

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT ROUND 8.4 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS
OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR USE IN THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
ANALYSIS OF THE 2015 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CLRP)
AND THE FY2015-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (hereinafter called the Council) authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing the fourth update to the 8th major series of forecasts based on current regional development trends and new national and regional economic and demographic estimates, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of the Council's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, which have provided local population, household, and employment forecasts, documentation of methodology and assumptions upon which the forecasts are based, and related analyses for use in the process, and has involved full participation of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 COG adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommends that approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts should occur concurrently with the completion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP); and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2015 the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the fourth update to the 8th major series of Cooperative Forecasts –“Round 8.4” - for use by the staff of the TPB in the year Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2015 Financially Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT:

1. The Board approves the Round 8.4 Forecasts attached as part of this Resolution and commends the Planning Directors and its Forecasting Subcommittee for their work to develop the projections.
2. The Board charges the Region Forward Coalition and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with monitoring the Round 8.4 Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation and the region's economy and modify the Round 8.4 Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on February 11, 2015.

***Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors***