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# media report

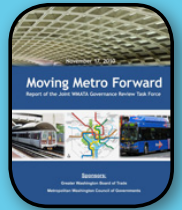
## Harrison, Principi, Mendelson Take Helm at COG

The COG Board of Directors elected its 2011 leadership at its January meeting. Prince George's Councilmember Andrea Harrison was chosen as Chairman, while Frank Principi, Prince William County Supervisor, and Phil Mendelson, District of Columbia Councilmember will serve as Vice Chairs. The selection of COG's new leadership was covered by *Washingtonian*, TBD, and *The Washington Post* websites.



## Metro Governance Report Continues to Gain Traction

The governors of Maryland and Virginia, as well as the Mayor of the District of Columbia released their plan for reforming WMATA. The plan draws extensively from the *Moving Metro Report* produced by the COG/Board of Trade sponsored Task Force. The plan's release was covered by *The Washington Post*, the *Washington Examiner*, TBD, and Greater Greater Washington.



## Congestion Report Garners Media Attention

The Texas Transportation Institute released its annual mobility survey in January, showing metropolitan Washington jumping from the third to first most congested region in the nation (tied with Chicago). Wendy Klancher, a Principal Transportation Planner, was among the COG/TPB staff interviewed by the media on the report and appeared on WUSA 9 to discuss the findings and what the TPB is going to help lessen traffic congestion in the region. Watch the clip on the COG Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MWCOG](http://www.facebook.com/MWCOG).

## Snowstorm Causes Lengthy Commutes, Power Outages, and Outrage

Following the snowstorm that hit during rush-hour on January 26, several regional leaders, including D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray, D.C. Councilmember Phil Mendelson, and Falls Church City Vice Mayor David Snyder were quoted in the media discussing the necessity of increased regional cooperation, through organizations like COG, during such events.

## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE



Two of COG's regional housing planners took part in this year's count of the region's homeless population in late January. They have shared first-hand accounts and reactions from their experience on COG's social media pages.

Read Alicia Lewis and Sophie Mintier's stories on [www.facebook.com/MWCOG](http://www.facebook.com/MWCOG) and [www.RegionForward.org](http://www.RegionForward.org).

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