



Local governments working together for a better metropolitan region

Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Friday, July 16, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Meeting Room 1

District of Columbia

Bladensburg*

Bowie

College Park

Frederick

Frederick County

Gaithersburg

Greenbelt

Montgomery County

Prince George's County

Rockville

Takoma Park

Alexandria

Arlington County

Fairfax

Fairfax County

Falls Church

Loudoun County

Manassas

Manassas Park

Prince William County

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AGENDA

Welcome and Announcements

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Announcements

- Region Forward approval update
- COG Leadership Retreat and Work Session

Briefing on the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

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John Mataya

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During their July 14th meeting, the COG Board of Director approved a proposal to develop a regional grant application in response to the new HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. A total of \$100 million is available in FY 2010 to large, medium and small size regions. COG organized a steering committee and broader task force to guide this effort and both have been meeting frequently since April. HUD published the notice of funding availability for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant on June 23 and applications are due August 23. COG will apply for the grant on behalf of a regional consortium of multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector partners. COG staff will outline COG's proposed grant application process, structure and outcomes/deliverables, with a focus on developing a regional sustainability plan, focused on "complete communities" in a network of centers and corridors.

Briefing on Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington 2005 to 2009 and Commercial Construction Indicators 2009 reports

Gregory Goodwin

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COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report. COG staff will report the key findings in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 2005–2009*. The report presents key regional economic indicators, including population growth, employment, federal spending, construction activity, housing sales, income, retail sales, and the number of passengers at the

region's three major airports. In addition, COG staff will provide additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2009 Summary Report*. This report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, and relationship to Metrorail, commuter rail stations and COG's Regional Activity Centers. Commercial construction activity during 2009 was the 3rd lowest amount of space started since COG began tracking this information in the early 1980s.

Request for Assistance on “Urban / Rural” land area definition to support the Transportation Motor Vehicles Emissions Simulator

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COG is currently transitioning to EPA's new mobile source emissions model (MOVES - Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator), which requires VMT to be specified as to whether it occurs in urban or rural portions of a county. COG's Department of Transportation Planning (DTP) allocates VMT by urban and rural facilities for the suburban jurisdictions in our region. This allocation is based on the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) designation of urban and rural areas. DTP staff has base year data, but would appreciate the Planning Directors guidance since the urbanized boundary will likely be expanding in each county in the future and they may have some estimates in that regard as DTP currently maintains the same percentages for all the forecast years. The MOVES Task Force members have requested staff to investigate whether these percentages should be changed to reflect the jurisdictional land use forecasts.

Other Business

Adjournment

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Next Scheduled Meeting: September 17, 2010