

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, N.E.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING OPPOSITION TO ADDITIONAL SLOTS AND PERIMETER RULE CHANGES AT  
RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has a long-standing position on the governance and land use and noise compatibility policy at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, COG supports maintaining the existing slot rule of 67 landings and takeoffs per hour and a non-stop 1,250 mile perimeter rule at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, COG is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration as the air systems planning agency for the Metropolitan Washington region; and

**WHEREAS**, the slot and perimeter rules have been effective in “capping” noise at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, COG is involved in a continuing planning process for addressing the issues concerning the future development and impact of the region’s major commercial airports, as they relate to metropolitan and local community development goals and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-term growth of commercial aviation activity in the Washington-Baltimore region, particularly at Baltimore/Washington International and Washington Dulles International Airports, requires that long-term planning proceed to best accommodate that growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport’s important role in our region must be carefully balanced against its noise and environmental impacts on the residents of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Region continues to be adversely impacted by noise from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Region has not asked for expansion at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and has a stated policy of encouraging air service expansion at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The COG Board of Directors opposes efforts to usurp regional and local authority over airports and reaffirms its position opposing additional slots and perimeter rule changes at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.
2. The Chair of the COG Board shall communicate this position to: the Chief Elected Officials of all COG member jurisdictions; all members of the regional delegation of the United States Congress; the Chair and ranking members of the appropriate congressional committees; and the President of the United States.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on May 13, 2015.***

***Monica Beyrouti  
Clerk to the Board of Directors***