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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2006

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Chair Fisetto will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
(12:00 Noon)

Chair Jay Fisetto
Board Member, Arlington County

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2006**
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)

Chair Fisetto

- A) Annual Report and Regional Directory
- B) Predatory Lending Conference April 27
- C) Foster Parent Gala May 20
- D) NARC Annual Conference June 17-20
- E) COG Retreat July 28-30
- F) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Outreach
 - b. Letters Sent/Received

4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 11.A., 11.B. & 11.C.

6. RESTORATION OF THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED – PROGRESS, CHALLENGES AND THE FUTURE

(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)

Mayor Anthony Williams
District of Columbia
Vice Chairman, COG Board of Directors

Adrian Washington
CEO, Anacostia Waterfront Corporation

George Harman
Maryland Department of the Environment

The Anacostia Watershed is one of the most polluted watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Basins. Long recognized regionally as a priority watershed for restoration, the opportunity and promise of the Anacostia is now the subject of major focus from both an economic development and environmental perspective. In the context of the COG Board 3-year policy focus on growth and development, Mayor Williams and Mr. Harman will brief the Board on several exciting new developments and recent progress toward revitalizing the Anacostia. Mayor Williams will summarize his vision for the District of Columbia's portion of the river, highlighted by the Anacostia Waterfront Development initiative and the new Washington Nationals baseball stadium. Mr. Harman, immediate past Chair of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Committee and Maryland Department of the Environment representative, will summarize the water quality and environmental challenges in the Anacostia, the restoration progress over the past two decades, as well as the future plans for accelerating the restoration effort. Achieving both economic and environmental revitalization of the Anacostia will contribute greatly to the restoration of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay and to the economic health of the Washington metropolitan region.

Recommended action: Receive briefing.

7. GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOCUS

(12:45-1:15 p.m.)

A. Regional Activity Centers Maps

Charles Graves
Deputy Director, D.C. Office of Planning
Chairman, Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee

Paul DesJardin
Chief of Housing and Planning, COG

COG approved the *Metropolitan Washington Regional Activity Centers: A Tool for Linking Land Use and Transportation Planning* in July 2002. This effort, which had its roots in the COG Partnership for Regional Excellence (1992), the TPB's Transportation Vision (1998), and COG's Strategic Plan (1999), was intended to encourage mixed-use development and to increase the percentage of jobs and households that are found in regional activity centers. COG agreed to review and amend the regional activity centers maps, following adoption of each round of cooperative forecasts. The COG Board will be briefed on the 2002 activity maps effort and plans for updating the maps using COG's recently adopted Round 7.0 cooperative forecasts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R18-06.

B. Transportation and Land Use Incentives

Michael Knapp
Councilmember, Montgomery County
Chairman, Transportation Planning Board
and Vice Chairman, COG Board of Directors

Ron Kirby
Director, Department of Transportation Planning, COG

The regional activity centers maps and more recent work such as the Regional Accessibility and Mobility Study underscore the need to foster a stronger balance between land use and transportation planning efforts in the National Capital Region. The TPB is beginning to examine how the Constrained Long Range Plan can support promising land use and transportation strategies. Examples include ensuring that new transportation facilities are integrated with plans for concentrated, mixed-use development and supporting planning studies for promising land use initiatives and transportation facilities. The COG Board will be briefed on similar efforts sponsored by other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in San Francisco, Atlanta and Vermont, and how the TPB proposes to develop a transportation and land use incentives program in the Washington region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

8. DAY LABOR SUMMIT UPDATE
(1:15 – 1:35 p.m.)

Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County

The Human Service Policy Committee (HSPC) convened Summits November 2005 and March 2006 to provide a forum to discuss best practices and public management responses to the challenge of day labor issues. The Board will be briefed on the outcomes of the Summits and local and federal policy recommendations.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R19-06.

9. ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2007 FEDERAL BUDGET
(1:35 – 1:45 p.m.)

Lee Ruck
General Counsel

COG staff briefed the Board of Directors on a preliminary analysis of the proposed FY 2007 federal budget at the March 8 meeting. The report examined several federal programs and the likely impact of budget revisions on area local governments and COG. The Board requested that staff provide additional information on the budget impact on several key local governments programs and services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**10. TRASH FREE POTOMAC WATERSHED INITIATIVE – SUMMIT UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS
(1:45 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County**

Since the signing of the regional Trash Treaty in March 2005, the COG Board has adopted two resolutions endorsing the goal of the Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative (TFPWI) and pledged support to the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF), the impetus behind the initiative. COG has provided substantial support to the AFF in development of an Action Plan and in the preparation for the Trash Summit, which was held on March 16, 2006. Supervisor Penelope Gross, who serves on the Advisory Council for the TFPWI will summarize the highlights of the recent Summit and the implications for the COG region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Additional Appointment to Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee

The COG Board of Directors will be asked to authorize the Chairman to appoint the following additional appointment to Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee for 2006: Mayor Judith Davis, City of Greenbelt. Mayor Davis is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize additional appointment.

B. Appointment of Fiftieth Anniversary Committee

In 2007, COG will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary (1957-2007). To foster regional recognition of COG's half-century of achievements, the Board of Directors will be asked to authorize the Chairman to appoint a Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, chaired by COG President Carol Schwartz. The committee will be comprised of current and past COG officials, as well as past executive directors. The committee will be responsible for reviewing and recommending a work program, schedule, budget and fundraising plan for the observance of COG's fiftieth anniversary. The committee will report its recommendations by July 2006.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint committee members.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Commit Local Matching Funds for a Regional Value Pricing Study in Metropolitan Washington

The COG Board of Directors will be asked to authorize the Executive Director or his designee to expend COG local funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 (\$20,000 in FY 2006 funds and \$40,000 in FY 2007 funds) for the purpose of providing the 20 percent local match required to conduct a regional value pricing study in Metropolitan Washington, and to execute a contract with VDOT for the regional value pricing study to be conducted by VDOT.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-06.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2006.