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METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday July 14, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Place: COG First Floor Training Center
 777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
 Washington, DC 20002

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Hon. Michael Brown
 Councilmember, District of Columbia
 Chairman, Metropolitan Development
 Policy Committee*

- COG Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
- July 24-26 COG Board Leadership Planning and Work Session
- Region Forward local approval update
- Other announcements

9:45 a.m. 2. BRIEFING ON THE HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT

*Paul DesJardin
 John Mataya
 COG Department of Community
 Planning and Services*

In April 2010 the COG Board of Directors gave preliminary approval to begin developing 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 provided comments to HUD on the proposed new grant program in March. 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. Applications are due August 23. COG staff will outline COG's proposed grant application process, structure and outcomes/deliverables. COG will apply for the grant on behalf of a

regional consortium of multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector partners. During their meeting today at noon, the COG Board will be asked to approve COG's grant application in an amount not to exceed \$5 million, with 20 percent "leveraged resources" in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. The period of performance will not exceed 36 months.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Approve Action on Next Steps

10:15 a.m. 3. BRIEFING ON *ECONOMIC TRENDS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, 2005 TO 2009 AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS 2009 REPORTS*

*Gregory Goodwin
Ryan Hand
COG Department of Community
Planning and Services*

COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. 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.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing

10:40 a.m. 3. BRIEFING ON PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNIFORM PARKING PRACTICES AND COORDINATION DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES

*Melissa Rivford
COG Department of Public Safety and Health
COG/GW Institute for Regional Excellence*

Because the blizzards of 2010 buried the region under more snow than it had experienced in 100 years, COG Board Chairman Kwame Brown called for an After-Action Leadership Forum on Snow Response to begin collecting important lessons-learned from the experience. During the May meeting, the Committee was briefed on a request by the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) that the MDPC discuss, draft and coordinate a uniform parking response during the major snow events to facilitate plowing and access. Ms. Rivford will brief the Committee on proposed recommendations from a team from this year's COG/GW University Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Approve Recommendations

11:05 a.m. 4. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF MDPC BYLAWS
Hon. Mary Hynes
Arlington County Board

During the May meeting, Committee members discussed the need to review the current MDPC bylaws, particularly in their relation to future MDPC work program development to support implementation of the Region Forward / Greater Washington 2050 recommendations. A small task force convened to begin this effort, and Ms. Hynes will brief the Committee on the results of that discussion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps

11:15 a.m. 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
Committee Members

Committee members will discuss emerging issues in their jurisdictions or recommend topics that they would like the MDPC to address during subsequent meetings this year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Propose agenda topics and issues for discussion

11:25 a.m. 6. OTHER BUSINESS

11:30 a.m. 7. ADJOURNMENT



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