

COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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DATE: May 14, 2014
TIME: 12:00 – 2:00PM
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: The Foster Parent of the Year Reception will take place from 11:00AM – 11:45AM in the lobby outside the Board Room. The board meeting will begin promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30AM

AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(12:00PM)**

**Phil Mendelson, Council Chair, District of Columbia
COG Board Chair**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:00 – 12:05PM)**

Chair Mendelson

- A. Foster Parent of the Year Reception**
- B. Infrastructure Week 2014**
- C. Bike to Work Day – May 16**

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
(12:05 – 12:10PM)**

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15PM)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2014
(12:15 – 12:20PM)**

**Adjunct Member*

**6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:20 – 12:25PM)**

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO RENOVATE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND SURROUNDING WORKSPACES

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R38-2014 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into contracts not to exceed \$75,000 with vendors to complete office space renovations. COG performed an office space utilization assessment in 2012 that identified spot improvements that would better utilize office space and provide a uniform office space offering. COG will perform the spot renovations to the offices around, and including, the space to be occupied by the Director of the Department of Transportation Planning. The renovations will upgrade two offices, a conference room, and three workstations that are original furnishings from 1989. The renovations will include carpeting, painting, and new office furniture. Funding is available in the COG Facility Operating Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R38-2014.

B. RESOLUTION RATIFYING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION FOR COG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/CONTROLLER

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R39-2014 authorizing Executive Committee approval to enter into a contract not to exceed \$61,440 with Iuvo Systems, Inc. (Iuvo) to serve as Interim CFP/Controller until a permanent CFO is hired. CFO Paul Beriault has resigned effective mid-May. Pursuant to Rule of Procedure 5.07(c)(1) and at the request of the Executive Director, the Executive Committee approved entering into a contract with Iuvo for Iuvo's Dennis Turner to be Interim CFO/Controller, beginning May 1 until the position is filled permanently. The Executive Director will also enter into a contract not to exceed \$24,000 with BDO USA LLP, as consulting financial advisor, to assist Mr. Turner, coordinate the annual audit and implement BDO's Assessment of the COG's finance and accounting operations. Funding is available in existing indirect budgeted funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R39-2014.

**7. FY 2014 THIRD QUARTER REPORT
(12:25 – 12:35 p.m.)**

**Paul Beriault
Chief Financial Officer, COG**

Mr. Beriault will provide the COG Board with the FY 2014 third quarter (July 2013 – March 2014) financial report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

8. OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION'S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE (12:35-1:30PM)

Stephen Walz
Director, Environmental Programs, COG

Jerry Pasternak
Region Vice President, Maryland Affairs, Pepco

William L. Murray
Managing Director, Corporate Public Policy, Dominion

Steven Jumper
Director, Corporate Public Policy, WGL Holdings, Inc.

Rajnish Barua
Executive Director, National Regulatory Research Institute

The Board established regional infrastructure as a priority in its 2014 Work Plan. Today's briefing will focus on energy infrastructure in the National Capital Region. Staff will provide information on the basics of the NCR's electric, natural gas, and non-utility energy infrastructure; including information on main providers of energy and their infrastructure, such as wires, generation plants, pipelines, rail, and storage. The overview will be followed by a panel of regional energy experts from Pepco Region Maryland, Dominion, Washington Gas, and the National Regulatory Research Institute. The panel will focus on the need and plans to upgrade and pay for improvements to address reliability through underlining, hardening, rebuilding and expansion, and a focus to improve cyber and physical security.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resoltuion R40-2014 endorsing Infrastructure Week 2014.

9. EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION & RESULTS OF THE 2014 HOMELESS ENUMERATION (1:30-1:55PM)

Michael Ferrell
Executive Director, Coalition for the Homeless
Chairman, Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee

Hilary Chapman
Housing Program Manager, COG

In January, COG's Homeless Services Planning and Coordination Committee conducted the 14th enumeration of the homeless in the metropolitan Washington region. This annual enumeration is part of an ongoing effort to monitor and report on the number of people found on the streets, in emergency shelters, in transitional and permanent supportive housing, or otherwise homeless and in need of safe shelter. Mr. Ferrell and Ms. Chapman will share the results of the 2014 Point-in-Time count and highlight best practices and challenges in addressing homelessness in the metropolitan Washington region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R41-2014 endorsing the results of the 2014 Point-in-Time Homeless Enumeration.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS
(1:55-2:00PM)**

**11. ADJOURN – THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014
(2:00PM)**



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AGENDA ITEM #2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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April 9, 2014

Dear COG Board Member,

At a moment's notice, foster parents open their homes and hearts to abused or neglected children for weeks, months, or even years. Foster parents play a vital role in the lives of these vulnerable children by giving them unconditional love in a safe, supportive, and nurturing home, helping them to heal and thrive. These wonderful, caring families are our neighbors and our friends. They are families just like yours.

To recognize the outstanding foster parents in our communities, COG is hosting a **Foster Parent of the Year Reception** on Wednesday May 14, 2014. We are inviting COG Board members to attend the Foster Parent of the Year Reception to meet their jurisdiction's outstanding parent(s).

The details are below and the times are approximate. A write-up on each Foster Parent of the Year is on the following page.

Wednesday May 14, 2014

Foster Parent of the Year Reception: 11:00 am – 11:45 am
Individual Photos with Foster Parent of the Year: 11:45 am
Group Photo with Foster Parents: 11:50 am
12-minute Foster Parent Video Presentation Plays: 11:55 am
Announcement during Board Meeting: 12:15 pm

We hope you can attend the reception and meet your jurisdiction's outstanding foster parent. If you have any questions about the **Foster Parent of the Year Reception** or to RSVP, please call Kamilah Bunn at 202-962-3264 or email, kbunn@mwkog.org

Regards,



Chuck Bean
Executive Director

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Foster Parents of the Year
National Capital Region

Frederick County

Denise and Robert Disney, Frederick County Foster Parents of the Year
Frederick, MD

When the Frederick County Department of Social Services offered an opportunity for a specialized foster parent training to work with teenagers, a very difficult population to place in foster homes, the Disneys were the first to sign up. Since that time, the Disneys have received dozens of teenage boys in their home. Mr. and Mrs. Disney are staunch advocates, mentors, nurturers, and supporters of each young man they have fostered. Their commitment to these young men has never faltered, and the agency is very grateful for the difference they have made in their lives.

Montgomery County

Florence Bell, Montgomery County Foster Parent of the Year
Gaithersburg, MD

Over 100 children have called Ms. Bell “mom.” She has been a foster parent since 1998, and is known for her patience and flexibility. Ms. Bell rarely declines the opportunity to receive a new placement, so over the years she has cared for the full spectrum of children, including infants, sibling groups, children with special needs and teenagers on the verge of aging out. It has been said and observed, that the children who arrive on Ms. Bell’s doorstep immediately feel a sense of calm. Coming from situations of horrific abuse or neglect, Ms. Bell has the ability to make each child feel safe in her home so their healing process can begin. She is a seasoned foster parent who deserves respect and this special recognition for her 2-decade commitment to the children of Montgomery County.

Prince George’s County

Valarie Jones, Prince George’s County Foster Parent of the Year
Hyattsville, MD

An island native, Ms. Jones has a light-hearted nature and is passionate about “her kids.” Each child who is placed with Ms. Jones feels her genuine concern for their well-being. Ms. Jones made the decision to become a foster parent in 2001 after witnessing her relatives in their roles as foster parents. Ms. Jones is carrying on a family tradition, and is doing an excellent job of creating a legacy of love.

Teri Traudt, Charles County Foster Parent of the Year

LaPlata, MD

Ms. Traudt is a single mom on the go, and yet she finds time to give back to her community as a foster parent. Ms. Traudt has adopted a child from foster care and is in the process of adopting another. She is known by the agency, parents, and community as a patient nurturer. This is why Ms. Traudt is often called upon to help children and their birth parents renew their relationship so the child can return home. She is an awesome example of how one person can make a significant difference. For her service to Charles County’s foster children, Ms. Traudt deserves this recognition.

Loudoun County

Allan and Claire Wright, Loudoun County Foster Parents of the year
Leesburg, VA

The Wright family are being honored for many reasons, but especially for their commitment to children with special needs and developmental delays. They are consistently supportive of each foster child’s birth parents, and have worked tirelessly with the birth families to support them in learning how to care for their child’s needs so they can return home. The Wrights are seen as cooperative parents, and are known as a very supportive, kind and loving family within their community.

Prince William County**Daniel & Mae Morey, Prince William County Foster Parents of the Year
Nokesville, VA**

Every child that is placed in the Moreys home knows they are loved. This large family, including 5 foster children, is best described as a fun, "never dull" home. Education is key in the Morey household, and the children who are placed there thrive academically. The Moreys recently had a child placed in their home who was failing in school. After a short time, that same child caught up to grade level, and is graduating a year earlier than scheduled. For this reason and more, The Moreys are this year's Foster Parents of the Year for Prince William County.

**Megan Wells, Fairfax County Foster Parent of the Year
Herndon, VA**

Although Ms. Wells is a new foster parent, fostering for less than a year, she approaches the role as a seasoned veteran. She embraced her first placement last year by helping a 13 year old boy remain connected to his extended family. She provides pictures and updates to his family constantly to keep them connected to their son. Ms. Wells has been able to work with the family in a manner that does not diminish their role or make them feel threatened. This level of trust is extremely hard to develop with birth families. The fact that Ms. Wells developed this bond so quickly is a true testament to her natural and obvious commitment to children, and earnest desire to help.

Arlington County**Ben and Shira Simon, Arlington County Foster Parents of the Year
Arlington, VA**

The Simon's home is a home away from home for many foster children. The Simons are inclusive of all birth families, even teaching one birth dad how to drive a car so he could get a job and receive his children back. After their foster children are reunified, the Simons are often invited to attend their birthday parties by their birth families. The Simons are truly seen as extended family members by the birth parents. They embrace the idea of foster parenting as a way to give back to their community, and have exposed their friends and relatives to the wonders of foster parenting and the difference it makes.

