

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING COG'S POLICY AND PROGRAM  
PRIORITIES FOR 2009**

**WHEREAS**, the leadership of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), including members of the COG Board, Transportation Planning Board, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and policy committee chairs, held its tenth annual retreat July 25-27 2008, which was attended by 31 elected and appointed officials; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1999 COG has used the summer retreat as an opportunity to address specific regional policy and agency operational issues and further develop COG's strategic direction; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary focus of this year's retreat was the development of both the short term and long term priorities of the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG leadership determined rising energy costs, insufficient transportation funding, and the need for more sustainable develop practices and policies the three priority areas for COG focus in the coming years; and

**WHEREAS**, several projects and initiatives were also identified that would allow the organization to begin to see tangible results in the coming months and which would also support our long term goals and vision.

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

1. The COG Board conveys its appreciation to the organization's leadership for their hard work in developing a comprehensive set of policy priorities for 2009.
2. The COG Board approves the "2009 Policy Program and Priorities" and requests that the appropriate policy boards and committees, as identified in the summary report, return to the Board for a briefing upon completion of their respective priorities.