

**Resolution R41-2011  
September 14, 2011**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4239**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A CONTRACT TO  
CONDUCT A SERIES OF THREE REGIONAL TRANSIT SEMINARS FOR THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) serves as the Secretariat for the Urban Area Security Initiative for the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has been requested by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) to issue a contract to conduct a series of three regional transit seminars focused on improving coordination and communication between transit agencies, roadway departments, and first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor shall develop materials, supplies, and deliver a series of three regional transit seminars consistent with the COG contract approved by WMATA; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the contract to conduct three regional transit seminars has been provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region.

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

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute a contract to conduct three regional transit seminars for WMATA. The State Administrative Agent for the National Capital Region has provided COG with a Subgrant in the amount of \$110,000 to complete the seminar series. No COG funds will be required.

**R42-2011**  
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE THROUGH THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO CONDUCT AN URBAN FOREST CANOPY ANALYSIS WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION.**

**WHEREAS**, State and local governments and private citizens have a vested interest and investment in the sound management and protection of forests, urban forests and other green infrastructure such as community parks, recreation areas, riparian buffers; and

**WHEREAS**, the term "green infrastructure" refers to an interconnected network of waterways, wetlands, woodlands, wildlife habitats, and other natural areas; greenways, parks and other conservation lands; working farms, ranches, and forests of conservation value; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Forest Service and the District of Columbia recognize COG's previous work in both Anacostia forestry management and protection and regional forest cover mapping, and that this funding will complement COG's efforts to enhance knowledge of forested lands within the metropolitan region in order to gain a better understanding of how forest cover is affecting regional water quality, air quality and its importance for the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes that regional forests and urban forest canopy cover are an integral part of a greater national and international effort to systematically plan for and manage park, recreation, forest, agricultural and other green infrastructure lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia have recognized that all of the region's forests and tree canopy play a vital role in the ecological health of the region, and have a vested interest in maintaining a healthy urban environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council, the U.S. Forest Service and the District of Columbia have demonstrated a commitment to work in a collaborative partnership on forestry and urban forestry issues through a holistic green infrastructure approach in the Metropolitan Washington Region;

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

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and the District of Columbia to conduct a two-year study of urban tree canopy in the District of Columbia, Anacostia Watershed in Maryland, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. This cooperative agreement provides COG with \$165,000 of U.S. Forest Service Funds for a two-year tree canopy analysis project. A \$15,000 local match required. The COG match will be provided through FY 12 and FY13 Urban Nonpoint Source program funds. The project duration is two years.

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**CO-SPONSORSHIP OF "GIVE TO THE MAX DAY" CAMPAIGN IN THE NATIONAL  
CAPITAL REGION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) strategic plan adopted in 2011 includes several goals that identify human services needs of communities and families in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has successfully partnered with not-for-profit organizations and associations to address important human and community service needs in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, COG co-sponsored a roundtable in June 2011 with the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington that included a panel discussion with District of Columbia Mayor Vincent Gray, Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova, Montgomery County Executive Isaiah Leggett, Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker on public sector commitment to the non-profit sector and the need for stronger partnerships between local governments and not-for-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, continued economic challenges have reduced funding for not-for-profit organizations at the same time that many community and family needs have risen; and

**WHEREAS**, several regionally serving organizations have agreed to launch a "Give to the Max Day" program in the National Capital Region; and

**WHEREAS**, "Give to the Max Day" is modeled on a successful program in Minneapolis that used social media, web-donations, and other online giving tools to raise \$14 million for Minnesota not-for-profits in one 24-hour period; and

**WHEREAS**, "Give to the Max Day" in the National Capital Region will be announced on September 15 and held on November 9; and

**WHEREAS**, the campaign is intended to engage donors who may not participate in workplace giving or more traditional not-for-profit fundraising campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, COG has been asked to join the Center on Non-Profit Advancement, Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, Greater Washington Board of Trade, Leadership Greater Washington, Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington, United Way of the National Capital Area, and the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers in co-sponsoring "Give to the Max Day".

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

1. The COG Board of Directors endorses "Give to the Max Day" and agrees that COG will co-sponsor this initiative in 2011. COG will be responsible for coordinating outreach and engagement with area local governments and helping to promote "Give to the Max Day". No funding support from COG will be required.
2. The COG Executive Director will ask "Give to the Max Day" co-sponsors and campaign managers to brief the COG Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee in early 2012 on the outcomes of this initiative to help assess its impact and cost-effectiveness prior to any decision to co-sponsor this initiative in future years.

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**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WALMART FOUNDATION  
TO SUPPORT REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 COG surveyed local governments to determine progress towards achieving the sustainability measures recommended in COG's Climate and Energy Action Plan and *Region Forward*; and

**WHEREAS**, COG learned that limited staff is an impediment for some local governments to implementing and documenting sustainability measures; and

**WHEREAS**, COG's environmental sustainability activities seek to spur growth of the region's economy and reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, *Region Forward* and the National Capital Region Climate Change Program, create an excellent framework for regional collaboration on sustainability, economic opportunities, and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS**, MobilizeGreen is a DC-based nonprofit that helps local governments and communities advance sustainability priorities, while helping minority college students secure hands-on job training through internships that will have measurable impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Minority college students currently face a 19.1 percent unemployment rate and are unprepared for or are unaware of sustainability career options; and

**WHEREAS**, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization of U.S. cities, towns, and counties working to address climate change, clean energy, and local sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that COG, in partnership with MobilizeGreen and ICLEI USA – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), propose an innovative, regional sustainability and workforce development initiative;

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

1. COG will partner with MobilizeGreen and ICLEI to recruit, train, and place ten (10) interns in host local governments to work on projects that advance COG's Region Forward and advance regional sustainability goals.
2. COG members will be encouraged to host student interns.

3. COG, on behalf of its partners MobilizeGreen and ICLEI, shall submit a grant proposal to the Walmart Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for program development, intern stipends, and project evaluation of a sustainability internship program. No COG match is required.