City of Alexandria**Keith and Cherie Smith, City of Alexandria Foster Parents of the Year
Stafford, VA**

The Smiths are phenomenal foster parents. They are diligent caretakers willing to go the distance, any distance, to make sure their foster children are safe and secure. In fact, because it was in the best interest of the teenager who was placed in their care to continue to attend their base school, the family traveled over 40 miles each way to take the child to school. The Smiths also helped an infant, who arrived at their home in poor physical condition, return to optimal health by tending to her specific medical needs. Everyone at the City of Alexandria Department of Social Services agrees that the Smiths truly exemplify the generosity, understanding, care, thoughtfulness, and steadfastness that Alexandria foster children need and deserve.

**Alecia Witherspoon, DC Foster Parent of the Year
Washington, DC**

Ms. Witherspoon is an outstanding foster parent. She was chosen among the many foster parents in DC's system to serve in the Mockingbird project as a HUB parent. As a HUB parent Ms. Witherspoon is not only a foster parent, she is on-call 24/7 to the other foster parents in her neighborhood. If a parent has an emergency or a child needs respite care, they call Ms. Witherspoon. Her door is rarely closed, and she truly embraces her role as a parent to the children within her community, and as a servant of the District of Columbia.

BIKE TO WORK DAY 2014

FRIDAY MAY 16



TWINBROOK
Urban by Nature



GET YOUR WORKOUT BEFORE YOU GET YOUR WORK IN.

Pre-Register by May 9 for free T-shirt* and bike raffles!
FREE FOOD, BEVERAGES and GIVEAWAYS at all LOCATIONS
 Over 75 Bike to Work Day pit stops located in D.C., Maryland and Virginia
 Visit biketoworkmetrodc.org for specific pit stop locations and times.

*T-shirts available at pit stops to first 14,000 who register.

Bike to Work Day is also funded by the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and U.S. Departments of Transportation.



Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800.745.7433

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AGENDA ITEM #3

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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COMMITTEE WORK HEART OF COG OUTREACH MEDIA CALENDAR

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

The Board was briefed on a preliminary assessment of how the region is implementing key priorities spelled out in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, which found that area agencies are pursuing many of its individual strategies. For example, the region is on track to ensure proper maintenance of its existing road, bridge, and transit network. The assessment also noted funding for core capacity improvements in Metro 2025—a priority highlighted in the plan—has not yet been identified. In addition, the TPB voted to include ten projects in an air quality analysis that is part of the annual update to the financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP).

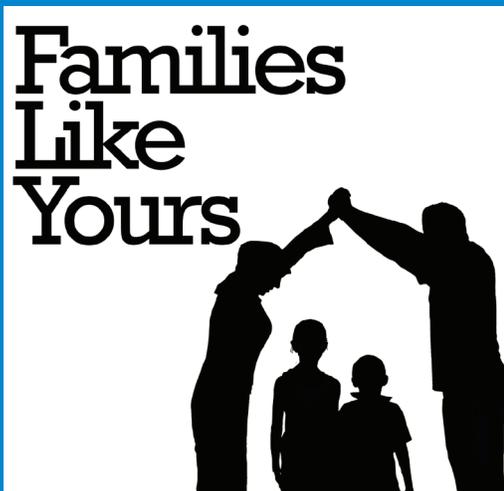
HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

The Committee was briefed on a report on the annual enumeration of homeless people in the region, part of an ongoing effort to monitor on the number of people found on the streets, in emergency shelters, in transitional and permanent supportive housing, or otherwise homeless and in need of a safe shelter. In addition, as part of its work plan focus, the committee engaged in a discussion on mental health and illness. It also heard in-depth presentations on mental health issues experienced by Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans.

REGION FORWARD COALITION

The Coalition discussed how local communities could use cross-cutting practices in transportation, housing, and economic development in addition to energy infrastructure to become more sustainable. Guest speakers noted that the Washington region is a leader in implementing sustainable infrastructure through actions such as expanding solar energy use, building super-efficient housing, and incorporating sustainability principles into our unique mix of government, commercial, and residential development in the region's Activity Centers.

FOSTER PARENTS OF THE YEAR RECEPTION – MAY 14, 2014



To recognize the outstanding foster parents in our communities, COG's Families Like Yours Campaign is hosting a Foster Parent of the Year Reception **before the May Board meeting**. We are inviting COG Board members to attend the reception to meet their jurisdiction's outstanding parent(s).

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(The Heart of COG feature will be back next month.)

OFFICIALS UNVEIL REPOWERED AMTRAK LOCOMOTIVE ON EARTH DAY

Amtrak, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, and the Council of Governments unveiled a repowered switcher locomotive, which will reduce emissions up to 90 percent and energy use by approximately 50 percent. The switcher project, which was managed by COG, is the latest in a series of recent initiatives to reduce diesel emissions in the region.



Phil Mendelson (DC), Vincent Gray (DC), Chuck Bean, COG Planners Jeff King and Leah Boggs, and David Snyder (Falls Church) pose in front of locomotive.

NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON

New Board members Rockville Mayor Bridget Newton, Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan, and Frederick Mayor Randy McClement joined Takoma Park Mayor Bruce Williams, Chuck Bean and COG Member Services Associate Monica Beyrouti for a COG orientation lunch in Rockville.

COG, BOWIE PLANNERS FOCUS ON CENTERS

COG Planner Sophie Mintier led a webinar training to apply analysis of the *Place + Opportunity* report to planners from Bowie that would help the City support its Activity Centers.

PRINCE WILLIAM STUDENT WINS REGIONAL RECYCLING AWARD

Connor Hernandez of Prince William County’s Rosa Parks Elementary School won COG’s regional America Recycles Day prize of a \$300 bicycle shop gift certificate and a \$500 environmental school grant.



TPB leaders pose at Capital Bikeshare dock in front of COG to promote Bike to Work Day. Tommy Wells (DC), Patrick Wojahn (College Park), and Tim Lovain (Alexandria)

COG, FEDERAL AGENCIES CONTINUE CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORK

COG Environmental Planner Amanda Campbell participated with officials from several federal agencies in the region in a climate adaptation workshop led by NASA to build the region’s resiliency and lessen climate change impacts.

MATCH PARTY BRINGS FOSTER CHILDREN, PROSPECTIVE PARENTS TOGETHER

COG’s Child Welfare Program held events in the District, Prince George’s County and Arlington, including the 6th annual Wednesday’s Child Match Party at the Ritz-Carlton in Pentagon City.

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS PROMOTES ALTERNATIVE COMMUTES

Commuter Connections participated in transportation fairs and Earth Day events throughout the region, including Fairfax, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties and the District.



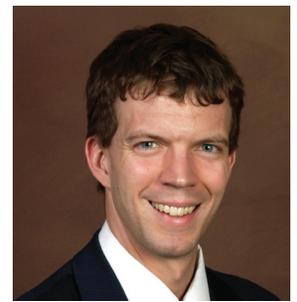
D.C. Water’s Walter Bailey leads COG’s Chuck Bean, Jeanne Saddler, Steve Walz, and Tanya Spano on a tour of Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant.

COG, INDONESIAN LEADERS DISCUSS REGIONAL PLANNING

Chuck Bean, Public Affairs Director Jeanne Saddler, and Planning Director Paul DesJardin met with elected officials and local government staff from Indonesia to discuss regional planning.

TPB CHAIRMAN PATRICK WOJAHN PROMOTES REGIONAL COORDINATION, BIKE TO WORK DAY

Transportation Planning Board Chairman’s op-ed in the *Washington Business Journal* highlighted the region’s coordinated approach to transportation planning. He also appeared with Commuter Connections Director Nicholas Ramfos on [NewsTalk on News Channel 8](#) to encourage residents to register for the region’s Bike to Work Day on May 16. In addition, he was interviewed on Comcast Newsmakers about the TPB’s work.



OFFICIALS LAUNCH STREET SMART CAMPAIGN

On April 17 in Woodbridge, area officials, including Prince William County Supervisors Frank Principi and John Jenkins, joined family and friends of a pedestrian who was killed last fall to launch the spring Street Smart public awareness and enforcement campaign. *The Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, WTOP, WNEW, NBC4, FOX5, ABC7 and Inside Nova were among the local media that have covered the spring campaign.



WASHINGTON POST’S JOHN KELLY HIGHLIGHTS COG TEAM’S WORK IN ANACOSTIA RIVER

The Washington Post’s John Kelly joined COG’s Phong Trieu (pictured right) and team to study the Anacostia River’s health by monitoring its fish. [Kelly’s article and video](#) feature the COG team’s electrofishing techniques and describes the diverse fish they encountered.



OFFICIALS LAUNCH SERIES WITH DISCUSSION ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Drinking water infrastructure was the focus of the Council of Governments’ April Board of Directors meeting. Officials learned about a regional network of over 14,500 miles of water mains, reviewed events like January’s chemical spill in West Virginia and last year’s outage threat in Prince George’s County, and discussed key challenges, such as aging pipes, long-term water supply needs, and water quality and security. [ABC7](#), [WTOP](#), [WAMU](#) and [CTV](#), [Prince George’s Community Television](#) covered the meeting.



BIKE TO WORK DAY –
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE –
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE –
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD –
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

For more information about these and other COG meetings and events, visit www.mwcog.org/calendar

The Washington Post

What's a quick way to see what fish are under the water? The answer may shock you.

By John Kelly, Published: April 23

Unlucky in love? Put yourself in a shad's shoes.

Or rather, a shad's fins, for the shad is a fish. It is an anadromous fish, to be exact, which means it is born in freshwater, heads to the ocean to live its life, and then, when it's time to mate, returns to freshwater and goes in search of partners. As it's springtime, area rivers are the piscine equivalent of a singles bar next to a no-tell motel.

Love is in the air, and sex is in the water.

Which is why I felt a little conflicted about striding into the Anacostia River's Northwest Branch last week wearing chest-high waders and holding a net. I mean, if the creek bed's a rockin', don't come a knockin'.

But this was all in the name of science. I was a guest of Phong Trieu, an environmental planner with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Every spring, Phong and his team sample stretches of water to gauge the Anacostia's health and see what sort of fish are lurking beneath the surface. The way they do that is shocking.

I mean literally shocking.

Last Friday morning, I met Phong, environmental planners Chris Adriance and Matt Gallagher, and intern Jesse Boorman-Padgett at Melrose Park in Hyattsville. The Northwest Branch is just down a grassy embankment, flowing under the Rhode Island Avenue overpass and a railroad bridge. The river bottom is concrete here — to better control flooding — and a concrete fishway allows sex-mad shad to muscle their way upstream.

Chris and Matt looked like they'd stepped right out of "Ghostbusters." They wore high-tech backpacks, each of which trailed a length of wire. In their hands were yellow poles that ended in a loop of metal: the anode to the wire's cathode.

We entered the cold, swiftly moving water, our rubberized waders compressing around our legs. Phong, Jesse and I held long dip nets at the ready.

Phong has been wading and boating in the Anacostia rivershed for the council for 18 years. He's been to certain areas so often that his feet remember the structure hidden beneath the water. He guided us carefully downstream until we reached an area where he felt the shad would be waiting.

At Phong's signal, Chris and Matt dipped their poles in the water and swept them back and forth like metal detectors at the beach. The sound of rushing water was joined by a chorus of beeps as Chris and Matt closed the circuits on their poles, spreading electricity in a 10-foot diameter around them.

Nothing, nothing, nothing. And then a white shape rose from the murk. I lurched forward with my net, scooped up the foot-long fish and flipped it, wriggling, into an orange bucket Phong was holding.

More fish floated up, temporarily paralyzed by the electricity, and we netted them.

Back in shallow water, Phong went through the buckets, noting the catch. It was mostly hickory shad and gizzard shad. To check the sex, Phong squeezed along the belly, forcing out either pale eggs or white milt.

When the fish census was over, the fish went back into the water, everything but their dignity intact.

We visited four spots in all. At one, we saw an osprey swoop down and catch a fish in its talons. In a quiet spot near the University of Maryland, Phong shouted “Bald eagle on the left!” and we watched that majestic bird soar effortlessly above the trees.

Near the College Park Airport we splashed down the Northeast Branch to the confluence of Paint Branch and Indian Creek. The branches of budding trees arched over us, and the sun made diamonds on the water. Here, there was no concrete overpass, no railroad trestle. Matt said, “I could blindfold you and drop you down in places in Prince George’s County and you’d have no idea where you were.”

We could have been in a New England trout stream or a Yosemite creek.

“I’m always excited to see the hickory shad,” Phong told me later. “I’m a fly fisherman, and that’s a big recreational fish. That fish is definitely a Potomac River and Anacostia River success story.”

By the day’s end, we’d found hickory shad, gizzard shad, alewives, pumpkinseed sunfish, redbreasts, bluegills, American eels, tessellated darters, a white sucker, a quillback sucker, spottail shiners, some mummichogs and some banded killifish.

Some were natives, and some were just passing through. Sort of like the rest of us Washingtonians.

To watch a video of Phong and his team in action, visit www.washingtonpost.com/johnkelly

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Casey Capachi (Post), Phong Trieu, Matt Gallagher, John Kelly, Chris Adriance, and Jesse Boorman-Padgett (photo by Matt Kroneberger, COG)



Transportation: Not Either/Or



By Patrick Wojahn
*TPB Chairman &
City of College Park
Councilmember*

Few would disagree with the premise that human progress of all sorts can be slow and frustrating. Too often, proponents of competing solutions to problems become obsessed with old arguments and miss changes already underway.

Transportation planning and the implementation of those plans in metropolitan Washington is a clear example of that tendency. As a result, I believe the old battle that pits the advocates of highway construction against supporters of public transit can and should be left behind on the pile of outgrown 20th century disputes.

In a recent paper, John McClain, a transportation policy expert, said he believes the region missed major opportunities years ago by neglecting to build some of the highways proposed then, prompting a rebuke from Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, which prompted a rebuke from Jim Corcoran, president of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

Time out. Metropolitan Washington has grown rapidly over the last 30 years even though neither the public nor elected officials have consistently cast their lot with either camp. There is no “either/or.” The region needs to move forward with a broad mix of strategies to address our transportation challenges.

The region boasts a world-class transit system responsible for supporting economic opportunity and quality of life unparalleled in most other American cities. At the same time, critical roadway projects like the Woodrow Wilson Bridge replacement and innovative highway tolling approaches in Maryland and Virginia are also making significant contributions to our shared success. Growing interest in walking and bicycling and new transit options like streetcars and high-frequency bus service are helping to make greater transportation choice available to more people every day.

Last January, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board passed the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, outlining a balanced approach rooted in three basic, commonsense strategies. It says our first priority must be maintaining the region’s existing system of roadways and transit. The second strategy must be strengthening public confidence in transportation agencies and ensuring fairness and equity. Finally, we must find more efficient ways to move people and goods by focusing on a wider variety of travel modes and concentrating growth in mixed-use “activity centers.”

Each of the strategies assumes the use of roads, mass transit, bicycling and walking. And the board is encouraging local governments to consider broader regional needs as they develop their own improvements.

I believe we now have a smarter, more coordinated approach to transportation planning that should speed up our work to maintain and build our transportation infrastructure. Let’s agree to get to work.

This guest comment appeared in the Washington Business Journal on April 4, 2014

The Washington Post

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'Pandemic of potholes' has road crews and tire shops hopping

By [Paul Duggan](#) and [Victoria St. Martin](#), Published: May 4

About three weeks ago, Wendy Simonson's midnight blue Jeep careened into a pothole as she exited the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia. She heard a noise near the right front wheel well.

"It sounded like a pebble," she said. "But then it became a rattling sound, and I knew I had to do something."

So at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, Simonson, a 53-year-old State Department construction engineer, was at the door of a Mr. Tire Auto Service Center in Arlington County, part of a parade of customers the shop has seen recently.

After a harsh winter of extreme cold followed by rapid warming and then a return to plunging temperatures, the Washington area is enduring "a pandemic of potholes," said John B. Townsend II, a spokesman for AAA Mid-Atlantic.

In the District and its suburbs, repair crews have patched many thousands more potholes in the first four months of 2014 than they did in the same period last year, according to transportation officials. And throughout the winter and into the spring, those gaping, jagged holes have been wreaking havoc on tires and wheels.

"You see a lot of bent rims," said George King, a manager of the Mr. Tire at 5200 Lee Hwy., one of several Washington area tire shops that reported an increase in pothole-related repair business in recent months.

"People are coming in all the time, and you usually don't have so many people with potholes like this," King said. "You see the sidewalls of the tires are broken out from hitting the pothole on the inside of the tire — it cuts it where you can't see it. And alignment problems. Because it rattles the car, the tie rods move, and so you need to realign the car."

This wasn't Simonson's first run-in with a pothole. The Arlington resident said she has hit at least 10 in the past several months. In January, she hit three in one night in the District on her way home from a movie and broke her Jeep's transmission line.

"You don't think they're going to do you in until you see transmission fluid on your garage floor," said Simonson, who has spent \$1,400 on repairs. "It's a nightmare navigating the streets."

Every winter brings potholes. Moisture seeps into the pavement, then freezes and expands when temperatures drop. Then the moisture thaws, then freezes again in the next cold snap, weakening the pavement as traffic continues to rumble over it.

Eventually, the concrete crumbles.

“This whole winter was crazy — just all that cold and those very, very wide temperature variations,” said Charles Gischlar, a spokesman for the Maryland Highway Administration. In a typical fiscal year, July to June, Maryland spends about \$2.5 million filling potholes, he said. This year, that figure already has been reached.

At the end of March, Gischlar said, workers were repairing 50 to 80 potholes on each fair-weather day in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, “and there were many days when the total was far more than that, which is pretty bad.”

“Probably the worst pothole season ever,” said Joan Morris, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Transportation. In Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun counties, “the last figure I heard was 5,000 potholes. But it’s well over that by now.”

In the District, where workers fixed fewer than 10,000 potholes during and after the relatively mild winter of 2012-13, this year’s pothole-repair count is at 35,000 and increasing, said Reggie Sanders, a D.C. Department of Transportation spokesman.

“What happened was, all winter, we fixed them,” he said. “Then inevitably the cold weather would return, and then the temperature would go back up, and what we filled the holes with would come right back out. Over and over again.”

One Falls Church tow-truck driver said cold weather isn’t the only cause of the problems.

“The roads are ridiculous. They are destroyed this year,” said Nathan Malashevich, who said he has been towing pothole-damaged vehicles several times a week. “There’s a lot of chemicals they put down on the roads and there was a lot of plowing. The trucks tear up everything.”

Malashevich has seen it all. Sometimes, hitting a pothole causes a vehicle’s air bags to deploy. Other times, there’s a ruined tire. He said he can usually tell when a vehicle has been damaged by a pothole: Typically, the car is stopped about 15 feet from where it hit the jagged pavement. “The holes are so deep,” he said.

Townsend said AAA members with flat tires have been calling for roadside help in greater numbers this year than last, which he attributes largely to potholes. In the group’s Mid-Atlantic region, from New Jersey to Richmond, AAA answered 121,076 flat-tire calls from Jan. 1 to April 27, compared with 97,096 in the same period last year.

Locally, Townsend said, AAA responded to 5,077 calls in the District (up from 4,264 during the first four months of last year), 28,172 in Maryland (up from 24,523), and 17,050 from Northern Virginia to Richmond (up from 15,818).

“I’m seeing 12 to 15 damaged tires a day,” said Kenneth West, a supervisor in the tire department at Costco in Northeast Washington. He said some of the damage is caused by normal road debris, especially nails, but there also has been an increase in business related to potholes. “And that’s just

warranty work. A [Costco] member buys a tire from us, they go out and hit a pothole, and they're back in here for work.

"New tires? Tires sold because of that problem? It's been an increase lately, over the last two months. We'll see probably 30, 40 tires sold through the week."

At Action Al's Tires, in the 2500 block of Bladensburg Road NE, David Stestegren said customers of the shop seem amazed at the damage a pothole can do.

"They tell me, 'Dave, I didn't even see it! I just hit it!' And I know, I know. If it's rainy, the pothole's full of water. At night, you can't see it. Even if it's daytime, you come right up on it before you realize it's there. And you don't know whether to hit it or try to avoid it, which might cause an accident. I tell them, 'I know, I know.' It's been real bad this year."

Being a tire man, Stestegren has invested in protection.

"What saves me is, I have a truck with these Goodyear reinforced Kevlar SilentArmor tires on there," he said. "That helps absorb the impact. But most of these cars that sit low to the ground and have these alloy wheels, and they have tires with no sidewall protection, this is what's going to happen. I see it all the time."

Bob Stine, 59, a computer programmer who commutes from Arlington to Bethesda, said the problem is nothing new.

When it comes to hitting a pothole, "who hasn't?" Stine said. "You can't avoid them."

