

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 14, 2005**

**1. Call to Order, Approval of the July 13, 2005 Meeting Summary, and Announcements**

Chair Hewlett called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00 a.m. The July 13, 2005 meeting summary was approved. Charles Grier of the COG staff distributed an updated list of distribution to date of the Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level video.

**2. Report on Recommendations of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC)**

Mr. DesJardin summarized the land use and economic findings from the report, stating that the analysis was focused on two time periods – 2010 and 2020. Mr. DesJardin stated that for 2010, total projected employment for the Washington metropolitan region would be reduced due to the proposed BRAC changes by approximately -15,000 jobs compared to the Round 6.4A Forecasts. Mr. DesJardin said that several jurisdictions would see a reduction in projected employment, including Arlington County (-19,321 fewer jobs), the City of Alexandria (-7,539 jobs), and the District of Columbia (-6,508 jobs). Mr. DesJardin said that several jurisdictions would see an increase in projected employment, including Fairfax County (+14,506 additional jobs), Anne Arundel County, Maryland (+4,450 jobs), Prince William County (+2,500 jobs) and Prince George's County (+1,496 jobs). Mr. DesJardin said that while total 2010 employment in COG's Regional Activity Center Clusters would be about -1.2 percent lower than foreseen in Round 6.4A due to BRAC, the "I-95/Springfield Area" and "Bethesda/Friendship Heights" would see more jobs than were previously anticipated. Mr. DesJardin said that no changes in the projected number of households in the region are anticipated. For 2020, Mr. DesJardin said that total projected employment for the Washington metropolitan region would increase by approximately 13,700 jobs due to BRAC. Mr. DesJardin stated that projected employment in Fairfax County would increase by approximately 21,400 jobs, followed by Anne Arundel County (+5,361 jobs), Prince William County (+3,013 jobs), and Prince George's County (+1,557 jobs). Mr. DesJardin said that 2020 projected employment in Arlington County would total approximately -6,600 fewer jobs due to BRAC, followed by the District of Columbia (-4,511 jobs) and the City of Alexandria (-2,400 jobs). Mr. DesJardin said that approximately 8,500 additional households would be added to the region as a result of BRAC, with increases anticipated in Prince William (+3,000 households), Fairfax (+2,000 households) Stafford (+1,500 households) and Montgomery (+1,000) counties, and the District of Columbia (+1,000). Mr. DesJardin stated that on the BRAC Commission submitted its final report and recommendations to President Bush. Mr. DesJardin stated that following transmittal by the President, the Congress will have 45 days or until the end of their legislative session to approve the recommendations.

**3. Report on Activities of the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund (WAHTF)**

**Peggy Sand  
President, Washington Area  
Housing Trust Fund  
(WAHTF)**

Peggy Sand, President of the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund (WAHTF) stated that the fund was established in 2002. Ms. Sand said that the mission of the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund is to increase the number of homes affordable to Washington area workers through a flexible regional housing fund that provides loans to support homeownership and affordable

rental housing. Ms. Sand said that, since its inception, the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund has provided \$925,000 in funding leading to the creation or preservation of over 600 units of affordable housing. Ms. Sand also briefed the Committee on WAHTF activities, including capitalization needs and lending opportunities, and distributed copies materials including the WAHTF roster and a list of projects funded or supported by the Fund.

**4. Presentation on Regional Economic Trends and Commercial Construction Indicators Reports.**

Gregory Goodwin of the COG staff stated that COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. Mr. Goodwin presented key findings from the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 2000 – 2004*, 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. Charles Grier of the COG staff provided additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2004 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. More than 27.7 million square feet of space in 493 projects was initiated in 2004.

**5. Presentation on Draft Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP) for the National Capital Region**

Julia Koster of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) stated that NCPC prepares an annual Federal Capital Improvements Program (FCIP) for the National Capital Region. Ms. Koster presented a summary of the information in this year's recently adopted FCIP, including the location and value of proposed federal agency capital spending throughout the region, and the impact of BRAC on federal agency reporting.

**6. Other Business / Information Items**

Chair Hewlett asked whether there were additional information items, and there were none,

**7. Adjournment**

Chair Hewlett stated that the next meeting of the MDPC was scheduled for Wednesday, November 9. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

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COG Training Center

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