

COG

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outreach report

executive director:
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- **Homeland Security.** Met with representatives from the US General Accountability Office. Also hosted meetings with past and current Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) Chairs, state officials, emergency managers and public information officers.
- **Workforce Development.** Met with Pepco officials to discuss a proposed program to link residents with utility jobs.
- **Infrastructure.** Met with representatives from Our Nation's Capital on follow up from April forum.
- **Leadership Greater Washington.** Attended its annual meeting, COG recognized for its support/partnership.

Member Outreach with:

- COG Chair Frank Principi (Prince William County)
- Councilmember Valerie Ervin (Montgomery County)
- Mayor Hal Parrish (Manassas)
- Mayor-Elect Scott Silverthorne (Fairfax City)
- Abby Raphael (new EPC member)

cog in the region:
highlights

Special Events at COG:

- TPB held a Citizen Forum to gather feedback through deliberative polling on regional transportation strategies and challenges as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.
- TPB Annual Transit Forum brought together representatives from the private transportation sector and local jurisdictions to discuss mutual regional interests.
- DCPS staff hosted Innovations for Sustainable Communities, a workshop focused on the combined costs of transportation and housing.

District of Columbia:

- COG and the Freddie Mac Foundation honored the region's 2012 Foster Parents of the Year at a gala event.
- Commuter Connections held a ceremony at the National Press Club to honor employers for promoting sustainable/healthy commute options.
- Alicia Lewis (DCPS) spoke at a Sustainable DC Community Conversation on the links between equity and sustainability.
- DCPS staff met with Fannie Mae to discuss current work and potential funding opportunities for the Capital Area Foreclosure Network.

Frederick: David Robertson spoke to the Frederick Rotary Club about COG and regional issues at the invitation of Alderman Karen Young.

Fairfax County: Paul DesJardin (DCPS) attended the "Evolution of Fairfax" event hosted by Sharon Bulova at George Mason University.

Other/Multiple Locations:

- David Robertson attended the National Association of Regional Councils conference in St Petersburg, FL. Nicole Hange (EO) and Maia Davis (DEP) spoke at the conference.
- Commuter Connections participated in transportation fairs at NOAA (Silver Spring), Aerospace (Chantilly), Sibley Hospital (DC), and the Mark Center (Alexandria).
- For the 2nd year as part of the Diesel Idle Reduction Driver Recognition Program, COG recognized 190 motorcoach & truck drivers for reducing vehicle idling.