Simonson, who plans to do more cycling to avoid potholes, is having her bicycle repaired, too. She even mused about biking to Mr. Tire to pick up her Jeep.

"I realized my Jeep is not invincible," she said, calling her experiences with potholes a wake-up call. "I have to be more gentle with it."

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Region Forward Q&A



U.S. Capitol Police Chief **Kim Dine**, who serves as Chair of the COG Police Chiefs Committee, discusses regional partnership among police agencies and his experiences with the District MPD, Frederick, and now federal law enforcement. [Read the Q & A](#).

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Frank Principi [@NewWoodbridge](#)

Today we kicked off the STREET SMART campaign in Woodbridge to promote pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety. <http://fb.me/1mDGnswNp>

Comcast Creative
[@ComcastCreative](#)

New Amtrak Switcher Latest Project to Further Clean D.C. Region's Air

At Union Station on Earth Day, Amtrak, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, and the Council of Governments unveiled a repowered switcher locomotive, which will reduce diesel emissions and contribute to the region's improving air quality. COG Board and D.C. Council Chairman Mendelson, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Chairman and Falls Church Vice Mayor Dave Snyder joined D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, and other dignitaries at the event. The switcher project, which was managed by COG, is the latest in a series of recent initiatives to reduce diesel emissions in the region. [Read more.](#)

WaPost's John Kelly Highlights COG Team's Electrofishing in Anacostia

The Washington Post's John Kelly joined COG's Phong Trieu (pictured right) and team last week to study the Anacostia River's health by monitoring its fish. The article and video feature the COG team's electrofishing techniques and describes the diverse fish they encountered. The news story was inspired by a post on COG's Region Forward blog last fall. [Read more and watch the video.](#)



Officials Launch Spring Street Smart Campaign

On April 17 in Woodbridge, area officials, including Prince William County Supervisors Frank Principi and John Jenkins, joined family and friends of a pedestrian who was killed last fall to launch the spring Street Smart public awareness and enforcement campaign. Officers in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia will be stepping up enforcement, watching for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists who violate traffic safety laws. [Read more.](#)



Commuter Connections Unveils Mobile-Friendly Site and Apps

Commuter Connections, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, launched a new mobile-friendly website and mobile apps to give commuters state-of-the-art access to its programs on their smartphones and tablets. This effort is just the most recent in Commuter Connections' history of delivering quality commuter services using the leading technology of the time. In the 1970s, for example, COG keypunched ridesharing



 @NatCapRegTPB Chairman
@plwojahn talks
transportation priorities,
@BikeToWorkDay on
@ComcastCreative's
Newsmakers
[https://www.youtube.com
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applications on to IBM punch cards, computed them, and mailed results back to applicants. [Read more.](#)  

Federal “Transportation Alternatives” Dollars Helping to Advance Regional Priorities

For the second year in a row, the Transportation Planning Board will select a number of local capital improvement projects throughout the Washington region to receive funding under the federal “Transportation Alternatives” program. In selecting the projects, the TPB will focus on choosing improvements that help advance regional priorities, especially those related to moving people by means other than car, the main purpose of the federal program. [Read more.](#)  



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Experts warn chemical spills, aging infrastructure could cut off D.C. water
<http://www.wjla.com/>
 @RegionForward @dcwater

Washington Humane Society
[@Wash_Humane](#)

Excited our #TNR program won @RegionForward's Community Impact Award. TNR helps communities & we're proud to be recognized for it!

Officials Launch Series with Discussion on Water Infrastructure

Drinking water infrastructure was the focus of the Council of Governments' April Board of Directors meeting. Officials learned about a regional network of over 14,500 miles of water mains, reviewed events like January's chemical spill in West Virginia and last year's outage threat in Prince George's County, and discussed key challenges, such as aging pipes, long-term water supply needs, and water quality and security. The COG Board planned the 2014 series to identify policy, advocacy, and outreach actions around key infrastructure needs. [Read more.](#)



Patrick Wojahn Promotes TPB Coordination, Bike to Work Day

Transportation Planning Board Chairman's op-ed in the *Washington Business Journal* highlights the region's coordinated approach to transportation planning and the recently approved TPB Priorities Plan that includes strategies related to roads, mass transit, bicycling, and walking. He also appeared with Commuter Connections Director Nicholas Ramfos on NewsTalk on News Channel 8 to encourage residents to register for the region's Bike to Work Day on May 16. [Read more.](#)



Awards Recognize Officials for Animal Services

The COG Animal Services Committee hosted its biennial awards ceremony to honor animal control officers, rescuers, volunteers, and other dedicated animal service and care providers for their outstanding service to animals, animal owners, and the local communities within the region. Committee Chair Rodney Taylor, Associate Director of the Animal Management Division in Prince George's County, was among those recognized for his 10 years of service to the regional group. The ceremony was hosted by Liz Crenshaw of NBC4. [Read more.](#)



New TPB Study Focuses on Underutilized Rail Stations

A recent WAMU story featured a Transportation Planning Board study on 25 underutilized rail stations in the region. The study will identify key pedestrian and bicycle improvements near each of



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the stations to improve access to nearby employment sites or to make it easier for people who live nearby to reach rail stations and get to job opportunities elsewhere in the region. COG Transportation Planner Sarah Crawford was interviewed for the story. [Read more.](#)



Solar Powering Your Community

COG's partners in the U.S. Department of Energy Sunshot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge released a YouTube video series, "Solar Powering Your Community," to help local governments learn to adopt solar technology in the most affordable, efficient way possible. The video lessons navigate local governments through solar finance, policy, and regulations, making it easier to adopt sustainable, cost efficient energy strategies for municipalities and counties alike. [Read more.](#)



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AGENDA ITEM #4

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

(No attachment)



AGENDA ITEM #5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2014

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
COG Board Room
April 9, 2014**

BOARD MEMBERS, ALTERNATES, AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT AND NOT PRESENT:

See attached chart for attendance.

STAFF:

Chuck Bean, Executive Director
Sharon Pandak, General Counsel
Monica Beyrouti, Member Services Associate/Clerk to the Board

GUESTS:

Rosie Allen-Herring, United Way of the National Capital Area
Tom Jacobus, Washington Aqueduct
George Hawkins, DC Water and Sewer Authority

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mendelson called the meeting to order at 12:05PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Welcome New Board Members**
- B. Annual Retreat Date – July 25-27**
- C. 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Regional Directory**
- D. Foster Parent of the Year Reception – May 14**

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Chuck Bean briefed the Board on various events taking place throughout COG over the last month including an upcoming New COG Board Member Lunch to welcome new committee members to the Board of Directors. In March he visited Charles County and presented to the Board of County Commissioners, in addition to joining them on a bus tour of the Waldorf Activity Center. Mr. Bean announced that the current COG Chief Financial Officer will be retiring. He also highlighted the current status of the search and selection process for the COG Director of Transportation Planning, in addition to introducing the new Director of Environmental Programs, Stephen Walz. Mr. Bean announced the April Heart of COG employee, Abdul Mohammed, of the Department of Transportation Planning, and described his work on conducting air passenger surveys.

4. UNITED WAY OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

Rosie Allen-Herring, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of the National Capital Area (NCA) introduced herself to the Board of Directors and explained her background and new role with the United Way of the NCA. Ms. Allen-Herring briefed the Board on the services they provide to the region including a community support system including over 730 member charities with access to hundreds of work sites and tens of thousands of donors and volunteers.

ACTION: The Board received the briefing.

5. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 12, 2014 Board Meeting were approved.

7. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO FILE A PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR PHASE 29 OF THE CONTINUOUS AIRPORT SYSTEM PLANNING PROGRAM

The Board adopted Resolution R30-2014 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a planning grant application and execute a grant contract with the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct Phase 29 of a multi-year program for Continuous Airport System Planning for the National Capital Region, in an amount not to exceed \$311,850. The FAA will provide funds for ninety percent, \$283,500, of the project total. The resolution further authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, if necessary, to enter into contracts with qualified firms to provide specialized support in performance of the grant requirements. Such contracts shall result from COG's competitive procurement system. A ten percent COG match of \$28,350 from budgeted local funds is required.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ISSUE A CONTRACT TO DEVELOP AND CONDUCT AN EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR WMATA

The Board adopted Resolution R31-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$325,925 to fund the development and conduct of a WMATA exercise program. The program will include three multi-jurisdictional exercises and one transportation leadership seminar focusing on the loss of all WMATA service modes based on a terrorism scenario, regional evacuation support within the National Capital Region, and the development of an After Action Report for each of the exercises. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). **No COG matching funds are required.**

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ISSUE A CONTRACT TO DEVELOP, CONDUCT, AND DOCUMENT MASS FATALITY WORKSHOP

The Board adopted Resolution R32-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$70,000 to develop, conduct, and document a Mass Fatality Workshop. It will create an understanding among officials from NCR jurisdictions as to the challenges that may delay or negatively impact response and/or recovery to any incident that produces mass fatalities. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). **No COG matching funds are required.**

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ISSUE A CONTRACT TO DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND CONDUCT A HURRICANE EXERCISE SERIES FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Board adopted Resolution R33-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$220,000 to design, develop, and conduct a hurricane exercise series for the District of Columbia. The hurricane exercise series will enhance general preparedness and will be used to validate several District of Columbia plans and procedures s to include the Flood Plan, Field Operations Guide, State Operations Guide, the District Response Plan, and standard operating procedures. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). **No COG matching funds are required.**

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER WATER AUTHORITY (DC WATER) FOR WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS AND RELATED CONTRACTOR SERVICES

The Board adopted Resolution R34-2014, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) to provide water sampling and related services to help determine the effectiveness of combined sewer overflow system pollutant controls. DC Water will pay the full cost of the services to be procured (not to exceed \$950,000, including an administrative fee to COG for its management and administrative services). The Executive Director or his designee is also authorized to issue a Request for Proposals to obtain contractor assistance, and execute a contract for this work in an amount not to exceed \$900,000. **No COG matching funds will be required.**

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ISSUE A CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DISTRICT ALL HAZARDS INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT) CERTIFICATION AND CREDENTIALING PROGRAM

The Board adopted Resolution R35-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$186,900 for the development of a District of Columbia All Hazards Incident Management Team (IMT) Certification and Credentialing Program. The project will result in the formal certification of the existing IMTs as Type 2 teams and that will result in more cohesive incident management and coordination capabilities. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). **No COG matching funds are required.**

G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ISSUE A CONTRACT FOR STREAM RESTORATION MONITORING FOR SPRINGHOUSE AND NASH RUN SUBMISSION TO THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Board adopted Resolution R36-2014, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$60,000 from the District of Columbia Department of the Environment, Watershed Protection Division for the Stream Restoration Monitoring for Springhouse and Nash Run project to perform water quality, flow, macroinvertebrate and fish sampling for evaluating pre and post-stream restoration project success in the Springhouse and Nash Run watersheds, and prepare a final report summarizing results and recommendations from the monitoring effort. The project duration will be 2-years from contract execution. COG matching funds of \$10,000 from budgeted and planned COG urban watershed program funds (\$5,000 per year for the FY15-16 period) will be provided.

