



PLANNING DIRECTORS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 16, 2024
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Webinar Only – No In-Person Meeting

AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Robert Love, Department of Economic and Community Development, City of Laurel, Co-Chair and Paul Stoddard, Department of Community Planning and Economic Development Services, City of Falls Church, Co-Chair

- Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program:
Applications due – March 8, 2024
- COG's Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) Grants – Round 3
- Round 10.0 Final TAZ Level Resubmissions
- Other announcements? (Committee members)

10:15 A.M. 2. WASHINGTON METRO AREA COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET OVERVIEW
Lisa Benjamin, Senior Managing Director, Newmark

Ms. Benjamin will present a forward-looking overview of the regional commercial real estate market. She will cover factors impacting office use and viability and retail trends in a post Covid environment. We'll leave time for questions and discussion at the end of the presentation.

10:45 A.M. 3. REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTERS MAP/PROJECT DISCUSSION
Paul DesJardin, Greg Goodwin, and John Kent, COG DCPS Staff Committee Members

- Schedule
- Start-up of one-on-one Meetings
- Committee Discussion: Final Transmittal Letter to COG

11:00 A.M. 4. CONSERVING TREES AND URBAN FORESTS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION: REGIONAL TREE CANOPY GOALS
Jeff King, Director, Climate, Energy, and Air Programs, COG

Sequestration of greenhouse gases is one of the strategies adopted by COG as part of its Climate and Energy Action Plan to achieve its goals of reducing greenhouse gases to 50% below 2005 levels by 2030. Preserving and increasing the tree canopy in the region is a proven action to sequester greenhouse gases. The Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee working over the past two years has developed a set of regional goals for tree canopy and a best practice resource for the region. COG's Climate Energy Environment Committee is scheduled to review the goals and resource guide to

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recommend COG Board to adopt these at its meeting in April 2024. COG Staff will provide an overview of the report and recommendations for establishing regional tree canopy goals.

11:45 A.M. 5. OTHER BUSINESS

12:00 P.M. 6. ADJOURN

The next Planning Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 15, 2024