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COG Climate Change Steering Committee

Friday, March 27, 2009

9:45 am – 12:00 noon**
COG Board Room (3rd Floor)

****Lunch will be available for Committee Members immediately following the meeting**

Agenda

1. COMMITTEE NETWORKING

9:45 am – 10:00 am

2. Call to Order, Review of 2/25/09 Meeting Summary and Amendments to the Agenda

10:00 am – 10:05 am..... *Hon. Nancy Floreen, Chair*

Council Member, Montgomery County

3. Montgomery County “Home Energy Loan Program – HELP”

10:05 am – 10:45 am..... *Hon. Roger Berliner, Montgomery County Council*

Council Member Roger Berliner will brief the Committee on innovative legislation he has introduced in Montgomery County to establish the “Home Energy Loan Program – HELP.” The program is designed to assist homeowners with implementing home energy retrofits to conserve energy and reduce their monthly energy bills. The program establishes a revolving loan fund with loan repayment made through the homeowner’s property tax bill.

Mr. Berliner will brief the Committee on his proposal. The possibility of implementing a similar program in other jurisdictions will be discussed, as well as the opportunity for regional collaboration on certain implementation elements including energy audits.

Recommended action: Receive briefing, discuss regional opportunities

4. Update on Energy Stimulus Funding Actions and Opportunities

10:45 am – 11:10 am..... *Joan Roblfs and George Nichols, COG*

At the last meeting of the Committee, a robust discussion on opportunities available to COG members from energy funding contained in the federal stimulus legislation took place. Since the last meeting a number of briefings and meetings have been held to inform members and consider the potential for collaborative proposals. Ms. Roblfs and Mr. Nichols will summarize these events and suggest areas of focus for regional initiatives.

Recommended action: Receive briefing, provide feedback and guidance to staff.

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Fairfax

Fairfax County

Falls Church

Loudoun County

Manassas

Manassas Park

Prince William County

**Adjunct member*

5. COG Climate Change Work Program for FY 2009/FY2010

10:50 am – 11:15 am..... *Joan Rohlfis, COG*

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members

Ms. Rohlfis will review the planned COG Climate Change work program for the balance of FY 2009 and FY 2010. The work program reflects recommendations of COG's adopted Climate Change Report and can be carried out using existing resources. Potential enhancements requiring additional funding are also identified. Members of an ad Hoc Subcommittee (Chair Floreen, Board Member Fisette, Mr. Shane, DC DOE) recently held a conference call where feedback was provided to staff, along with overall support for the proposed work plan.

Recommended action: Endorse recommendations and advance to the COG Board of Directors for consideration at its April 8, 2009 meeting.

6. Recommendation to COG Board on “Climate and Energy Policy Committee”

11:15 am – 11:35 am..... *Stuart Freudberg, COG*

Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members

The COG Board of Directors adopted the COG Climate Change Report on November 12, 2008. The report recommended creation of a COG Board policy advisory committee to oversee implementation of the report recommendations. The COG Board has requested a recommendation on the mission, role, and work program of the new committee for consideration and action at its April meeting.. Members of the ad Hoc Subcommittee discussed the proposed new committee mission and membership during their recent conference call. Mr. Freudberg will present the staff recommendations as refined based on the ad Hoc Subcommittee input.

Recommended action: Endorse recommendations and advance to the COG Board of Directors for consideration at its April 8, 2009 meeting.

7. Updates – Around the Room

11:35 am – 11:55 am..... *Chair Floreen, Committee Members and COG Staff*

Chair Floreen, Committee Members, and COG staff will provide updates on federal, state and local climate change initiatives affecting the region.

- *Maryland and Virginia legislative actions on climate and energy – State representatives*
- *COG Board Action on Workforce Competitiveness – Stuart Freudberg*
- *Greater Washington 2050 – Stuart Freudberg*
- *EPA Greenhouse Gas Proposed Reporting Rule – Joan Rohlfis*
- *Board of Trade Green Committee – Bob Grow*
- *Other Committee Updates – Committee Members and COG Staff*

8. Next Steps and Adjourn

11:55 am – 12:00 noon..... *Chair Floreen*



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