ACTION: The Board adopted all of the resolutions on the consent agenda.

8. OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Staff provided information on the basics of the Region's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. Drinking Water System Manager, Tom Jacobus of Washington Aqueduct and Prince George's County Executive Bradford Seamon, together with COG staff, provided more detail about the drinking water systems serving the Region, security of the water systems, and best practices being used to address water system issues.

ACTION: The Board received the briefing and engaged in discussion.

9. SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY'S LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW ABATEMENT

General Manager George Hawkins of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority joined the previous water panel to discuss the inclusion of green infrastructure in the DC Water and Sewer Authority's Long Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement. DC Water has released a \$100 million proposal for public comment that would modify the Clean Rivers Project to incorporate green infrastructure as an innovative new element of the plan to address combined sewer overflows to the Potomac River and Rock Creek. Mr. Freudberg discussed the details of the proposal and the overall benefits to green infrastructure in the region.

ACTION: The Board adopted Resolution R37-2014, endorsing the inclusion of green infrastructure in the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's Long Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03PM. The next meeting is May 14, 2014.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – April 2014

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<i>District of Columbia</i>				
Executive	Hon. Vincent Gray	N	Christopher Murphy	
	Mr. Allen Lew	N	Warren Graves	Y
Council	Hon. Phil Mendelson (Chair)	Y		
	Hon. Kenyan R. McDuffie	Y		
<i>Maryland</i>				
Bowie	Hon. G. Frederick Robinson	N	Hon. Dennis Brady	Y
Charles County	Hon. Reuben Collins	Y-CC	Hon. Ken Robinson Hon. Debra Davis	
City of Frederick	Hon. Randy McClement	Y		
Frederick County	Hon. David Gray	Y	Hon. Blaine Young	
College Park	Hon. Andrew Fellows	Y	Hon. Denise Mitchell	
Gaithersburg	Hon. Sidney Katz	N	Hon. Cathy Drzyzgula	Y
Greenbelt	Hon. Emmett Jordan	Y	Hon. Judith "J" Davis	
Montgomery County				
Executive	Hon. Isiah Leggett	N	Mr. Tim Firestine	
Council	Hon. Roger Berliner (Vice Chair)	N		
	Hon. Nancy Navarro	N		
Prince George's County				
Executive	Hon. Rushern Baker	N	Mr. Bradford Seamon	Y
Council	Hon. Karen Toles	N		
	Hon. Andrea Harrison	N		
Rockville	Hon. Bridget Newton	Y	Emad Elshafei	
Takoma Park	Hon. Bruce Williams	Y	Hon. Terry Seamens	
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Brian Feldman	N		
<i>Virginia</i>				
Alexandria	Hon. William Euille (Vice Chair)	Y	Hon. Redella Pepper	
Arlington County	Hon. Walter Tejada	Y	Hon. Jay Fissette	
City of Fairfax	Hon. Dan Drummond	N	Hon. Jeffrey Greenfield	
Fairfax County	Hon. Sharon Bulova	N	Hon. Catherine Hudgins	
	Hon. Penelope A. Gross	Y	Hon. Patrick Herrity	
	Hon. John Foust	N	Hon. Michael Frey	
Falls Church	Hon. David Tarter	Y	Hon. David Snyder	
Loudoun County	Hon. Matt Letourneau	Y		
Loudoun County	Hon. Scott York	N	Hon. Shawn Williams	
Manassas	Hon. Jonathan Way	Y		
Manassas Park	Hon. Suhas Naddoni	N	Hon. Frank Jones	
Prince William County	Hon. Frank Principi	Y	Pete Candland	
	Hon. Wally Covington	Y		
Virginia General Assembly	Hon. George Barker	Y		

Total: 22



AGENDA ITEM #6

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO RENOVATE THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND SURROUNDING WORKSPACES**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) owns office space on the first, second, and third floors of 777 North Capitol Street, NE; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) requires office renovations to the Department of Transportation Planning Director's office and work area in an amount not to exceed \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the office facilities, carpeting, and furniture are original to the building construction in 1989; and

WHEREAS, COG management completed an office space plan assessment in 2012 that identified spot improvements to better utilize existing space; and

WHEREAS, COG management approved the improvements and renovations of the offices and work area around the Department of Transportation Planning Director's office; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project in the amount of \$75,000 is available in the COG Facility Operating Budget.

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

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into contracts and expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Funding for this project in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 will be utilized from the COG Facility Operating Budget.

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**RESOLUTION RATIFYING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION FOR COG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR
AN INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/CONTROLLER**

WHEREAS, COG's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) has resigned and will depart in May 2014, and this important position must be filled on an interim basis until a permanent CFO is hired; and

WHEREAS, a RFP for an Interim CFO was distributed and the Executive Director has recommended execution of a contract with Iuvo Systems, Inc. (Iuvo) in an amount not to exceed \$61,440 for Dennis Turner of Iuvo to be the Interim CFO/Controller ; and

WHEREAS, because of the time sensitivity, pursuant to Rule of Procedure 5.07(c)(1), the Executive Committee approved the execution of a contract with Iuvo, with a start date of May 1, 2014.

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

The Board ratifies the contract approved by the Executive Committee for execution of a contract by the Executive Director with Iuvo Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$61,440.

Funding for this contract is available in existing indirect budgeted funds.



AGENDA ITEM #7

FY2014 THIRD QUARTER REPORT

**(A hard copy of the financial report will
be distributed at the meeting)**



AGENDA ITEM #8

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION'S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION'S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE Speaker Biographies

Rajnish Barua

Executive Director, National Regulatory Research Institute

Dr. Rajnish Barua was appointed executive director of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) effective April 2012. NRRI, an independent non-profit entity, primarily serves state utility regulators by producing and disseminating relevant research that provides the analytical framework and practical tools necessary for regulators in their decision-making process. Dr. Barua has over 25 years of experience in the energy field and worked previously:

- As the executive director of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI), an inter-governmental association of the regulatory commissions of 13 states and the District of Columbia (www.opsi.us);
- As the energy advisor to the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (www.papuc.gov);
- As the director of Integrated Resource Planning in the Maryland Public Service Commission (www.mdpsc.gov); and,
- As a regulatory policy administrator in the Delaware Public Service Commission (www.depsc.gov).

His experience includes regulatory policy, restructuring of the electric industry, regional energy markets, and other related matters. Dr. Barua has been providing training and technical assistance to energy regulators of over 25 nations, primarily from Africa, Eastern Europe, and South Asia. He has published and presented extensively in regional, national, and international conferences. Dr. Barua is a Senior Fellow of the Public Utility Research Center at the University of Florida and was a member of the NERC Operating Committee (2009-11). He earned a doctorate from the University of Delaware specializing in energy policy, and has taught courses in electricity and regulatory policy.

Steven Jumper

Director, Corporate Public Policy, WGL Holdings, Inc.

Mr. Steven Jumper is currently the Director of Corporate Public Policy for Washington Gas Light Holdings, Inc. In this capacity, he is responsible for leading the company's government relations, community investment, issues management and corporate philanthropy programs. Since joining Washington Gas in 1997, Steven has led several major public policy and external relations initiatives throughout the organization's multi-state operation. Prior to joining Washington Gas, Steven served in cabinet-level state government positions, including deputy chief of staff to former DC Mayor Sharon Pratt. Steven has also held senior positions in the utility regulatory sector. Steven holds a bachelor's degree from St. Augustine's College and a master's degree from George Washington University. He is also a graduate of Johns Hopkins University's Leadership Development Institute. He resides in Washington, DC with his wife. They have two adult children.

William “Bill” L. Murray
Managing Director, Corporate Public Policy, Dominion

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Mr. Jerry Pasternak was appointed Region Vice President, Maryland Affairs in August 2011. Previously Mr. Pasternak served for four years as Senior Counsel for Garson/Claxton LLC, a Bethesda, Md.-based real estate law firm. Prior to joining Garson/Claxton, he spent 12 years as a Special Assistant to the County Executive of Montgomery County where, during his tenure, he successfully provided oversight, guidance and direction to ensure successful implementation of policy objectives for more than 25 departments and agencies within the county. Mr. Pasternak graduated with a BA degree in Political Science from New York City’s Yeshiva University and later earned a Master's of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University as well as a Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. He is currently licensed to practice law in California, the District of Columbia and in Maryland. Mr. Pasternak graduated with a BA degree in Political Science from New York City’s Yeshiva University and later earned a Master's of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University as well as a Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. He is currently licensed to practice law in California, the District of Columbia and in Maryland.

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Infrastructure Week 2014 is led by the U.S. Council on Competitiveness, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program, Building America's Future, 1776, the Organization for International Investment, the Value of Water Coalition, and the National Association of Manufacturers. These groups bring unique and powerful perspectives to the ongoing dialogue about the deteriorating condition of our nation's infrastructure.

In collaboration with dozens of other [affiliate organizations](#), we are presenting a number of public events around the United States. This calendar provides details on public events taking place throughout the week and will be updated regularly. Registration information is listed below each event description. For general information please contact [Patrick Sabol](#).

Full Calendar

Monday

12 MAY 2016

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[The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Organization for International Investment, and the Council on Competitiveness Present- Infrastructure Week 2014 Kickoff. Now Serving: the Economy](#)

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, Organization For International Investment, and the Council on Competitiveness will kick off Infrastructure Week 2014 by convening business leaders and elected officials from across the United States to highlight the economic importance of America's public infrastructure transportation and water. Through the event, speakers will help the investors taxpayers, policymakers, elected officials, private capital providers and the business community visualize the kinds of strategies, projects, improvements and operations the nation needs for economic development and competitiveness, and the federal-state-local and public-private partnerships required to realize the vision of the future.

