

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee
Meeting Summary
September 10, 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 10:00 a.m.

The July 9, 2003 meeting summary was approved.

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that the COG Board held their annual retreat on July 25 to 27 at Lansdowne Resort in Loudoun County. Mr. DesJardin also stated that Chair Woodson was a featured participant in a panel entitled “Enhancing Regional Development Policy” and distributed a summary outline for the session as well as handouts of the “Defining the Region” maps.

Mr. DesJardin also noted that the COG Board of Directors was now scheduled to give final approval of the Round 6.3 during their October 8 meeting.

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

MDCAC Vice Chair Lee Quill described the June 9 and July 2 meetings of the MDPC and noted that the results of that meeting had led to the MDCAC paper analyzing the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecasts.

3. 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. .

4. Commercial Development Trends Within Regional Activity Centers 1996 to 2002

Diana Farina stated that in July COG staff presented the 2002 report on commercial construction to the MDPC and COG Board, including information on projects located within the Regional Activity Centers and Clusters. Ms. Farina noted that the share of new commercial development in the Centers and Clusters was below the existing share of jobs and the forecast of future employment and that COG Board members inquired about historic trends in construction in the

Centers and Clusters. Ms. Farina presented an analysis of projects in COG's Commercial Development Inventory which were started during the last 6 years which documents that the region's share total square footage of new construction in the Regional Activity Centers has been below the share of development currently in the Activity Centers and Clusters.

5. 2004 American Planning Association (APA) National Conference

Judy Daniel, President of the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAC-APA) stated that on April 24 -28, 2004, the American Planning Association (APA) will convene their national conference in Washington, D.C. As a host committee for the Conference – the theme of which is “Celebrate Community” – Ms. Daniel stated that the NCAC-APA members have proposed a number of panel sessions. Richard Tustian, co-chair of the host committee, stated that chapter members would like assistance from COG staff for several of the sessions and invited MDPC members to attend the conference.

6. Adjournment

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m..