



REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, July 27, 2018
11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

AGENDA

- 11:00 A.M.** **1. COALITION MEMBER UPDATES**
Dannielle Glaros, Region Forward Coalition Chair
- A. COG Updates
 - B. Partner Updates
- 11:30 A.M.** **2. ACCESSIBILITY MEASURES**
Nicole McCall, COG Regional Planner
- Region Forward calls for walkable mixed-use communities with housing and transportation choices. Ms. McCall will discuss the Region's progress towards its accessibility measures.
- 11:50 A.M.** **3. TARGETS TO ILLUMINATE AND SUPPORT EQUITY AND INCLUSION**
Dannielle Glaros, Region Forward Coalition Chair
Marybeth Connelly, Region Forward Coalition Vice Chair
Robert White, Region Forward Coalition Vice Chair
- An upcoming work session is planned to consider how equity and inclusion can be weaved into the Region Forward vision. Region Forward Coalition members who would like to be involved are encouraged to contact Nicole McCall.
- 12:00 P.M.** **4. MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S SMART GROWTH INITIATIVE**
Greg Ossont, Montgomery County General Services Deputy Director
Dianne Schwartz Jones, Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services Director
- Montgomery County's Smart Growth Initiative, is a multi-faceted project to deploy programmed resources to implement master plans, to support economic development and affordable transit-oriented development at Shady Grove metro station, and at planned Corridor City Transitway stops. It has relocated industrial uses at the terminus of the Redline and used creative tools to minimize land costs such as density swapping, bonus densities for affordable housing, and use of agricultural development rights.

12:45 P.M. 5. COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION AND VACANCY ACROSS METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

John Kent, COG Regional Planner

John Kent will share research from the [Commercial Construction Indicators Report](#), including information about office vacancy rates across Metropolitan Washington. This brief presentation will provide context for the discussion about adaptive reuse.

12:55 P.M. 6. RECLAIM OUR LOST SPACES: STRATEGIES FOR REUSING OUR REGION'S OLDER, EMPTY OFFICE BUILDINGS

Ryan Touhill, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Meghan Van Dam, Fairfax County Policy and Plan Development Branch Chief

With Metropolitan Washington's office vacancy rates above the nation's average, local jurisdictions remain focused on converting empty office buildings into new uses. Coalition members will learn about approaches used in two different jurisdictions. Mr. Touhill will share Alexandria Economic Development Partnership policy recommendations to encourage adaptive reuse of legacy office properties. Fairfax County has studied how to convert vacant and obsolete buildings both inside and outside of Activity Centers. Ms. Van Dam will share recommendations from that effort.

1:30 P.M. 7. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018