Location:
The Newseum

Knight Conference Center
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20001

Register:
Space is limited please register [HERE](#).

 All Week

[Amtrak Presents- National Train Day](#)

Amtrak invites America to celebrate the many benefits trains bring to the nation at the seventh annual National Train Day. In 2011, more than 200 communities across America celebrated the importance of trains and hosted a National Train Day event at local train stations, railroad museums and other locations we hope to exceed that number this year. Event offerings will vary to include train equipment displays, family-friendly activities and local dignitaries. Additional details on how to celebrate trains with Amtrak and host your own National Train Day event is available at [NationalTrainDay.com](#).

Locations:
Union Station
50 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

And

Train stations across the United States

Register:
Find a Train Week event near you at [NationalTrainDay.com](#).

Tuesday

 13 MAY 2014

 :00 11:00

[Building America's Future and Bloomberg Government: Funding and Financing America's Infrastructure](#)

With Congress and the Administration grappling to confront long-term challenges over the national budget, America's infrastructure continues to decline with an uncertain future. The Highway Trust Fund is on track to run out of money this summer and time is growing short for Congress to reauthorize the Surface Transportation law set to expire on September 30th. Building America's Future, in partnership with Bloomberg Government, will convene key legislators and industry leaders to discuss the financial challenges and possible solutions to addressing the nation's aging infrastructure, unique proposals and the use of public-private partnerships.

Location:
1101 K Street, NW 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
United States of America

Register [HERE](#).

 1:00 2:00

[The Transportation Equity Caucus, co-chaired by PolicyLink and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Present- Webinar: Leverage Transportation Investments to Support Fair and Inclusive Access to Jobs](#)

Most of the bridges in the United States that need repair or replacement are in the short span category, 140 feet or less. How do bridge design professionals meet increasing demand with shrinking budgets?

Transportation infrastructure is a critical link to ensuring opportunity for all connecting us to jobs, housing, health care, and grocery stores. Even more, transportation planning and investment decisions what we build, where it is placed, and who builds it are central to creating equitable communities. Local leaders are maximizing economic and social equity benefits by leveraging transportation improvements to expand access to transportation jobs for historically under-

represented groups (i.e. people with disabilities, low-income communities, communities of color, and women).

In honor of 2014 Infrastructure Week, the Transportation Equity Caucus will host a webinar on workforce inclusion in the transportation sector. Equity leaders across the country will describe their efforts to develop and implement strategies that connect disadvantaged workers to quality jobs in the transportation sector, and the impact that these decisions have on creating healthy, sustainable communities of opportunity.

Register [HERE](#).

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[The National Association of Manufacturers Presents and Noted Author Philip K. Howard – Rule of Nobody Book Event](#)

Lawyer and legal reform expert Philip K. Howard presents an interesting hypothesis in *The Rule of Nobody* concerning government bureaucracy and the ongoing barrage of regulatory challenges that hinder efforts designed to serve the public good. Featured experts will respond to Mr. Howard's latest book for a thought-provoking assessment of a more open and outcomes-based regulatory system, especially as we seek to modernize our nation's energy, water and transportation infrastructure.

Presenters:

Philip K. Howard, author and founder of Common Good

Deron Lovaas, Director of Federal Transportation Policy, Energy and Transportation Programs, Natural Resources Defense Council

Garrick Francis, Director, Federal Affairs, CSX Corporation

Location:

National Association of Manufacturers

733 10th Street NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20001

United States of America

Register:

Space is limited please contact [Lynne Armstrong](#) for seating availability. Please plan to arrive 1 minutes prior to the start of the event in order to allow for building security to process your arrival.

🕒 12:00 2: 0

[The American Trucking Associations and the Association of American Railroads Presents- Moving America's Freight: A Multimodal Perspective on Infrastructure Challenges and Future Needs](#)

Members of the media are invited to join trucking and rail industry leaders for a lunch and a pair of panel discussions about the importance of maintaining America's freight infrastructure to ensure global competitiveness and delivery of the Nation's goods safely and efficiently. Some of the industry's most influential executives will be on hand to discuss essential funding needs, where critical investments should be made, the impacts of federal regulations on their companies and how intermodal freight transportation is strengthening the global supply chain.

Location:

430 First Street, Southeast

Washington, DC 20003

United States of America

Register:

Space is limited please contact [Sean McNally](#) for seating availability.

🕒 2:00 :00

[The National League of Cities \(NLC\) and the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association \(IBTTA\) Present-Webinar: Local Solutions to Pay for Your Transportation Projects: Infrastructure Funding & Financing](#)

Investment in infrastructure is critical to the economic development of this nation. Not only does it pay for much needed transportation projects, but it is a job creator, a revenue generator, and a helps promote partnerships between a variety of stakeholders. With federal funding in jeopardy, states and localities are having to explore new funding options to pay for their transportation infrastructure investments.

The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association and the National League of Cities are hosting this webinar to

help participants understand the ins and outs of alternative financing and funding mechanisms. Presenters will explore a variety of sources and what contributes to an effective financing toolkit. Participants will hear from speakers from Austin, TX and Tampa-Hillsborough, FL on how they are collaborating with key stakeholders on transportation financing options that best serve their communities.

Presenters:

Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Austin, TX and President, International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

Howard Lazarus, Director of Public Works, City of Austin, TX

Joseph Waggoner, CEO and Executive Director, Tampa-Hillsborough Expressway Authority

Register [HERE](#).

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[Transportation for America and the Center for Transportation Excellence Present- Measuring Up: State and Local Transportation Funding Campaigns](#)

Transportation for America and the Center for Transportation Excellence is hosting a half day event to examine state and local transportation funding campaigns at the ballot box and beyond. Interested parties who may be pursuing local ballot measures or state level legislative changes to enable greater transportation funding packages on the local and regional level are encouraged to register and participate. This highly interactive event will present two different case studies and structure participation to break down, examine and construct the solutions to your pressing campaign challenges.

Location:

*DC Architecture Center
421 7th St NW
Washington, DC 20004
United States of America*

Register:

Space is limited please contact [Erika Young](#) for seating availability.

Wednesday

📅 14 MAY 2014

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[McGraw Hill Financial, The American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Bipartisan Policy Center Present – America’s Infrastructure Opportunity Present: Bridging the Financing Gap](#)

Please join McGraw Hill Financial, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Bipartisan Policy Center for a half-day of interactive panels and discussions on how government and the private sector can work together to unlock America’s infrastructure opportunities for greater economic growth and job creation.

Location:

*U.S. Capitol Visitor’s Center
Room HVC-201
First Street, Southeast,
Washington, DC 20001*

Register [HERE](#).

🕒 10:00 12:00

[The Value of Water Coalition Presents: From Invisible to Invaluable: Changing the Way We Think about Water Infrastructure](#)

Most Americans understand water is important. What they aren’t aware of is the deteriorating condition of the infrastructure that supports this critical service. For too long, water has been the unseen infrastructure and today communities across the country are relying on aging water infrastructure systems in dire need of repair and replacement.

Estimates place the cost of repairing, replacing, and upgrading aging water and wastewater infrastructure at more than

600 billion over the next 20 years. Making the necessary investment in water infrastructure will do more than improve reliability. The Department of Commerce estimates each job created in the local water and wastewater industry creates .6 jobs in the national economy and each public dollar spent yields 2.62 dollars in economic output in other industries.

We are at a critical moment in time when addressing U.S. water infrastructure must become a national priority. On May 14, 2014, the Value of Water Coalition will host an in-depth conversation on the current condition of water infrastructure in the United States, the consequences of letting these failing systems worsen, and solutions to meeting the water challenges of today and tomorrow.

Location:

*The Newseum
Knight Conference Center
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20001*

Register [HERE](#). Not able to join us in person? Watch our live [WEBCAST](#).

🕒 1:00 2:00

[The American Iron and Steel Institute \(AISI\) and the Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance \(SSSBA\) Present- Webinar: Economical Design Tools and Cost Analysis of Short Span Steel Bridges](#)

Most of the bridges in the United States that need repair or replacement are in the short span category, 140 feet or less. How do bridge design professionals meet increasing demand with shrinking budgets?

There's a cost-effective, time-saving steel solution. Michael G. Barker, P.E. provides a one-hour overview of newly developed standard designs for bridges under 140 feet a discussion of the new, free web-based design tool eSPAN140 and an economic analysis of two nearly identical short span bridges one built with steel, the other with concrete in Audrain County, Missouri.

Dr. Barker is one of the developers of eSPAN140, the free design tool that provides customized, preliminary short span steel bridge designs in five minutes or less.

Webinar attendees are eligible for CEU, LU or PDH credits as part of the American Galvanizers Association GalvanizeIt! Webinar Series. CEU, LU and PDH credits are available.

Presenters:

*Michael G. Barker, Ph.D., P.E.
Professor, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University of Wyoming
Consultant, Bridge Technology Center, Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance*

Register [HERE](#).

🕒 2:00 : 0

[The Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program and the Foreign Policy Program Present- High-Speed Train Technology: A New Frontier in U.S. and Japan Relations?](#)

The United States lags behind many other countries in harnessing the potential of high-speed rail to improve connectivity among metropolitan areas, diminish the economic and social costs of traffic congestion, and renovate an aging transportation infrastructure. Japan, on the other hand, has been a global leader in high-speed rail since the introduction of the first bullet trains half a century ago, and now, through magnetic levitation (maglev) technology, has developed the fastest train in the world.

On May 14, 2014, the Brookings Institution will host a forum to address these challenges and opportunities. Co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Policy Program's Infrastructure Initiative and the Foreign Policy Program's Center for East Asia Policy Studies, the forum will feature U.S. and Japanese speakers who will discuss both the potential for maglev in the U.S. today as well as transportation technology as a new area for US-Japan collaboration.

Location:

*The Brookings Institution
Falk Ball Room
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036*

Register [HERE](#).

🕒 6:00 :00

[Young Professionals in Transportation and Young Innovative Professional Planner Superstars Present- Infrastructure Week Happy Hour!](#)

Young Professional's in Transportation (YPT) in conjunction with young Innovative Professional Planner Superstars (YIPPS) are joining forces to meet for a happy hour. Come to The Brixton and enjoy a drink and talk about infrastructure considerations in DC and beyond. Chat with peers about the impacts you've seen and the changes you desire.

