

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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Washington, D.C. 20002

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DRAFT ROUND 8.2 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS  
OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR USE IN THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY  
ANALYSIS OF THE 2013 FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CLRP)  
AND THE FY2013-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 1975, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (hereinafter called the Council) authorized the development of a Cooperative Forecasting Program as a component of the Metropolitan Growth Policy Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Program is to provide current forecasts of population, households, and employment growth and change for use in metropolitan planning programs, including the Water Resources, Transportation Planning, Air Quality, Energy Resources, Metropolitan Development and Housing Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been actively engaged during the past year in developing the second update to the 8<sup>th</sup> major series of forecasts based on current regional development trends and new national and regional economic and demographic estimates, as the basis for further study of land use/transportation relationships to comply with Federal regulations implementing the Clean Air Act Amendments and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Forecasting Program has involved the active participation of the Council's participating governments, as well as Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, which have provided local population, household, and employment forecasts, documentation of methodology and assumptions upon which the forecasts are based, and related analyses for use in the process, and has involved full participation of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Maryland Office of Planning, and the National Capital Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, to further enhance coordination between regional land use and transportation planning, on February 12, 2003 COG adopted Resolution R8-03, which recommends that approval of each round of the Cooperative Forecasts should occur concurrently with the completion of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Financially-Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 18, 2013, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee recommended the draft Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts for use in this year's Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY 2013-2018 TIP and the 2013 CLRP;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT**

1. The Board hereby approves the Round 8.2 Forecasts attached as part of this Resolution;  
and
2. The Board charges the Region Forward Coalition and the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee with monitoring the Round 8.2 Cooperative Forecasts to identify any potential changes in assumptions about land use, transportation, and the region's economy and to modify the Round 8.2 Cooperative Forecasts as necessary.

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***The foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on February 13, 2013.***

***Barbara J. Chapman  
Executive Board Secretary***