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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: May 13, 2009

TIME: 12:00 Noon

PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Gross 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)**

**Chairman Penelope Gross
Vice Chairman, Fairfax County**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Gross

- a) Foster Parent Appreciation Gala, May 30
- b) Workforce Development Task Force Kick-Off May 19
- c) Climate, Energy and Environment Committee Appointments
- d) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o ARRA Update
 - o Information Items

**3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2009
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolutions 11.A., 11.B., 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., 11.F., 11.G., 11.H. 11.I., 11.J. & 11.K.

**6. BRIEFING ON STATUS OF H1N1 VIRUS
(12:25 – 12:50 p.m.)**

**Reuben Varghese, M.D., MPH
Health Director, Arlington County
Chair, COG Health Officials Committee**

The COG Health Officers Committee recently released its Community Health Status Indicators Report for presentation to the Board. However, in light of the recent H1N1 virus outbreak (formerly referred to as swine flu) and the evolving response role by area local, state, and federal health officials, the Board will be briefed on the latest regional data, what the future may hold, and any public health recommendations or actions appropriate to the National Capital Region. The Health Officials Committee will also distribute copies of the Indicators report to the Board and will be available for any questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

**7. PROPOSED FY 2010 FEDERAL BUDGET
(12:50 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Shannon Menard
Policy Manager, National Association of Regional Councils**

In February, the President unveiled a \$3.6 trillion federal budget blueprint that is focused on renewed investment in the areas of healthcare, clean energy and education. The budget is meant to be a complement to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in reviving the economy and saving and creating jobs. This budget will have a significant impact on the National Capital Region. Ms. Menard will provide an overview of the key provisions in the proposal and the implications for regional policies and programs including transportation funding, energy and workforce development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation and refer to Government Liaisons Committee for additional analysis and recommendation.

**8. IMPLEMENTATION OF COG POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITIES- STATE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
(1:10 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Benjamin Barnes
Delegate, Maryland General Assembly**

**James Scott
Delegate, Virginia General Assembly**

The Maryland and Virginia state legislatures recently concluded their 2009 sessions, which included many bills affecting the National Capital Region or addressing COG regional policy priorities in transportation, climate change and Chesapeake Bay protection, sustainable development, workforce housing and foreclosure, public safety and other important measures. COG Board members from the Maryland and Virginia General Assemblies will highlight achievements from the 2009 session and how COG can assist state legislators and other COG members in advancing priorities next year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation and refer to Government Liaisons Committee for additional analysis and recommendation.

**9. ANACOSTIA RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP
(1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Dana Minerva
Executive Director, Anacostia Restoration Partnership**

Covering portions of the District of Columbia, Prince George's County and Montgomery County, the Anacostia watershed is the largest and most populous local watershed in the COG region. With water quality challenges including combined sewer overflows, trash, sediment and toxics, the Anacostia River has a significant impact on the water quality of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The COG Board established a comprehensive Anacostia program in 2006 with opportunity for extensive public and stakeholder engagement. The Board will be briefed on the program's progress to date, including the development of the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan, and the plans for the future.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation on progress and next steps.

**10. FY 2009 3rd QUARTER REPORT
(1:40 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**J Davis
Mayor, City of Greenbelt
Secretary-Treasurer, COG**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's third quarter (January – March 2009) FY 2009 financial report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF AN AUDITOR TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO IMPROVE AND DOCUMENT COG ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R20-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to issue a contract to Bert Smith & Associates to conduct a review of COG's accounting policies and procedures, review recommended changes to those policies and procedures with COG management and prepare a revised COG accounting manual. The contract is not to exceed \$35,000 and is included in the current Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-09.

B. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS FOR CLIMATE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

At its April 8, 2009 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution R18-09 establishing a new Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee to guide COG's climate change, energy, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste and recycling policies and work programs. The resolution directed staff to prepare bylaws for the new committee, and consult with a small subgroup of elected officials identified by the Board Chair concerning stakeholder membership and voting procedures. The recommended bylaws provide for a range of stakeholder members and include voting procedures that require elected official concurrence with any major policy recommendation or work program and budget adoption to advance to the COG Board. The Board will be asked to adopt R21-09 approving the recommended bylaws and committee chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R21-09.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO FUND AN EVALUATION, UPDATE AND IMPROVEMENT OF SELECTED EMERGENCY PLANS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R22-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to issue a contract for the evaluation, update and improvement of emergency plans in the District of Columbia. The contractor will support the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency in coordinating with other District of Columbia agencies to develop, maintain, update and improve effective emergency preparedness and response plans. COG has been provided \$61,500 through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to fund this contract. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R22-09.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R23-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to fund a contract with ICF Incorporated, LLC for the development and presentation of the Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop. The purpose of the initiative is to provide a follow-on companion document to the National Capital Region's Homeland Security Strategic Plan. The Training and Exercise Plan is a living document and it is anticipated that it will be updated and refined annually. COG has been provided \$35,220 through a Subgrant from the SAA to fund the development and presentation of the Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop. No COG Matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-09.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO CONDUCT THE YEAR 2009 WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE REGIONAL AIR PASSENGER SURVEY

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R24-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into contracts with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, the Maryland Aviation Administration and qualified firms to conduct the 2009 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey under COG's Continuous Airport System Planning program. Contracted amounts will not exceed \$300,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-09.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM EPA'S NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM HEAVY DUTY DIESEL EQUIPMENT IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R25-09, authorizing the Executive director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$3,774,336 in grant funding from EPA Region III to provide diesel emissions technology to reduce emissions from heavy duty diesel fleets in the metropolitan Washington region. The total cost of the services shall not exceed \$3,774,336. No COG matching funds will be required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R25-09.

G. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE WEDNESDAY'S CHILD PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R26-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to seek an \$82,000 grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the Wednesday's Child program. Wednesday's Child represents a long partnership between the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the Freddie Mac Foundation, NBC4 and local child welfare agencies. Begun in 1992, this televised adoption program finds loving adoptive homes for children in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. It also continues as the flagship for a nationwide network of Wednesday's Child programs sponsored by the Freddie Mac Foundation. This \$82,000 grant request will be used to support the Wednesday's Child program in FY 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R26-09.

H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO REQUEST FUNDS TO PROVIDE EXECUTIVE, PROFESSIONAL, AND TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT SUPPORT THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ENHANCED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN THE REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R27-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to request \$960,000 in FY 2009 UASI funds from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) to provide Executive, Professional, and Technical Secretariat Support. The purpose of the Secretariat Support will be to assist the Emergency Preparedness Council, the Chief Administrative Officers, the Senior Policy Group, Regional Emergency Support Functions, Regional Program Working Groups, State Administrative Agent, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, and others in enhancing emergency preparedness in the National Capital Region. No COG Matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R27-09.

I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDING FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN SUPPORT OF THE DRINKING WATER QUALITY STUDY

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R28-09 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$25,000 from the District of Columbia to provide contract and consultant services to prepare a Request for Proposals for the District's Drinking Water Quality Study. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$25,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R28-09.

J. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSING FORECLOSURE CONSULTING CONTRACT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R29-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to seek consulting services for housing foreclosure mitigation technical assistance in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Contract services are fully funded in FY2009 and FY2010 work program and budget. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R29-09.

K. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO CONTRACT FOR A FINANCIAL CONSULTING FIRM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO THE SAA IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R30-09, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive a \$76,875 subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) for the purposes of contracting with a financial consulting firm to provide financial support personnel to the SAA. No COG Matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-09.



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