



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Chuck Bean, COG Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report – June 2018
DATE: June 6, 2018

POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

- At its May meeting, the TPB approved projects to receive technical assistance through the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. These projects further regional goals to help create more livable, walkable, bikeable, and transit-accessible communities. The board also received briefings on the bicycle and pedestrian element of Visualize 2045, Performance Based Planning and Programming measures for congestion and emissions, and COG's Title VI Program.

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) – In May, MWAQC received a briefing on a new report being developed by staff to identify a suite of local and regional measures that could work with state and federal actions to reduce air pollution in the region to a level that would result in no unhealthy air days. Staff discussed an initial list of measures, an estimated range of costs, and an estimated range of pollutant reduction achieved.

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

(CBPC) – During National Infrastructure Week, CBPC members toured WSSC's Patuxent Water Filtration Plant, and Carla Reid, WSSC General Manager/CEO, shared some examples of the utility's innovation and technology. CBPC members were also briefed on findings from COG's Resiliency Study: a risk-based assessment of the costs associated with the loss of drinking water service (i.e., a Potomac River incident), and options for infrastructure investments that would enhance the region's drinking water supply and distribution resiliency.

Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) – In May, CEEPC received a briefing on local and regional food systems and initiatives. CEEPC's 2020 Climate and Energy Action Plan calls for the support of local agriculture and food policies and planning to help meet the plan's desired outcomes for sustainable development, zero waste, and a clean economy.



STAFF FEATURE
COG Environmental Planner
Heidi Bonnaffon is raising awareness about the region's valuable water resources.

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Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC) – At its May meeting, HSPC received presentations and shared information on youth development and foster care programs in the region, including initiatives on positive interventions for at-risk young people.

OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Bike to Work Day – Despite the rain, thousands of people throughout the region participated in Bike to Work Day on May 18. Bike to Work Day is organized each year by COG’s Commuter Connections program and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA).



Visualize 2045 – The TPB held 11 forums throughout the region in April and May and will hold an online forum on June 6 for those who couldn’t make an event in person.

[View Visualize 2045 forum details/announcements](#)



Dockless Bikeshare Workshop – On May 31, representatives from DC, Montgomery County, the City of Alexandria, and the National Park Service met at COG to discuss their experiences with and plans for dockless bikeshare.

Corrections Wreath Laying – On May 5, the COG Corrections Chiefs Committee sponsored the 27th Annual Corrections Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony. The event honors corrections personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Cooperative purchasing – A water & wastewater treatment chemicals consortium has 10 participants and contract awards are projected to happen in June. A health and wellness training and services contract Request for Proposal (RFP) is being developed for multiple member agencies. And COG staff is working with Montgomery County to assist in putting together new road salt procurement for members.

Travel demand management/traffic management – COG’s Nicholas Ramfos participated on a subject matter expert panel for the Federal Highway Administration on “Linking Travel Demand Management Programs and Traffic Management.”

TLC Program Peer Exchange Webinar – On May 10, more than fifty planners, engineers, and designers participated in a webinar highlighting lessons learned from projects across the region that are aligned with the TPB’s endorsed initiative to improve bike and pedestrian access at high-capacity transit stations.

COG priorities – On May 23, Chuck Bean gave a presentation to the City of Frederick Board of Aldermen.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Shaping the Future Through Transit - COG's John Swanson quoted.

[View the Alexandria Gazette story](#)

Tap water app aims to quench your thirst - COG's Heidi Bonnaffon quoted.

[View the WTOP story](#)

Frederick couple recognized for contributions as foster parents – COG's Surina Amin quoted.

[View the Frederick News-Post story](#)

Bike To Work Day is May 18; Cyclists can enjoy pit stops around DC area - COG's Nicholas Ramfos quoted.

[View the WTOP story](#)

DC-area homeless population falls, but region faces 'stark reality' on housing – COG Homeless Services Committee Chairman Michael Ferrell quoted.

[View the WTOP story](#)