**

The record-setting Bike to Work Day on May 15, sponsored by COG's Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, earned coverage from several local outlets, including The Washington Post, WNEW, and the Gazette. [CLICK HERE FOR THE GAZETTE STORY.](#)



Media Highlight:

### **NBC4 FEATURES CHARLES COUNTY FOSTER PARENTS OF THE YEAR**

In May, the COG Board recognized the 2015 Foster Parents of the Year for opening their hearts and homes to children in need. The honorees from Charles County, Stephan and Gilda Clifford, joined COG's Kamilah Bunn on NBC 4 to discuss foster care and their motivation for becoming foster parents.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SHOW.](#)