

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee
Meeting Summary
September 8, 2004**

1. Call to Order, Approval of the July 14, 2004 Meeting Summary, and Announcements

Chair Woodson called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00 a.m. The July 14, 2004 meeting summary was approved. Paul DesJardin of the COG staff distributed copies of a flyer announcing the November conference on the Federal presence in the region – “Surviving Security” – to be held at the National Academy of Sciences. Mr. DesJardin also updated the Committee on dissemination of the “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” CD, noting that recent major presentations included distributions by Fairfax County Supervisor Sharon Bulova to the County Board, and a presentation by COG Executive Director David Robertson to the Greater Washington Board of Trade’s Regional Development Task Force.

2. Report of the July 8, 2004 meeting of the Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC)

Chair Lee Quill described the July 8 meeting of the committee, noting that the result group was interested in convening a joint meeting with the MDPC. Mr. Quill also stated that MDCAC members are interested in working with member local governments through a venue such as a design charette. MDCAC member Kent Cooper distributed an outline of a proposed “workbook” to accompany the “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” CDs for use in “non-facilitated” presentations of the video to neighborhood associations and community groups.

3. Briefing and Action on the Round 6.4A Cooperative Forecasts of Employment, Population and Households

Robert Spalding, Chief of Planning for the City of Rockville and Chair of COG’s Planning Director’s Technical Advisory Committee stated that since the April 9, 2004 meeting, Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) members and COG staff have been monitoring the potential need for modifications to the Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts. Mr. Spalding stated that these modifications were based on local government assessments of changes in the number of jobs, population and households likely to occur due to the inclusion of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) in the 2004 Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Spalding stated that several COG member jurisdictions requested modifications to their forecasts and, during a special August 27 meeting, PDTAC members met to approve the Forecasts – the final updates to Round 6 – and to recommend that MDPC approve the projections. MDPC members discussed the forecast updates and approved them for use in the TPB’s Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the TIP and CLRP.

4. Briefing on the First Phase Results of the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study

Robert Griffiths, Director of Technical Services for COG’s Department of Transportation Planning briefed the Committee on the results of the first phase of the TPB’s Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study. Mr. Griffiths noted that this study is evaluating alternative land use and transportation options for improving regional mobility and accessibility. Mr. Griffiths stated that the first phase of this study examined the travel demand impacts of an enhanced Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan for the region with five alternative land use scenarios developed by the Planning

Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) and approved by the MDPC. Mr. Griffiths also stated that he will also brief the COG Board during their meeting at noon

5. Briefing on Housing Directors Work Program

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that, as part of an effort to better coordinate land use, economic growth and development, COG's Housing Directors Advisory Committee would now be a subcommittee of the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee. Mildrilyn Davis, Housing Director of the City of Alexandria and Chair of the Housing Directors Advisory Committee briefed the MDPC on activities of the Housing Directors and the Washington Area Housing Partnership, including a regional "Live Near Your Work" program, and a public education campaign on the need for affordable "work force" housing.

6. Adjournment

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 10, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.