Location:

*The Brixton
901 U Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
United States of America*

Register:

No registration is necessary. Event is open to the public. Look for the signs with with YPT logo. We hope to see you there!

Thursday

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[The American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations \(AFL-CIO\), the Transportation Trades Department \(TTD, AFL-CIO\) and North America's Building Trades – Present Infrastructure and American Labor](#)

Please join us for a rally in front of the AFL-CIO focused on the essential role infrastructure and labor play in the American economy, featuring a number of special guests.

Location:

*AFL-CIO
815 16th, Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20005*

Register:

The rally is completely open to the public and will be held in front of the AFL-CIO headquarters, contact [Tom Trotter](#) for media requests.

🕒 12: 0 2:00

[The American Public Transportation Association \(APTA\), National League of Cities \(NLC\), U.S. Travel Association, and Environmental and Energy Study Institute \(EESI\) Present- The Economic Impact of Public Transportation Investment: Stories from Around the Country](#)

The future of our nation depends on prosperous and connected cities where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. We know communities are more likely to thrive when all residents have access to reliable public transportation options to work, education and training, household goods and public services. The development of public transportation can result in a cleaner, more livable community by fostering alternative transportation use, reducing vehicle miles traveled, improving air quality and reducing auto traffic congestion. It also promotes equity by providing more transportation choices and better cost options for users of the system.

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA), National League of Cities (NLC), and the U.S. Travel Association are co-hosting an event to present the findings of APTA's research which connects investment in public transportation to local economic development, productivity, and job creation.. A varied panel of speakers will discuss the various impacts they have seen transit having on their local economies and why further investment in this mode of travel is vital for our country's economic vitality.

Location:

*Capitol Visitor's Center
First Street Southeast, Room 212
Washington, DC 20515*

Register:
Space is limited, please contact [Art Guzzetti](#) for seating availability.

🕒 4:00 7:00

[1776 Presents- The Challenge Cup Startup Competition: Smart Cities](#)

Please join us for the Smart Cities portion of 1776's Challenge Cup! The Challenge Cup is a global competition to identify and celebrate the most promising startups tackling the biggest challenges. The competition will center on startups innovating in four primary categories: education, health, energy, and smart cities. The competition will identify the startups with the potential for transformative solutions to seemingly intractable problems, highlight exciting developments happening in areas of global importance, and spotlight the global startup ecosystem, with an emphasis on key cities around the world.

The 16 regional winners from the Challenge Cup competitions will face off to be the top international and the top US winners in smart cities. These 2 winners will be awarded a \$10,000 prize and join the rest of the Elite Eight for the Global Finals on Saturday, May 17.

Location:
Studio Theater
1501 14th Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

Register [HERE](#).

🕒 7:00 10:00

[1776 Presents- Smart Cities Gala](#)

Please join us for the Smart Cities Celebrate the 16 smart cities startups that competed in the Challenge Cup tournament and meet other VIPs in the smart cities industry.

The Challenge Cup is a global competition to identify and celebrate the most promising startups tackling the biggest challenges. The competition will center on startups innovating in four primary categories: education, health, energy, and smart cities. The competition will identify the startups with the potential for transformative solutions to seemingly intractable problems, highlight exciting developments happening in areas of global importance, and spotlight the global startup ecosystem, with an emphasis on key cities around the world.

Location:
Dock 5 at Union Market
1309 5th Street Northeast
Washington, DC 20002

Register [HERE](#).

Friday

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[The Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program Presents- The Future is Now: What's Next in American Infrastructure](#)

Disruptive market, demographic and environmental dynamics are fundamentally reshaping America's economic landscape. In this new reality, the United States must redouble its effort to rebuild and renew the critical infrastructure assets that will enable the growth of a more productive, inclusive, and resilient economy. This is no small task. As the federal government continues to scale back its role in the sector, a new generation of ideas and innovators are needed to fill the gap. On May 16th, The Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings will host a series of presentations and discussion sessions highlighting young leaders who are fundamentally rethinking America's critical infrastructure systems.

Location:

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

RESOLUTION ENDORSING INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2014

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region Washington area's major 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, the COG Board has received the agenda and schedule of events for Infrastructure Week 2014 being held May 12-16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the endorsement of Infrastructure Week 2014 further advances the 2014 COG Board of Directors Work Plan to focus on regional infrastructure education; and

WHEREAS, the COG Board desires to endorse Infrastructure Week 2014's mission to explore emerging solutions, innovative approaches and best practices being developed nationwide to modernize aging infrastructure.

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

The Board endorses Infrastructure Week 2014 and directs its Executive Director, or his designee, to notify the Infrastructure Week 2014 Steering Committee of the Board's endorsement.



AGENDA ITEM #9

EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION & RESULTS OF THE 2014 HOMELESS ENUMERATION

**(Executive Summary included, full report
available electronically on website)**

Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington



**Results and Analysis from the
2014 Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons
in the Metropolitan Washington Region**

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Council of Governments' Homeless Services
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Executive Summary

For the 14th consecutive year, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' (COG) Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee has conducted a regional enumeration of the area's homeless and formerly homeless population.

This year's enumeration and survey occurred on January 29, 2014. The report provides a one-day "snapshot" (i.e., Point-in-Time) of the region's homeless population within nine metropolitan Washington area jurisdictions, which are each organized into a Continuum of Care (CoC). A CoC is a system for organizing and delivering housing services tailored to the needs of homeless people.

It is important to note that the Point-in-Time "snapshot" by definition provides one perspective on the state of homelessness in the metropolitan Washington region on only one day and the count may be influenced by numerous variables, such as weather and current bed availability by jurisdiction.

The 2014 Point-in-Time (PIT) Enumeration resulted in a total count of 11,946 literally homeless individuals. Compared to last year, the region's homeless population increased by 3.5 percent (or 399 people). This reverses the improvement noted in the 2013 PIT, when the homeless population decreased by 2.4 percent. Since 2010, the population of literally homeless persons has increased by 1.5 percent (or 172 people). Although the increase in the homeless population affects the entire region, in seven of nine of the region's Continua of Care jurisdictions, the count on January 29th reflected a decrease in the homeless population from 2013. The increase in the total homeless population is attributed primarily to a higher count in the District of Columbia (13 percent or 883 additional persons). As in past years, the District of Columbia has the largest proportion

of the region's homeless population (65 percent). Loudoun County also experienced an increase from 2013 (8 percent) but this is based upon 13 individuals and therefore the population size is too small to be significant.

There are important accomplishments to recognize during the past year, however. The region measured success by the 2,392 persons who were in permanent supportive housing, 2,532 persons in rapid re-housing, and 393 persons in other permanent housing on the night of the PIT and are no longer considered homeless. This brings the regional total of formerly homeless persons to 12,140. For the first time in 2014, the region collected data on the number of individuals and families who were participants in rapid re-housing programs, which are designed to end homelessness quickly, primarily for persons facing a short-term economic crisis. Rapid re-housing includes housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and case management and services.¹

Arlington County achieved the greatest percentage decrease (39 percent) in its literally homeless population this year. Arlington County, Fairfax County and Montgomery County achieved the greatest reduction in the number of homeless persons (188 persons, 125 persons and 113 persons respectively) this year. The 2014 enumeration also showed an impressive 25 percent reduction in the unsheltered homeless population. The employment picture is mixed; although the economy is slowly recovering, it has not yet had a significant impact on decreasing unemployment and increasing earned income among the homeless. **Data collected this year confirm what each jurisdiction has observed in practice, that the greatest barrier to ending homelessness in our communities is the**

¹ National Alliance to End Homelessness 2014, http://b3cdn.net/naeh/c0e8d7de219f84a117_4vm6bnyxn.pdf



lack of fixed, affordable permanent housing opportunities for the lowest income households.

The 2014 report highlights three key, recurring themes:

1. The significant increase in the number of formerly homeless persons in permanent and permanent supportive housing;
2. The positive impact of shelter diversion and homeless prevention programs; and
3. The need to bolster and sustain successes brought by federal Rapid Re-housing funds.

Dedication to addressing the region's homelessness challenges has resulted in steady, measurable progress in providing shelter and comprehensive wrap-around services to homeless individuals and families. The

region's practitioners are implementing best practices and know which strategies best serve the homeless population in the metropolitan Washington area. However, there remain significant challenges highlighted in this year's numbers. The rise in family homelessness in the District of Columbia in particular reflects the stark reality about the lack of sufficient affordable housing. Reversing the trend observed this year will require a renewed dedication to creating and preserving affordable housing opportunities for low-income families to allow them to be stably and independently housed for the long-term.



The following report includes a count of the region's residents who are:

- Unsheltered persons living on the streets, including parks, alleys, and camp sites;
- Staying in an emergency or hypothermia shelter or safe haven;
- Living in transitional housing where they receive supportive services designed to help them move into some form of permanent housing; and
- Formerly homeless people now living in permanent supportive housing or other permanent housing who are receiving supportive social services.

Note: The map (left) represents those jurisdictions which are members of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. However, Charles County data is not included in this Point-in-Time report. Unlike the other jurisdictions, Charles County provides its homelessness data to the Baltimore HUD Field Office.





Introduction

The 2014 Point-in-Time Enumeration provides information on the number of unsheltered persons in the region as well as figures on how many persons utilize winter shelters, year-round emergency shelters, safe havens, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. The PIT also provides information on the extent to which homeless persons in each jurisdiction live with disabling conditions or belong to various subpopulations.

The metropolitan Washington region's homeless services system consists of nine jurisdictions, each representing a local Continuum of Care (CoC) that receives federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program to assist its homeless population. The participating jurisdictions are:

- The City of Alexandria, Virginia;
- Arlington County, Virginia;
- The District of Columbia;
- Fairfax County, Virginia, including data from the City of Falls Church and the City of Fairfax;
- Frederick County, Maryland, including data from the City of Frederick;
- Loudoun County, Virginia;
- Montgomery County, Maryland;
- Prince George's County, Maryland, including data from the City of Bowie; and
- Prince William County, Virginia, including data from the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park.

Although Charles County, Maryland is a COG member, the County's homeless enumeration figures are not tracked as part of this report.

Charles County submits its enumeration results to the Baltimore, Maryland HUD office and not the Washington, DC HUD office, unlike the other COG member jurisdictions.

