

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee  
Meeting Summary  
May 14, 2003**

**1. Call to Order, Approval of the March 12 Meeting Summary, and Announcements**

Chair Woodson called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00. The March 12, 2003 meeting summary was approved.

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff presented a letter to be sent from the COG Board to the Office of Management and Budget concerning the designation of the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas as a “combined” metropolitan area based on commuting trends and development patterns shown in the Census 2000 information. Ryan Harris of the COG staff briefed the Committee on COG Website Committee Management capabilities.

**2. Report of the Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC)**

Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC) Vice Chair Lee Quill stated that the MDCAC met on April 7, 2003 and was briefed on the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. Mr. Quill also stated that the MDCAC has provided additional comments to staff on the draft script for “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level”.

**3. Presentation of Protocols for Project Review ; Review of Revised Draft Script for “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level”**

Mr. DesJardin stated that staff, with assistance from members of the MDCAC and MDPC Smart Growth Work Group and Take Aim Media have developed a revised 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 has also developed a project schedule and committee review protocols. Mr. DesJardin said that Chair Woodson and former Chair Fiset will brief the COG Board on the project during their meeting at noon and seek approval of the schedule and review protocols matrix. Mark Weiser of Take Aim Media briefed Committee members on the revised script. The next meeting of the Work Group was set for June 11 at 10:00 a.m. and Committee members agreed to provide all comments and recommended script changes to COG staff by June 1.

**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, 2003 meeting 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 meeting 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. Committee members asked that staff prepare additional analyses including jobs to household ratio and proportion of growth inside and

outside of the Activity Centers and Clusters.

## **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 in July.

## **6. Adjournment**

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 9, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.