

Resolution R59-2015
October 14, 2015

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

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COG STAFF TO PREPARE CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
MULTI-SECTOR WORKING GROUP INTERIM TECHNICAL REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, in January 2015 the COG Board of Directors, Transportation Planning Board, and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee supported creation of a Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas Working Group has convened many times throughout 2015 and presented progress reports to the COG Board in March 2015 and October 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like COG staff to review all 22 proposed strategies and report back.

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

The Board provides the following direction to COG Staff regarding the Interim Technical Report recommendations from the Multi-Sector Working Group:

- 1) The Board acknowledges and formally expresses its gratitude to the members of the Multi-Sector Greenhouse Gas Working Group.
- 2) The Board directs the staff to prepare a consensus recommendation consisting of a package of greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies for incorporation into a regional action plan for consideration by the Board in January, 2016. The consensus recommendation would also address the exploration of goals and target that is part of the Multi-Sector workgroup mission.
- 3) The consensus recommendation shall be developed with the assistance of a policy level working group made up of elected official representatives drawn from the COG Board, TPB, MWAQC and CEEPC.
- 4) The final report shall include identification of the legal authority for any recommendation for mandatory actions or exclusions related to management of greenhouse gases.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors on October 14, 2015.

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