



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report – May 2018
DATE: May 2, 2018

POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

- At its April meeting, the TPB approved a regional Bike to Work Day proclamation and \$5.4 million in funding under the federal Transportation Alternatives Program for bicycle and pedestrian projects in Northern Virginia. The meeting also included briefings on Visualize 2045 public forums and results from last summer's public opinion survey.

Region Forward Coalition (RFC) – In April, the RFC received a briefing about the District of Columbia's efforts to integrate resilience to physical, social, and economic challenges into the Comprehensive Plan and best practices and lessons learned while addressing resilience challenges. It was also briefed on opportunities and challenges for regional food systems.



MEMBER FEATURE

In Q&A with Region Forward Chair Danielle Glaros (Prince George's County), she talks about making sure residents have access to opportunity regardless of where they live.

[View the Q&A](#)

OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Street Smart – COG's Street Smart bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign kicked off on April 17 at the Ridge Road Community Center in the District. The twice-yearly campaign uses mass media messages and stepped-up enforcement to remind motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians of traffic safety laws.

CAO Retreat – The region's city and county managers and members of their staff gathered for the COG Chief Administrative Officers Committee retreat on May 2 in the District where they focused on ways that governments can advance racial equity.

Metrorail Safety Commission (MSC) – The MSC, the new, independent body that will be responsible for safety oversight of the Metrorail system unanimously approved David L. Mayer, Ph.D. as its Chief Executive Officer on April 24. COG continues to support the jurisdictions in establishing the MSC so that it can assume safety oversight of Metro from the Federal Transit Administration.

[View the MSC CEO news release](#)

Visualize 2045 – The TPB has completed the first five public forums focused on its new long-range plan, Visualize 2045. Additional forums will be held in Arlington, Fairfax, Leesburg, and Woodbridge this month.

[View Visualize 2045 forum details](#)

2030 Group Roadmap – On April 30, Chuck Bean spoke at the Third Annual Roadmap for the Washington Region’s Economic Future event on the future of regionalism.

Human services – On April 20, COG hosted the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington for the release of its new emergency services directory.

Regional planning – On April 6, COG’s Paul DesJardin participated in the George Washington University Symposium on Big Data and Analytics for Urban Planning. COG’s Nicole McCall also served as a panelist at the Livable Communities Forum.

Election officials – On April 6, Chuck Bean spoke at the COG Election Officials Technical Committee conference, which focused on IT and voter communication.

Sustainability jobs – On April 26, COG’s Steve Walz spoke on a panel at a National Wildlife Federation symposium on creating jobs for sustainability and referenced local examples at water, wastewater, and energy utilities as well as solar and green infrastructure installers.

COG priorities – On April 9, Chuck Bean gave a presentation to the Greenbelt City Council.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Bowser, Hogan And Northam Team Up to Lure Amazon – COG’s Chuck Bean quoted.

[View the WAMU story](#)

Sidewalks, bike trails approved to help Northern Va. commuters ditch cars - COG’s John Swanson quoted on Transportation Alternatives Program at the TPB meeting.

[View the WTOP story](#)

Recession, Sequester Effects Still Being Felt in D.C.– COG’s John Kent interviewed on Commercial Construction report.

[View the WMAL story](#)

River Festival honors ‘Year of the Anacostia’– Anacostia Restoration Partnership’s Adam Ortiz, COG’s Lisa Ragain interviewed.

[View the WTOP story](#)