The report includes narratives that were prepared by each of the respective jurisdictions. The narratives briefly describe each jurisdiction's homeless Continuum of Care and provide detailed explanations of their respective enumeration results. Some of the region's jurisdictions use a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to count their homeless population, in addition to other methodologies. HMIS is an electronic data collection system that is used to produce an "unduplicated" count of homeless people for the respective jurisdictions, improve program operations, measure program performance, and coordinate services community-wide.

Similar to past enumerations, the 2014 count does not include people who "double up" with relatives or friends, in accordance with HUD guidelines that mandate that jurisdictions conduct Point-in-Time counts at least biennially. HUD's requirements for conducting the annual Point-in-Time count can be found in its Standard and Methods for Point-in-Time Counts of Homeless Persons and Annual Housing Inventory Updates at www.onecpd.info.

Due to the high housing cost burden and reduced affordable housing options, several local jurisdictions and service providers are concerned that many more of the region's residents are "at risk" of becoming homeless. While not yet considered homeless, many households are believed to be "doubled up" due to difficult economic conditions. Homelessness is often the next step for such households once the family members or friends who have been sheltering them can't or no longer will do so.



How We Define Homelessness

The region's jurisdictions use HUD's definition of "homelessness," which is defined as people who reside in emergency shelter, transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, runaway youth shelters, safe havens, or places not meant for human habitation, such as streets, parks, alleys, abandoned buildings, and stairways.

Literally Homeless persons in this report, include single individuals, families and children, who may be sheltered or unsheltered, as described above.

Formerly Homeless persons in this report include those who, on the night of the PIT, had moved into permanent supportive housing, are currently in a rapid re-housing program or other permanent housing designated for homeless persons. This does not include homeless persons who are able to secure other permanent housing outside of the homeless system, including a non-subsidized apartment or room, moving in with a relative or friend, or receiving a mainstream rental subsidy.

Data for the 2014 enumeration were collected in the following three categories, as defined by HUD:

1. **Households Without Children.**

Households without children consist of only adults age 18 or over. In this report, we also refer to households without children as "single adults." The vast majority of households without children are single persons, although this category may include couples without minor children or a parent and an adult child over the age of 18. These households are counted as single adults for purposes of the Point-in-Time count.

2. **Households With Adults and Children.**

Households with adults and children contain at least one adult age 18 or over and at least one child under age 18. In this report, we also refer to households with adults and children as "homeless families."

3. **Households With Only Children.**

Households with only children contain no adults age 18 or over, only persons under age 18, including teenage parents under 18 with at least one child, or other households with only persons under age 18. In this report, we also refer to households with only children as "unaccompanied youth."





How Many Local Residents are Homeless?

As of January 29, 2014, 11,946 people throughout the metropolitan Washington region indicated that they were homeless, an increase of 3.5 percent from 2013. Table 1 illustrates the region's 2014 homeless enumeration across jurisdictions compared to last year.

Arlington County experienced the largest percentage decrease in its homeless population count since last year, reducing its literally homeless population by 39 percent. Several other CoCs experienced reductions in their homeless populations, such as in Montgomery County and Frederick County (both at 11 percent), Fairfax County (nine percent), and Prince George's County (five percent). Arlington County (188 persons), Fairfax County (125 persons) and Montgomery County (113 persons)

achieved the largest reductions in the number of homeless individuals from 2013 to 2014.

The District of Columbia and Loudoun County were the only jurisdictions which experienced an increase in their literally homeless populations from 2013 to 2014. The change in Loudoun County (13 persons) is too small to be significant. The District of Columbia experienced a 13 percent increase (883 additional literally homeless persons) since 2013. The same trend is true for the five year period of 2010 to 2014, as shown in Table 2, which illustrates the numerical and percentage change in the region's homeless population.

**TABLE 1: LITERALLY HOMELESS BY JURISDICTION
2013 - 2014**

Jurisdiction	2013	2014	Change in Number of Persons 2013-2014	Percent Change 2013 - 2014
Alexandria	275	267	-8	-3%
Arlington County	479	291	-188	-39%
District of Columbia	6,865	7,748	883	13%
Fairfax County	1,350	1,225	-125	-9%
Frederick County	275	246	-29	-11%
Loudoun County	166	179	13	8%
Montgomery County	1,004	891	-113	-11%
Prince George's County	686	654	-32	-5%
Prince William County	447	445	-2	0%
TOTAL	11,547	11,946	399	3.5%



How Has the Region's Homeless Population Changed?

Seven of nine of COG's CoCs experienced decreases in their homeless populations between 2010 and 2014. Arlington County and the City of Alexandria have the largest percentage decreases in their homelessness populations at 45 percent and 26 percent, respectively. Arlington County attributes the large reduction in its homeless population to several factors, including a change in the classification of housing for 97 persons in families in 2014 from transitional to rapid re-housing; success from community efforts to house chronically homeless individuals by participating in Arlington's 100 Homes Campaign; and a decrease in the unsheltered count due to the severely cold temperatures on January 29, 2014, which may have depressed the unsheltered count as individuals "doubled up" or combined resources for the night to escape the weather.

The City of Alexandria attributes its decrease in sheltered persons experiencing homelessness on the night of the count in part to the efforts of its Housing Crisis Response System, which has been in place since 2013. This system allows the City to more efficiently and effectively assess the

needs of persons seeking shelter and best utilize community resources by offering diversion services to reduce the number of households entering the shelter system.

Fairfax County, Arlington County, Montgomery County and Prince George's County achieved the greatest reductions in terms of the total numbers of homeless persons from 2010 to 2014 (319 persons, 240 persons, 173 persons and 135 persons respectively). Fairfax County attributes the decrease in homeless persons in families to strong prevention efforts, prioritizing rapid re-housing from family shelters, and strategically reducing the numbers of transitional housing units. The decrease in single adults is due primarily to the successful 100,000 Homes Campaign which brought attention to the need to house the county's most vulnerable homeless neighbors and prioritized their placement in all permanent supportive housing vacancies and new openings.

Montgomery County attributes the decrease in its homeless single adult population primarily to the decline of unsheltered persons. The CoC's concerted effort to address this issue with new funding for permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing options that does not require a disability has made a significant



Outreach volunteers visit a camp site in Frederick, Maryland on January 29, 2014.
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impact. The continued outreach effort to engage unsheltered homeless persons has also been beneficial. Montgomery County also achieved a reduction in homeless households with adults and children and attributes this success to several factors, including: re-designing the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Re-housing Program, which assisted in providing nine households to become stably housed directly from emergency shelter; prevention and diversion efforts to place families in the community; and, an increase in permanent supportive housing through the county's Housing Initiative Program.

The region's increased supply of permanent supportive housing and homeless prevention and diversion efforts account for some other jurisdictions' consistent declines in homelessness.

Why Did the Regional Homeless Population Increase in 2014?

The region's overall 3.5 percent increase in its 2014 homeless population from the 2013 enumeration can be attributed primarily to the increased count in the District of Columbia. A number of complex factors, including a history of high poverty rates and a loss of affordable housing units², have contributed to the

2 The District of Columbia lost 51% (36,100 units) of its low cost rental

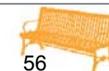
increase in the District of Columbia's homeless population.³ Tools that are important to the success in preventing and ending homelessness in the region include the continued use of local and federal dollars to prevent homelessness and rapidly re-house persons who become homeless, and the provision of permanent supportive housing to the chronically homeless and persons with disabling conditions.

Increases, however, in the region's already-high rents make it very difficult for extremely low income households to find or maintain housing that they can afford, limiting the possibility of achieving greater reductions in the homeless population. In addition, wages have not increased to keep pace with the rising cost of housing. A shortage of living wage jobs further compounds the difficulty in finding and maintaining affordable housing. Federal spending cuts due to sequestration enacted in 2013 have frozen or reduced the availability of Housing Choice Vouchers throughout the region. A lack of affordable, permanent housing opportunities remains the most significant and persistent obstacle to ending homelessness.

housing stock between 2000 and 2010. Source: <http://www.dcfpi.org/disappearing-act-affordable-housing-in-dc-is-vanishing-amid-sharply-rising-housing-costs>
3 <http://www.dcfpi.org/what-can-dc-do-to-stop-the-dramatic-rise-in-family-homelessness>

TABLE 2: LITERALLY HOMELESS BY JURISDICTION, 2010-2014

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change 2010 - 2014
Alexandria	359	416	352	275	267	-26%
Arlington County	531	461	451	479	291	-45%
District of Columbia	6,539	6,546	6,954	6,865	7,748	18%
Fairfax County	1,544	1,549	1,534	1,350	1,225	-21%
Frederick County	303	280	285	275	246	-19%
Loudoun County	157	156	164	166	179	14%
Montgomery County	1,064	1,132	982	1,004	891	-16%
Prince George's County	789	773	641	686	654	-17%
Prince William County	488	566	467	447	445	-9%
TOTAL	11,774	11,879	11,830	11,547	11,946	1.5%



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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REPORT *HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON: RESULTS AND ANALYSIS FROM THE 2014 POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OF HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION*

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region Washington area's major 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, the COG Board has received the report *Homelessness In Metropolitan Washington: Results And Analysis From the 2014 Point-In-Time Count of Homeless Persons in the Metropolitan Washington Region*; and

WHEREAS, since 2000 COG has convened local homeless services providers through the Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee (Committee); and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the Committee has coordinated an annual enumeration of the region's homeless population during the last week of January; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is committed to gathering, analyzing and sharing data regarding homelessness regionally on an annual basis to solve this crisis, although conducting a Point-in-Time count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development only on a biennial basis; and

WHEREAS, at the March 12, 2014 meeting, the COG Board adopted Resolution R29-2014 and directed COG staff to present regional best practices and challenges in ending homelessness in conjunction with the 2014 Point-in-Time report presentation.

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

The Board endorses the report *Homelessness In Metropolitan Washington: Results And Analysis From the 2014 Point-In-Time Count of Homeless Persons in the Metropolitan Washington Region* and directs its Executive Director, or his designee, to commend the Committee's efforts to conduct a homeless enumeration on an annual basis in order to better inform policy and practice in our region.



AGENDA ITEM #10

OTHER BUSINESS

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AGENDA ITEM #11

**ADJOURN – THE NEXT MEETING
IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014**

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