



REGION FORWARD COALITION

April 22, 2016

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

Walter A. Scheiber Board Room (3rd Floor)

777 N. Capitol St, NE, Suite 300

Washington, DC 20002

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I. Coalition Member Updates **11:00 am**

a. Partner Updates

b. COG Updates

II. Welcome **11:15 am**

- Emmett Jordan, Mayor, City of Greenbelt, and Co-Chair, Region Forward Coalition
- David Grosso, Councilmember, District of Columbia, and Co-Chair, Region Forward
- Sheryl Bass, Councilmember, City of Manassas, and Co-Chair, Region Forward

III. Health Officials Committee (HOC) Region Forward Health Indicators Project **11:25 am**

Co-Chair Grosso

Dr. Derek Chapman, Associate Director of Research, VCU Center on Society and Health

Dr. Stephen Haering, HOC Co-Chair, Director of the Alexandria Health Department

Building on their briefing to the Coalition in February, Dr. Haering will provide an overview of the research proposed by the Health Officials Committee. Dr. Chapman will further describe the elements of the proposed scope of work including the methods for calculating quality of life using social determinants of health that align with the 9 Region Forward Goal Areas, performing Health Opportunity Index calculations, and discussing additional phases of the project.

Action: Receive briefing and seek volunteers for work group to facilitate the project

IV. ConnectGreaterWashington **11:55 am**

Co-Chair Jordan

Shyam Kannan, Office of Planning, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

What if the region's future actually approached the goals in collaborative regional plans such as [Region Forward](#) and [Place + Opportunity](#)? Would WMATA and the region benefit? WMATA staff recently completed *ConnectGreaterWashington*, which asked these questions and sought to assess opportunities to better use the transportation system the region already has before we spend tens of billions on new transportation projects. The analysis took a regional approach to future growth and guided it to walkable Activity Centers with excess transit capacity.

Action: Receive briefing

V. Transforming the Built Environment in the Suburbs **12:20 pm**

Co-Chair Bass

Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth

Mr. Schwartz will describe the Coalition for Smarter Growth's work to transform the built environment in suburban commercial corridors. Creating mixed-use, mixed-income communities in an environment that provides and promotes safe walking, bicycling and transit use, offers important health benefits. These environments increase walking and bicycling, reduce deaths and serious injuries, and can improve access to parks and recreation. Ensuring the preservation and inclusion of affordable housing in the redevelopment of commercial corridors can also address a significant stress inducer for many families – the lack of a secure place to call home.

Action: Receive briefing

VI. Regional Workforce Demand Research **12:45 pm**

Co-Chairs Grosso and Bass

Nicole McCall, COG Department of Transportation Planning

Ms. McCall will present preliminary research from a new initiative at COG to project short-term trends in workforce demand by industry and occupation. Coalition members will be asked to consider how the trends shown in this research, which has been supported by funding from Capital One, would impact their organizations and stakeholders.

Action: Receive briefing and seek comments for how this research could be used

VII. Other Business **1:10 pm**

VIII. Adjourn **1:30 pm**

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, July 22, 2016

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