

# Summary of Climate-Related Activities of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC January 2015

## Technical Advisory Committees

[Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee](#) and Rooftop Solar Challenge Workgroup (Jeff King | [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org) and Leah Boggs | [lboggs@mwkog.org](mailto:lboggs@mwkog.org))

- BEEAC met on December 18. The committee was briefed on the forthcoming energy emergency exercise, multi-sector greenhouse gas working group and probable issues to watch for state-level legislation in 2015.
- BEEAC met on January 15. The committee heard presentations on Smart Cities and discussed new opportunities for COG member jurisdictions involving technical assistance for smart city projects and fleet electrification.
- The committee recently completed a rewriting of its bylaws and will be electing new officers (a chair and two vice chairs) at the February 19 meeting. Jurisdictions should also submit names of their primary BEEAC representative and alternate(s) to COG staff as soon as possible.
- COG has selected a vendor in response to its November solicitation to support solar PV market development activities around the region. Jurisdictions interested in receiving support should email Jeff King [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org) or Isabel Ricker [iricker@mwkog.org](mailto:iricker@mwkog.org).
- COG staff is working with Rooftop Solar Challenge jurisdictions to identify opportunities for implementing streamlined solar permitting processes, as laid out by the regional permitting recommendations adopted by CEEPC in November.

[Electric Vehicle Planning Initiative](#) (Leah Boggs | [lboggs@mwkog.org](mailto:lboggs@mwkog.org))

- No new updates.

[Recycling Committee](#) (John Snarr | [jsnarr@mwkog.org](mailto:jsnarr@mwkog.org))

- The committee met on December 4 and heard presentations about new processing and collection technologies, including different approaches to one-bin collection systems from around the country.
- On January 22 the committee heard presentations on recycling enforcement strategies, challenges and future plans from the District of Columbia, Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.

## Citizen Committee

[Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee](#) (ACPAC) (Maia Davis | [mdavis@mwkog.org](mailto:mdavis@mwkog.org))

- ACPAC met on December 15. The committee heard a presentation from GMU on public opinions on climate change in Maryland and Virginia and was briefed on the new multi-sector greenhouse gas working group.
- ACPAC met on January 12, the first meeting with several new committee members for 2015. The committee was briefed on the implications of the proposed new ozone standard and heard a

presentation from the Frameworks Institute on climate change communications and successful strategies for framing the conversation.

### **Supporting Technical and Policy Committees**

[MWAQC](#) and [MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee](#) (Sunil Kumar | [skumar@mwkog.org](mailto:skumar@mwkog.org) )

- MWAQC met December 17. The committee approved a resolution to support COG's greenhouse gas goals and multi-sector working group effort. The committee was briefed on implications of the proposed new ozone standard, the State Gold Book and the PM 2.5 plan update. The committee also heard a presentation from the Ozone Transport Commission on regional ozone transport impacts, challenges, and strategies for reducing the problem.
- MWAQC-TAC met on December 9 and January 13. The committee discussed the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and implications for local governments, the State Gold Book, the PM 2.5 plan update, the status of 2014 VIN data, COG's new multi-sector GHG working group, and the proposed new ozone standard. The committee was briefed on the results of Commuter Connections TERM analysis and the draft scope of work for the 2015 Air Quality Conformity Assessment.

[Transportation Planning Board](#) (TPB), [TPB Technical Committee](#), [TPB Travel Management Subcommittee](#) and [TPB Scenario Study Task Force](#) (Jerry Miller | [gkmiller@mwkog.org](mailto:gkmiller@mwkog.org))

- TPB met on December 17. The Board approved a resolution to support COG's greenhouse gas goals and multi-sector working group effort. The Board was briefed on the draft 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region, which includes the capital improvements, studies, actions, and strategies that the region proposes to carry out by 2040. The board was updated on the reconstitution of the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee and the TPB Community Leadership Institute.
- TPB met on January 21. The committee approved members for the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for 2015, and approved the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region. The board was briefed on the major projects submitted thus far for the 2015 CLRP, as well as the draft scope of work for the 2015 Air Quality Conformity Assessment.

[Planning Directors Technical Committee](#), Housing Directors Advisory Committee, and [Region Forward Coalition](#) (Paul Desjardin | [pdesjardin@mwkog.org](mailto:pdesjardin@mwkog.org) and Sophie Mintier | [smintier@mwkog.org](mailto:smintier@mwkog.org))

- The Planning Directors Technical Committee met on December 19. The committee was briefed on the MWAQC-CEPC request to reaffirm the COG GHG goals. The committee was updated on employment – space conversion factors and changes for the round 8.4 cooperative forecasts.
- The Planning Directors Technical Committee met on January 16. The committee was updated on the COG-ULI Washington partnership to offer Technical Assistance Panels focused on identifying priority, catalytic strategies to maximize the impact of investments in Activity Centers. The committee was briefed on a new WMATA GIS tool that will inform understanding of potential near-term Metrorail system pressures. The committee was also briefed on the PRESTO: Plan for Regional Sustainability Tomorrow project, which aims to develop, disseminate, and promote implementation of a sustainable development strategy for the Baltimore-Washington region.

## **Other Committees**

Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (formerly [Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#)) (George Hohmann | [ghohmann@mwkog.org](mailto:ghohmann@mwkog.org) )

- No new updates.

[Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee](#) (CPBC) (Heidi Bonnaffon | [hbonnaffon@mwkog.org](mailto:hbonnaffon@mwkog.org))

- CPBC met on November 21. The committee was briefed on highlights of ongoing CBPC and other water resource activities, issues of importance or potential impact to COG's members, and new issues that the region will need to monitor in 2015. The committee approved water resources additions for the COG Board's 2014 legislative priorities.
- CPBC met on January 16. The committee was briefed on priority legislative issues for 2015 and bills proposed at the national and state levels. The committee was updated on the status of Conowingo dam relicensing efforts and potential impacts for the Chesapeake Bay.

[Water Resources Technical Committee](#) (WRTC) (Tanya Spano | [tspano@mwkog.org](mailto:tspano@mwkog.org))

- On December 12, WRTC hosted a workshop "Quantifying Infrastructure Risk from Climate Change," which included an overview of recent work including the NASA project to downscale climate risks to the monumental core. The main presentation focused on a coastal hazard risk assessment framework the Navy is using to help protect infrastructure by mapping interdependencies (energy, water, communications, buildings, and other assets) and to analyze a variety of coastal storm elements including precipitation and resulting groundwater levels and flood elevations.