

Resolution R68-2016
January 11, 2017

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MULTI-SECTOR WORKING GROUP ON
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

WHEREAS, following requests from the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (Resolution R1-2014) and the Transportation Planning Board (Resolution TPB R10-2015), COG staff convened the Multi Sector Working Group (MSWG) to conduct an extensive examination of potential implementable greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies in the Energy/Environment, Land Use and Transportation sectors; and

WHEREAS, the MSWG undertook a technical examination of potential GHG reduction strategies, including receiving input from the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, the Transportation Planning Board and the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the MSWG found that the region is making progress towards meeting its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals through current actions and identified additional voluntary strategies to further move towards meeting its goals; and

WHEREAS, upon presentation of the potential strategies, the COG Board directed staff to review the strategies with a Policy Task Force of elected officials representing COG's relevant policy committees; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the MSWG Policy Task Force, COG staff surveyed COG member jurisdictions and state and regional agencies to gauge the feasibility and level of implementation of the analyzed GHG reduction strategies; and

WHEREAS, the survey found there are regionally and locally viable GHG reduction strategies that can be voluntarily implemented, and found there are other strategies that could be implemented within the purview of federal, state or other entities.

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

The board recognizes the progress the region has made to reduce emissions through the combined work of local governments, regional entities, state and federal agencies, and private sector businesses and individuals.

The board finds the Multi Sector Working Group's Policy Task Force recommendations fully responsive to COG Board Resolution R59-2015 and endorses the attached set of voluntary greenhouse gas emission reducing strategies in the Energy, Built Environment, Land Use, and Transportation sectors.

The board encourages COG member jurisdictions, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, and the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee to review, consider, and take appropriate actions to implement the greenhouse gas emission reducing strategies as part of their local, regional and state wide planning and programming activities.

The board offers thanks to the staff at the many local, regional and state environmental, planning and transportation departments for their invaluable assistance to the Multi-Sector Working Group.

The board directs COG staff to provide assistance to COG members, policy and technical boards and committees to support implementation of strategies and to provide periodic status reports to the boards and committees on the extent of implementation.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on January 11, 2017.

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