

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

Virtual participation available for members upon request Public livestream on website

#### **AGENDA**

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Charles Allen, COG Board Chair

#### 2. CHAIR'S REPORT

Charles Allen, COG Board Chair

A. New date/location for May board meeting

#### 12:05 P.M. 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director

### 12:10 P.M. 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Charles Allen, COG Board Chair

#### 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 13, 2024

Charles Allen, COG Board Chair

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

#### 6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Charles Allen, COG Board Chair

Recommended Action: There are no items on the consent agenda.

#### 12:20 P.M. 7. UNIFIED VISION FOR TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE REGION

Charles Allen, COG Board Chair Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director Paul Smedberg, WMATA Board Chair Randy Clarke, WMATA General Manager & CEO

The board will discuss development of a unified vision for transit service in the region.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

#### 12:50 P.M. 8. CONSERVING TREES AND FORESTS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Penny Gross, Former Fairfax County Supervisor Brian LeCouteur, COG Principal Environmental Planner Michael Knapp, COG Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee Chair

The board will be briefed on the state of the region's tree canopy, the development of a new regional goal, and strategies for action at the local level.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R14-2024.

# 1:15 P.M. 9. COMMUTER CONNECTIONS – 50 YEARS HELPING THE REGION GET TO WORK Kanti Srikanth, COG Deputy Executive Director for Metropolitan Planning

Dan Sheehan, COG Transportation Operations Program Director

The board will be briefed on Commuter Connections, a program coordinated by the Transportation Planning Board at COG to manage congestion and provide free information to employers and commuters on the best commuting options in the region. The program promotes use of ridesharing, transit usage, walking and biking as alternatives to commuting in single occupant vehicles in many ways including offering financial rewards.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

#### 1:35 P.M. 10. A PEOPLE'S GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING IN THE NCR

Lyn Erickson, COG Transportation Plan Development and Coordination Program Director

Rachel Beyerle, COG Transportation Communications Manager

The board will be briefed on A People's Guide to Transportation Decision Making in the National Capital Region. The TPB designed this booklet to explain how and where transportation decisions are made in this region, the role the TPB plays in coordinating this process, and the ways in which local residents, businesses, and other community members can participate in transportation planning and funding decisions.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

#### 1:55 P.M 11. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 2:00 P.M. 12. ADJOURN

The next COG Board Meeting will take place in-person on Wednesday, May 1 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M at The Mayflower Hotel.