

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMUNIQUE**

(Fourth report to COG Board; first report on October 12, 2005)

BILL IDENTIFICATION:

- **Legislative Body:** House of Representatives **Bill Number:** HR 3496
 - **Committee/Subcommittee:** Committee on Government Reform
 - **Name:** National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2005
 - **Primary Sponsor(s):** Davis (R-VA)
 - **Status of Bill:** Reported out of Committee
 - **Next Major Action Expected or Proposed:** Consideration on House Floor; timing unknown
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PURPOSE OF BILL: Provides for additional \$1.5 Billion federal contribution for capital and preventive maintenance projects for WMATA in increments over 10 years. Conditioned upon amendments to the compact providing for (1) dedicated funding by three compact jurisdictions in approximate like amount; (2) expanding WMATA Board of Directors to include 2 federal directors (one non-voting) and (3) creation of an Inspector General for WMATA.

Amendments (voice vote at Committee) provide for four federal directors (two voting) and a reduction in the limitations impacting local land use. Precise language is not currently available. Reported out on April 26, 2006 and placed on Union Calendar.

REGIONAL IMPACT: This bill tracks closely the recommendations of the Metro Funding Panel appointed by COG, the Board of Trade, and the Federal City Council. The bill also prohibits or limits certain property conveyances by Metro which negates local government zoning decisions.

RELATIONSHIP TO COG STRATEGIC PLAN/EXISTING COG POLICIES: Except for the limited land use implications, closely follows the COG adopted policies on Metro funding.

SPECIFIC JURISDICTIONAL IMPACT (IF ANY) / JURISDICTION CONTACT: Interferes with planning and zoning for the District of Columbia, the City of Takoma Park, and Fairfax County.

POSSIBLE COG BOARD ACTION(S):

Receive Information

Refer to COG Jurisdiction(s)

Refer to COG Committee for

for Information

for Action _____

Proposed COG Board Resolution

Supporting Bill

Opposing Bill

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None at this time.