

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee  
Meeting Summary  
July 9, 2003**

**1. Call to Order, Approval of the May 14 Meeting Summary, and Announcements**

Chair Woodson called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 9:40 and thanked Committee members for coming at the earlier start time. Chair Woodson welcomed new MDPC member Fairfax County Supervisor Sharon Bulova.

The March 14, 2003 meeting summary was approved.

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that the COG Board would be holding their annual retreat on July 25 to 27 at Landsdowne Resort in Loudoun County. Mr. DesJardin also stated that Chair Woodson was to be a featured participant in a panel entitled “Enhancing Regional Development Policy” and distributed a summary outline for the session.

Mr. DesJardin also distributed copies of a map delineating the Census Bureau’s new re-definition of the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas.

**2. Report of June 9 and July 2 meetings of the Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC)**

Chair Woodson noted that the MDCAC President and Vice President were not present. Linda Hollis, Secretary of the MDCAC, stated that a subgroup of MDCAC members met on July 2 to primarily discuss the analysis of the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts. Ms. Hollis stated that she would share the results of that meeting during the agenda item pertaining to Round 6.3.

**3. Presentation of Final Draft Script for “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level”**

Mr. DesJardin stated that Take Aim Media staff, with assistance from members of the MDCAC and MDPC Smart Growth Work Group, has developed a final draft script for the “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” video project. Mr. DesJardin stated that, to ensure timely review and completion of the project COG staff developed a project schedule and committee review protocols matrix which was approved by the COG Board in May. Mr. DesJardin said that Take Aim staff had incorporated comments from the May MDPC meeting and from COG staff and work group members in the final draft script. Mr. DesJardin introduced Amy DeLouise, the president of Take Aim Media, who offered several suggestions concerning the script. MDPC members reviewed each page of the final script and suggested several minor editorial changes. COG staff made the modifications to present to the COG Board at noon for final approval.

**4. Analysis of Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts**

Mr. DesJardin stated that as part of the review and approval of the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts, during the March 12 and May 14 meetings MDPC members directed staff to prepare an assessment of the new projections. Mr. DesJardin stated that staff had presented a draft of the

analysis to the Planning Directors during their April and May meetings and had received additional guidance. Greg Goodwin, Diana Farina and Ryan Harris of the COG staff presented a compilation of tables, charts, and maps analyses showing the amount of projected growth by jurisdiction and Regional Activity Centers and Clusters. Ms. Hollis presented a white paper summarizing the MDCAC responses to the “framing questions” analysis of the new Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts.

## **5. Update on Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study**

Robert Griffiths of the TPB staff stated that staff had previously briefed the MDPC on the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study that will analyze alternative transportation and land use scenarios and that he had briefed the MDCAC on the project in April. Mr. Griffiths stated the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) had been working with the Regional Mobility and Accessibility Joint Working Group to refine the “Measures of Effectiveness” or “MOEs” that will be used to evaluate the alternative scenarios. Mr. Griffiths stated that the PDTAC and staff are working to develop traffic zone forecasts for five alternative land use scenarios: “High Household Growth”; “Transit-Oriented Development”; “Region Undivided”; “More Household Growth in Inner Areas”; and “More Job Growth In Outer Areas” and presented a summary document outlining the assumptions for each scenario. Mr. Griffiths stated that TPB staff would begin work to model the different scenarios later in July.

## **6. Presentation on Economic Trends and Commercial Construction Reports**

Greg Goodwin and Diana Farina of the COG staff presented, respectively, “Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 1997-2002” and “Commercial Construction Indicators, 2002 Summary”.

## **7. Adjournment**

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 10, 2003 at 10:00 a.m..