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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 9, 2007
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

District of Columbia

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

AGENDA

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

**Chairman Vincent Gray
 Council Chair, District of Columbia**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2007
 (12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 (12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Chairman Gray

- a) May 18th Bike to Work Day
- b) 50th Anniversary Futures Forum May 30
- c) ICC Lawsuit
- d) Climate Change Initiative
- e) Executive Director's Report
 - o Outreach
 - o Letters Sent/Received
 - o Legislative Report Update

- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
 (12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
 (12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 11.A., 11.B., & 11.C.

**6. AIR QUALITY PROGRESS
(12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)**

A. New Regional Air Quality Plan Released

**Nancy Floreen
Council Member, Montgomery County
Chairman, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

In March, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) approved for public hearings a new air quality plan to meet federal health standards for ground-level ozone. Public hearings were held in late April, and the proposed plan will be considered for adoption by MWAQC on May 23. Once recommended by MWAQC, the plan will be submitted by the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to EPA to meet the June 2007 deadline. MWAQC Chair Nancy Floreen will brief the Board on the new air quality plan and next steps for MWAQC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.

**B. Clean Air Partners Celebrates Its 10th Anniversary
(12:40 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Roberta Willis Sims
Vice President, Corporate Relations
Washington Gas Light Company**

Clean Air Partners is a bi-regional, public-private partnership that was chartered by COG and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) in 1997. Clean Air Partners' mission is to educate the public about the health effects of air pollution and to motivate the public and businesses in the Washington-Baltimore region to take voluntary actions to improve air quality, especially on days where poor air quality is expected. Washington Gas is one of several public and private sector organizations that have led this bi-regional coalition. Ms. Sims will discuss involvement by Washington Gas and others in support of Clean Air Partners' achievements and the complementary nature of Washington Gas' and Clean Air Partners' public policy goals. The Board will be asked to endorse a joint COG-BMC memorandum of understanding which recognizes the significant contributions that Clean Air Partners has made over the past decade.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Endorse Joint COG-BMC Memorandum of Understanding.

**7. PRESENTATION ON GWI KNOWLEDGE WORKER STUDY
(12:55 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**James C. Dinegar
President and CEO
Greater Washington Board of Trade**

**Tim Priest
Executive Director
Greater Washington Initiative**

The Greater Washington Initiative is the economic development and marketing arm of the Greater Washington Board of Trade. GWI recently published a new study that identified more than 1.1 million "knowledge workers" in the National Capital Region including professional services, information technology and education and research. This concentration of knowledge workers drives the region's economy and gives the region a significant advantage in sectors that are expected to grow in coming

years. The Board will be briefed on the key findings in the study and discuss opportunities to strengthen public-private sector collaboration on economic development.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. PRESENTATION ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY
(1:15 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**George Leventhal
Council Member, Montgomery County
Chairman, Human Services Policy Committee**

In January 2005, the region held a summit on childhood obesity. Following that summit, COG's Health Officials Committee and Virginia Tech conducted a regional survey of programs and policies aimed at reducing obesity. On November 16, 2006, the Human Services Policy Committee hosted a workshop to discuss the findings and consider recommendations for next steps. HSPC Chairman Leventhal will present the HSPC recommendations to the Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R36-07.

**9. INTRODUCTION OF COG'S NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER and FY 2007 3RD QUARTER
REPORT
(1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Hilda Barg
Supervisor, Prince William County
Secretary-Treasurer, COG**

COG's Executive Director David Robertson will introduce Raymond Rawlins, COG's new Chief Financial Officer, who replaced Sonny Amores, who retired in April 2007. The Secretary-Treasurer will then brief the Board on COG's third quarter FY 2007 financial report for the period January to March 2007.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.

**10. MEMBER TIME
(1:40 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Gray 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. COG Board Resolution on Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R37-07 supporting full federal funding of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. COPS was created as a result of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. As a component of the Justice Department, the mission of the COPS Office is to advance community policing in jurisdictions of all sizes across the country. Congress has passed legislation authorizing COPS funding at \$1.04 billion; however, appropriations have been substantially less. At the current level of funding only a number specifically earmarked projects are fully supported while other much needed services are left unfunded.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R37-07.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory for the Fiscal 2008 Operation of the Chain Bridge Monitoring Station

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R38-07, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a three year contract with the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory (OWML) for continuation of the Potomac River water quality monitoring program at Chain Bridge. COG has sponsored this regional monitoring program since 1983. The total cost of the three year contract is \$370,000. Funding for the first year of the contract is included in the FY 2008 Regional Water Fund work program and budget. The remaining two years of the contract will also be funded by the Regional Water Fund, contingent upon availability of funds. No COG local matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R38-07.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit the grant proposal, Entitled "Research Interviews in Support of the Toxic Substances Division (DDOE) Pesticide Regulatory Program" to the District of Columbia, to Execute a Subcontract with George Washington University, and to Receive and Expend Grant Funds.

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R39-07, authorizing the Executive Director to apply for and execute a subcontract with project partner George Washington University, and receive and expend up to \$100,000 in grant funding from the District of Columbia's Office of Contracting and Procurement for the purpose of researching pests affecting District of Columbia residents, residents' pesticide usage, and their attitudes and beliefs concerning pests, in order to minimize potential human and environmental health hazards of pesticides. The total estimated cost of the project shall not exceed \$100,000. No COG local matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R39-07.



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