

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING CHANGE TO THE
PROCESS FOR ADOPTING THE COOPERATIVE FORECASTS**

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 the Cooperative Forecasting 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 Council designated its Metropolitan Development Policy Committee as the policy body responsible for developing these forecasts through the Cooperative Forecasting Program; and

WHEREAS, each round of forecasts takes into account econometric modeling of the region's economy based on both national economic and demographic assumptions and as well as a series of economic and demographic assumptions specific to the region, with such a round of exhaustively reevaluated forecasts scheduled every three years, in support of federal transportation planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1991, the Council endorsed the first annual update to the forecasts of population, households, and employment as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships, and to enable local governments so inclined to adjust forecasts annually based on planning, zoning, and economic changes; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1998 the Council adopted Resolution R25-98, charging the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, in conjunction with the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee, with strengthening the Cooperative Forecasting Program submission, review, and approval process and to notify the Council's Board of Directors of actions taken; and

WHEREAS, in October 1998 the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) adopted its Transportation Vision, a broad-based vision planning process, which identified better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning as one of its six goals; and

WHEREAS, in response to the TPB's Transportation Vision which recommended the creation of a map of Regional Activity Centers to enhance coordination of land use and transportation planning, on April 10, 2002 the Council adopted Resolution R13-02, accepting the 6 maps and associated data depicting Regional Activity Centers as a supplement to the Cooperative Forecasting program, to be updated approximately every three years in a cycle consistent with the TPB's transportation planning cycle; and

WHEREAS, the development, analysis, review and approval of each round of the Council's Cooperative Forecasts and corresponding updates to the TPB's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) should be carried out concurrently, with full consultation and coordination between the responsible technical and policy bodies; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee have recommended that the Council approve each round of the Cooperative Forecasts concurrent with the completion of the TPB's Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP).

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

1. The Council shall approve each round of the Cooperative Forecasts concurrent 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).
2. Council staff, the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee shall periodically brief Council's Board, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, and Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee members to ensure that they are fully aware of the history and significance of the Cooperative Forecasting process.
3. To ensure consistency in the Cooperative Forecasting process, the Council shall prepare annual documentation of any jurisdiction-level modifications to the adopted forecasts, including actions taken or proposed to improve the forecasting process and preparation for subsequent Rounds.