

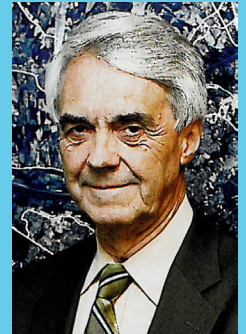
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media report

Ron Kirby Featured in *Washingtonian* Piece

COG's Transportation Planning Director Ron Kirby was featured in an article in the November 2011 issue of *Washingtonian* magazine. The article focuses on transportation and traffic congestion in metropolitan Washington. Kirby discusses COG/TPB transportation planning work, including the region's long-range transportation plan, scenarios, and study of public attitudes on road pricing. A link to the piece is on the COG homepage at www.mwcog.org.



COG Board Opposes MWAA Restructuring Bill

At its October meeting, the COG Board of Directors, after receiving a presentation and a request for opposition from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), voted to oppose legislation from Congressman Frank Wolf (R-VA) that would restructure the MWAA Board by adding representatives from Virginia. The vote was covered by the *Washington Examiner*, *The Washington Times*, WTOP, and WAMU.

COG/TPB TIGER Application Approval Generates Coverage

Members of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) voted at their October meeting to approve a \$31 million application for the third round of the federal Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The application, "Multimodal Access Improvements for Rail Station Areas in the Washington Region," will make rail stations - at Metrorail, commuter rail, and future streetcar stations - more accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists. The application approval was covered by *The Washington Post*, ABC 7/TBD, and the *Washington Examiner*.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE



Urbanism is increasing in the region's suburbs. As jurisdictions plan for population growth, they are showing that density, transit, and mixed-use development are not antithetical to the suburbs. A Region Forward blog entry outlines many of the changes planned and underway.

In October, the Region Forward blog also covered a webinar held by COG focusing on the costs and benefits of stormwater management, in light of stricter federal standards. Check out these and other blog entries at www.RegionForward.org.

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