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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 12, 2005
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chair Mendelson 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)**

**Chair Phil Mendelson
Council Member, District of
Columbia**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2004
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Chair Mendelson

 - a) Mutual Aid Update
 - b) NARC Washington Policy Conference – February 5 – 8, 2005
 - c) Executive Director's Report
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 12**
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Item

**6. PRESENTATION ON WMATA FUNDING PANEL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(12:15– 12:45 p.m.)**

**James W. Dyke, Jr.
Partner, McGuire Woods, LLP
Member, WMATA Funding Panel**

**David Robertson
Executive Director, COG**

The COG Board of Directors endorsed establishing an independent blue ribbon panel to examine long-term WMATA funding shortfalls and develop recommendations for a regional dedicated source of revenue (Resolution R39-04, adopted September 8, 2004). COG co-sponsored this effort along with the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the Federal City Council. The three sponsoring organizations jointly appointed a Panel comprised of 13 transit and finance experts and two ex officio representatives from the federal government. Following three months of intensive analysis and discussion, the WMATA Funding Panel approved a draft report for public release and comment on December 14. The Panel released its final report at a press conference on January 6. The report examines several alternative funding sources but concludes that a regional sales tax coupled with additional federal funding would best address WMATA's need for a dedicated source of revenue. Panel representatives will highlight key findings and recommendations and outline next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R1-05.

**7. REVIEW OF CHESAPEAKE BAY BLUE RIBBON FINANCE PANEL REPORT
(12:45– 1:05 p.m.)**

**Bruce Williams
Mayor Pro Tem, Takoma Park
Member, Chesapeake Bay Policy
Committee**

**Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County, Vice Chair,
Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee
Member, Chesapeake Bay Blue Ribbon
Finance Panel**

**Jack Greer, Assistant Director for
Communications and Public Affairs of
Maryland Sea Grant**

In October 2004, the Chesapeake Bay Blue Ribbon Funding Panel (Panel), chaired by former governor Gerald Baliles issued its final report and recommendations to the Chesapeake Executive Council (the governors of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the U.S. EPA Administrator and the Chair of the tri-state legislative body, the Chesapeake Bay Commission). Key conclusions of the report were that restoration of the Chesapeake Bay will require \$28 billion, and that a new source of funding is necessary for providing the resources for implementation of restoration projects. The Panel proposed establishment of a Chesapeake Bay Funding Authority that would be capitalized by \$12 billion in federal funds and \$3 billion in state funds. The COG Board has long supported the need for equitable funding by all levels of government to meet Chesapeake Bay restoration goals and standards. Chesapeake Bay Policy

Committee (CBPC) leadership and Chesapeake Bay Program Director Rebecca Hamner will review the recommendations and implications for the COG region of the Panel's report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R2-05.

**8. TEEN DRIVING PRESENTATION
(1:05– 1:15 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County
Chair, Public Safety Policy Committee**

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 6,000 teenagers die annually in motor vehicle crashes. The Washington region has experienced a rash of significant automobile accidents involving teenagers. In December, Penny Gross, Chair of the Public Safety Policy Committee, participated in a COG town hall meeting radio broadcast where participants discussed the growing problem of teen fatalities. She will recommend that COG take the lead on new initiatives to combat this growing problem.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and offer recommendations.

**9. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS
(1:15– 1:20 p.m.)**

Chair Mendelson

The Nominating Committee will present its nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the COG Board for 2005 for consideration and action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Elect Board officers for 2005.

**10. FORMAL TRANSFER OF GAVEL TO NEW CHAIR
(1:20 – 1:25)**

Recognition of 2004 COG Board Chair Mendelson

**11. APPOINTMENT OF 2005 POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS
(1:25– 1:35 p.m.)**

Chair Judith Davis

Chair Davis will appoint or reappoint the chairs of the following COG Board policy committees in 2005: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, Committee on Noise Abatement and Aviation at National and Dulles Airports, Human Services Policy Committee, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and Public Safety Policy Committee. Chair Davis will also appoint the 2005 chair to the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint committee chairs.

12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Approval Of UASI Subgrant For COG Homeland Security Planning Support

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R3-05, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to accept an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) subgrant to provide regional support for homeland security activities in the National Capital Region. Activities include planning, technical and secretariat support for the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council, Chief Administrative Officers Committee, and several Regional Emergency Support Functions. UASI funds are awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, with the District of Columbia serving as the grant administrator. COG will receive \$600,000 in FY 2004 UASI funds for the period ending October 15, 2005. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R3-05.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005.
