



GreaterWashington2050

## Planning Tools Task Force

### Greater Washington 2050 Planning Tools Task Force

Summary of Meeting #2: Friday, July 18, 2008

Attendees of the Second Meeting:

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| Harriet Tregoning* – D.C. Office of Planning      | Tom Dernoga* – Prince George's Co. Council |
| Alan Imhoff* – Alderman, City of Frederick        | Gregg Edwards* - CAPRA                     |
| Gerrit Knaap* – University of Maryland            | Monica Bansal* – COG/DTP Staff             |
| Colleen Mitchell* – D.C. Office of Planning       | Lee Ruck – COG/Legal Staff                 |
| Bihui Xu* – Maryland Department of Planning       | Stuart Freudberg – COG/DEP Staff           |
| Nikhil Kaza* – University of Maryland             | Greg Goodwin* – COG/DCPS Staff             |
| Nicole Hange** – COG/Legal Staff                  | Paul DesJardin – COG/DCPS Staff            |
| Stewart Schwartz** – Coalition for Smarter Growth | John Mataya – COG/DCPS Staff               |
| Lee Schoenecker** - APA                           | Rick Rybeck** – DDOT                       |
| Maureen Hart – Sustainable Measures               | Ted Graham – COG/DEP Staff                 |

\* Members of the Planning Tools Task Force

\*\* Members of the Planning Principles Task Force

At the second *Planning Tools Task Force* meeting we were joined by the members of Planning Principles Task Force. The charge of this task force is to “examine key plans and planning goals in the region and draft a statement of shared principles for review and adoption by the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition (Planning Principles, Summary of meeting #1). Below is a summary of the key topics addressed at the second meeting of the Planning Tools Task Force. The next task force meeting will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will held in Meeting Room # 1 on the first floor of the COG Building.

### Briefing of the Planning Principles Task Force

- Stewart Schwartz and Rick Rybeck provided an overview of their committee and the anticipated work products of the Planning Principles Task Force.
- Some shared regional principles/issues being considered include: land use, economic growth, environmental quality, transportation, affordable housing, population and demographics, health, climate and energy.
- A matrix is being developed to “depict the interrelationship among the focus areas, the identified core values and the proposed principles to address each...”

## Questions from the Principles Task Force

- Does the concept of Planning Tools go beyond metrics? Would be helpful to have other tools such as policies, zoning, taxation, etc.
- What level of specificity is reasonable for the principles?
  - Do set specific goals or list what should be measured/tracked
  - Need to start getting more specific; how do we move toward implementation
  - Need a core set of principles with a limited number of measures

## Review Homework Assignment

- Alan Imhoff discussed his indicators and the importance of the homework assignment and instructed task force members to complete the assignment by the first week of August.
- Task force members should email a list of indicators to Greg Goodwin by August 8th. COG staff will compile the responses by the next task force meeting.

## Scenarios Workshop Planning

- This item was discussed at the earlier coalition meeting.

## Action Items

- COG staff will compile a list of indicators that are currently being tracked at either the regional or jurisdictional level. These indicators will be pulled “off the shelf” and be based on subject matter from the different work programs of COG (Transportation, Environmental, Public Safety, Health, Community Planning and Services including economic measures). This list will be available at the next task force meeting. The goal of compiling this list is to not re-invent the wheel through this task force, but build on work previously completed.
- Gregg Edwards will submit several research summaries and how his research relates to the work of this task force. This material will be posted on the Greater Washington 2050 website for others to review.