



REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, January 26, 2024

9:30 a.m. to NOON

3rd Floor COG Board Room

777 North Capitol Street NE

Meeting theme: Prosperity

Chairman: Takis Karantonis

9:30 A.M.

COFFEE / NETWORKING

10:00 A.M.

1. WELCOME

Takis Karantonis, Coalition Chair

- A. Leadership Transition – recognize 2023 Chair Jawando
- B. New member introductions and welcome
- C. COG Updates
 - a. 2024 meeting schedule
 - b. TPB TLC and other grants
 - c. Activity Centers Map update
 - d. HAPP – summer 2024
 - e. Other - TBD
- D. Coalition member updates

10:10 A.M.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS CONCERNING 2024 REGION FORWARD MEETINGS

Chairman Karantonis will discuss the proposed meeting schedule for the Coalition for 2024, and seek ideas from Coalition members for ways to make meetings informative, engaging and direction-setting.

10:15 A.M.

3. SCENARIO PLANNING PROJECT: FUTURE OF THE FEDERAL WORKPLACE IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Michael Sherman Director, Policy and Research Division, National Capital Planning Commission,
Angela Dupont, Senior Urban Planner, National Capital Planning Commission

The federal government is the region's largest employer and landlord, with more than 44 million square feet of leased space, and more than 118 million square feet of combined GSA owned and DoD controlled facilities. Mr. Sherman and Ms. Dupont will brief the Committee on findings from the just-released Federal Workplace Scenario Planning Project that seeks to assess the potential future space needs of the federal government due to changes in space utilization, workforce, and telecommuting.

10:40 A.M. 4. REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS
Dr. Terry Clower, Director Center for Regional Analysis, George Mason University

Dr. Clower will present an assessment of emerging economic trends in metropolitan Washington, including employment, population, housing, and federal spending. The presentation will describe both strengths and significant challenges the region is experiencing, and Coalition members will discuss opportunities for collaboration.

11:10 A.M. 5. LOCAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CURRENT ECONOMIC CHALLENGES
Mary-Claire Burick, President, Rosslyn Business Improvement District
David Iannucci, President, and CEO, Prince George's Economic Development Corporation
Ryan Hand, District of Columbia Office of Planning

Building on earlier presentations, a panel comprised of local planning, economic development and business improvement district representatives will discuss opportunities and challenges such as attracting and retaining businesses and workers; office and retail vacancies; and housing affordability. Panelists will engage with Coalition members to identify opportunities to collaborate and strengthen the region's economy and planning initiatives.

11:45 P.M. 6. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE AND OTHER BUSINESS

12:00 P.M. 7. ADJOURN

The next scheduled Coalition meeting is Friday, April 26