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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: July 8, 2009
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross 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 Penelope Gross
Vice Chairman, Fairfax County
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**
Chairman Gross
 - a) COG Leadership Retreat Preview
 - b) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o Information Items
- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2009
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION FUNDING

COG has formed a consortium with 6 local jurisdictions to apply for Federal funding to stabilize communities across the region that have been adversely impacted by high rates of foreclosures. As a result, the Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R36-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NPS2) grant funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to revitalize abandoned and foreclosed properties across the region in an amount not to exceed \$35 million. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R36-09.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A CONTRACT TO DEVELOP THE PANDEMIC INFLUENZA CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R37-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with a contractor to develop an inter-agency pandemic influenza concept of operations for the District of Columbia. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region will provide COG with \$102,334 in State Homeland Security Program funding. No COG funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R37-09.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO SUBMIT A GRANT TO EPA FOR THE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES SHOWCASE GRANT PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R38-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region for a Climate Showcase Communities grant to evaluate and implement a "National Capital Region Carbon Offset Fund." The federal grant fund request will not exceed \$60,000, with \$60,000 in matching funds provided through in-kind contributions and funding identified in COG's adopted FY 2010 work program and budget for the regional climate change program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R38-09.

**6. 2008 REGIONAL CRIME REPORT
(12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)**

**Colonel David M. Rohrer
Chief, Fairfax County Police Department
Chair, COG Police Chiefs Committee**

The Police Chiefs Committee, in conjunction with its Police Planners Subcommittee, annually collects and analyzes selected crime statistics for the Washington metropolitan area. Such information has proven useful to law enforcement and policy officials by providing a broad analysis of crime trends and establishing local and regional crime-fighting priorities. The COG Board will be briefed on the most recent report, which reflects crime trends for 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R39-09.

**7. REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND STIMULUS UPDATE
(12:40 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**A. PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS AND
ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORTS**

Alan Imhoff
Alderman, City of Frederick
Chair, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee

John Mataya
Regional Planner, COG

COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. Commercial construction has typically been one of the indicators that best represents or tracks with the state of the region's economy. Chair Imhoff will introduce a presentation on the findings from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2008 Summary Report* as well as highlights of regional economic indicators from 2004-2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Report.

B. COG ARRA INITIATIVES

David Robertson
Executive Director

The COG Board adopted an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) National Capital Region Initiative in April 2009 as part of COG's focus on economic sustainability and recovery. The Initiative has three elements: information sharing; convening and best practices; and COG-led funding opportunities. Staff has provided the COG Board with monthly summary reports noting progress on each of these elements. Staff will brief the COG Board in greater detail on COG-led grant applications completed or in development that address transportation, energy conservation and housing initiatives, and anticipated next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Presentation.

**8. REAFFIRMATION OF METRO DEDICATED FUNDING AND NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING METRO
RAIL RED LINE ACCIDENT**

(1:05 – 1:25 p.m.)

Michael Knapp
Councilmember, Montgomery County

William Euille
Mayor, City of Alexandria

In early 2005, the COG Board strongly endorsed the recommendations of a special Metro Dedicated Funding panel established by COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the Federal City Council. The Metro Dedicated Funding task force concluded that capital improvements and maintenance were significantly underfunded and called for federal-regional dedicated funding to begin to address this problem. Public Law 110-432 authorized \$1.5 billion in federal funds to be matched by regional funds by the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Regional funding partners have enacted legislation

providing the required match, as well as WMATA Compact amendments required as a condition of Federal funds. The President's FY 2010 budget did not include funding to support Public Law 110-432 Councilmember Knapp, who led COG's 2004-2005 effort in support of Metro dedicated funding and Mayor Euille, a member of the WMATA Board will update the COG Board on how fulfillment of the Metro dedicated funding effort could respond to urgent capital needs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation and reaffirm COG support for Metro dedicated funding.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE COG'S AVIATION POLICY PROGRAM (1:25 – 1:35 p.m.)

Mary Hynes
Board Member, Arlington County
Chair, Aviation Policy Committee

In response to the Board's direction to review COG's aviation policy program and committee structure, Aviation Policy Committee Chair Mary Hynes and senior COG staff conducted a detailed assessment of the role, function and anticipated future areas of program policy focus. The review included consultation with committee members as well as the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Based on this review, a series of actions are recommended to enhance COG's aviation policy program while reorganizing the approach for addressing aviation policy issues. Chair Hynes will summarize the analysis contained in her memorandum (attached) and request that the Board concur with the recommended actions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R40-09.

10. APPROVAL OF ROUND 7.2 COOPERATIVE FORECAST (1:35 – 1:45 p.m.)

Paul DesJardin
Director, Community Planning and Services

Since 1975, the COG Board of Directors has maintained the Cooperative Forecasting Program for preparing official forecasts of employment population, and household growth for the COG member jurisdictions. In March, the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved a request from several jurisdictions to modify the Round 7.1 Cooperative Forecasts to reflect local land use changes, including the Base Realignment and Closure Recommendations (BRAC). Consistent with COG policy, the Board will be asked to approve the new Round 7.2 Cooperative Forecasts concurrent with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2009 financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). The TPB is scheduled to approve the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis during its meeting on July 15, 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R41-09.



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