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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: July 9, 2008
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Knapp will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.**

A G E N D A

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

**Chairman Michael Knapp
Council President, Montgomery County**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2008
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp

- a) COG Retreat, July 25-27**
- b) Executive Director's Report**
 - o Outreach**
 - o Letters Sent/Received**
 - o Legislative Report Update**
 - o Information Items**

- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Item 11.A., 11.B., 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., 11.F, 11.G. & 11.H.

**6. REPORT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE STEERING COMMITTEE
(12:20 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Nancy Floreen, Council Member
Montgomery County
Chair, COG Climate Change Steering Committee**

**Stuart A. Freudberg
Director, COG Dept. of Environmental Programs**

On April 11, 2007, COG's 50th Anniversary, the Board adopted Resolution R31-07, creating a Climate Change Initiative and establishing the Climate Change Steering Committee. The Committee was charged with: preparing a catalogue of best practices; developing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions; proposing regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals; evaluating regional impacts of climate change; developing advocacy positions on state and federal climate and energy legislation; preparing a detailed report to the Board encompassing these elements and making recommendations to the Board on regional climate change policy, as well as a governance structure for future action by COG. Climate Change Steering Committee Chair Floreen and Mr. Freudberg will summarize the work of the Committee over the past year and present the Committee's report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize transmittal of the report for a review and comment period through September 30.

**7. REGIONAL HOUSING FORECLOSURE SUMMIT OUTCOMES
(1:00 - 1:30 p.m.)**

**John McClain, Senior Fellow
George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis**

**Paul DesJardin
Director, COG Dept. of Community Planning and Services**

COG commissioned a new regional study on mortgage foreclosure in the National Capital Region as part of its June 19 Regional Housing Foreclosure Summit. The Board will be briefed on the study findings and additional work planned by COG to address Summit and Human Services Policy Committee recommendations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS REPORTS
(1:30– 1:45 p.m.)**

**Ludwig Gaines, Councilmember
City of Alexandria
Chair, COG Metropolitan Development Policy Committee**

**Gregory Goodwin
Senior Regional Planner, COG**

COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. COG staff will report the key findings in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 2003 – 2007*. The report presents key regional economic indicators, including population

growth, employment, federal spending, construction activity, housing sales, income, retail sales, and the number of passengers at the region's three major airports. In addition, COG staff will provide additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2007 Summary Report*. This report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, and relationship to Metrorail, commuter rail stations and COG's Regional Activity Centers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and approve reports for release.

**9. PENSION AMENDMENT
(1:45 – 1:50 p.m.)**

David Robertson, COG Executive Director

COG employees are covered by a defined-benefit pension plan. COG conducts an annual analysis of projected plan contributions and payments. Following the most recent analysis, management recommended that employee contributions to the plan increase from five to six percent of employee salary. COG's FY 2009 budget and indirect cost allocation plan also increased employer contributions from five to six percent of employee salary. The Pension Plan Administrative Committee concurred with management's request and recommended that the Board adopt Resolution R37-08, amending the plan to increase employee contributions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R37-08.

**10. MEMBER TIME
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive Funds to Provide Executive, Professional, and Technical Secretariat Support That Will Contribute to Enhanced Emergency Preparedness in the Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R38-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, COG to execute a grant agreement with the District of Columbia to provide planning, technical and administrative support for regional homeland security activities in the National Capital Region. COG support will assist the Emergency Preparedness Council, the Chief Administrative Officers, the Senior Policy Group, Regional Emergency Support Functions, Regional Program Working Groups, State Administrative Agent, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, and others in enhancing emergency preparedness in the National Capital Region. COG is being provided \$470,000 through a subgrant from the District of Columbia, which serves as the State Administrative Agent (SAA) for grant management. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R38-08.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with New World APPS, Inc. for Network Operations Support

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R39-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to exercise a renewal option on the existing contract with New World Apps, Inc. for network operations support in an amount not to exceed \$225,000. Authorization also extends to the second and third year

renewal options, if desired. The budget for this first renewal is included in COG's approved FY 2009 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R39-08.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of the Environment for Anacostia River Watershed Restoration Partnership-Related Services

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R40-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in an amount not to exceed \$41,500 for Anacostia Partnership-related technical and administrative support services. The project duration is one year. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R40-08.

D. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to File a Planning Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the Federal Aviation Administration for Phase 25 of the Continuous Airport System Planning Program

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R41-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a planning grant application and execute a grant contract with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Phase 25 of the Continuous Airport System Planning (CASP) program for the National Capital Region. This application would be in an amount not to exceed \$630,000. The FAA will provide funds for 95 percent, \$598,500, of the project total. The five percent match, \$31,500, will be provided from budgeted local funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R41-08.

E. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive and Expend Funds from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority and to Execute Contracts with the University of Maryland and LimnoTech, Inc. for the Purpose of Conducting Water Quality Analyses and Water Quality Modeling in the Potomac River

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R42-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend funding from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority in an amount not to exceed \$965,000. Requested funding will be used to conduct water quality analyses and associated water quality modeling needed to address nitrogen-related issues in the Potomac River that are critical to DC-WASA's ongoing planning efforts. This resolution will also authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with the University of Maryland and LimnoTech, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and \$515,000 respectively to provide COG with technical and scientific services in undertaking the implementation of water quality analyses and associated water quality modeling. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R42-08.

F. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive and Expend Funds from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority and to Execute a Contract with the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory for the Purpose of Conducting Water Quality Monitoring in the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R43-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend funding from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority in an amount not

to exceed \$400,000. Requested funding will be used to conduct water quality monitoring in the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers to assess pollution abatement actions. This resolution will also authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Virginia Tech's Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$360,000 to provide COG with technical and scientific services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R43-08.

G. Resolution Authorizing an Application to the EPA Region 3 under National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance for "Reducing Emissions From Nonroad Equipment Used in Construction and Material Handling Operations in the Metropolitan Washington Region"

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R44-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III for a National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance grant of \$598,516 for two years. The proposed project, "Reducing Emissions from Nonroad Equipment Used in Construction and Material Handling Operations in the Metropolitan Washington Region," will retrofit nonroad diesel engines used in highway construction operations around the region. The project will be done in partnership with the Maryland Highway Contractors Association, the Maryland Dept. of the Environment, and three owners/operators of highway construction equipment. No COG matching funds are required. Equipment owners and vendors will contribute a share of the cost of equipment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R44-08.

H. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with Reingold for the Affordable Housing Educational Outreach Campaign

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R45-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a contract, contingent upon the availability of funds, with Reingold, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000 for the Affordable Housing Educational Outreach Campaign including the development and production of the toolkit. The contract is based on a competitive solicitation utilizing the COG Cooperative Purchasing Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R45-08.



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