

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING WILDLIFE-VEHICLE COLLISION AVOIDANCE POLICY
STATEMENT AND WILDLIFE-VEHICLE COLLISION REDUCTION WORKING GROUP
REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has sought methods to protect the public health and safety of the citizens of the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, COG has worked to address the problems of animal protection throughout the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the COG Animal Services Committee, identified wildlife-vehicle collisions as an immediate and continuing public safety issue impacting the Washington metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the COG Animal Services Committee, the Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Reduction Working Group, and the COG Public Safety Policy Committee have developed and reviewed a *Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Avoidance Policy Statement* and *Deer Vehicle Collision Report* which supports recognition of wildlife-vehicle collisions as a public safety issue that impacts people, animals and property; and

WHEREAS, the COG Public Safety Policy Committee issued an endorsement of the *Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Avoidance Policy Statement* and *Deer Vehicle Collision Report* on September 15, 2006.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The *Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Avoidance Policy Statement* and *Report* is endorsed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors.
2. The *Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Avoidance Policy Statement* and *Report* is attached and shall be transmitted to each jurisdiction for review, consideration and implementation of suggested recommendations upon approval by the COG Board of Directors.
