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**METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING NOTICE**

**\*\*\* NOTE SPECIAL START TIME \*\***

**Date:** July 14, 2004  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to Noon  
**Location:** Lobby Level – Training Center  
 777 North Capitol Street NE  
 Washington, DC 20002

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**AGENDA**

**10:30 a.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2004 MEETING SUMMARY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Councilmember Joyce Woodson  
City of Alexandria  
Chair, MDPC*

***Announcements***

- May 12, 2004 meeting summary
- COG Board Retreat July 23-25
- COG / NCPC federal government conference proposal
- Update on “Reality Check on Growth”
- COG Conference on Low Impact Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve May 12, 2004 meeting summary.

**10:40 a.m. 2. REPORT OF THE JULY 6 MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDCAC)**

*Lee Quill  
MDCAC*

Committee members will report on the July 8, 2004 meeting of the MDCAC.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps**

**10:50 a.m. 3. UPDATE ON MDPC / MDCAC “SMART GROWTH BEGINS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL” VIDEO**

*Paul DesJardin  
COG Staff  
Committee Members*

During the May 12 MDPC meeting, COG staff distributed copies of the final “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level”. Since the May meeting, staff has shared copies of the CD and Implementation Kit with numerous stakeholders throughout the region and made presentations to several key groups. Staff will update the Committee on this work and seek recommendations on next steps.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps****11:10 a.m. 4. PRESENTATIONS ON ECONOMIC TRENDS AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION REPORTS**

*Gregory Goodwin  
Diana Farina  
COG Staff*

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 present the key findings contained in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 1999 to 2003*. The report presents key regional economic indicators, including population growth, employment, 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 – 2003 Summary Report*. This report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, relationship to Metrorail and commuter rail stations, and in Regional Activity Centers. More than 31 million square feet of space in 524 projects was started in 2003.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing****11:30 a.m. 5. UPDATE ON THE ROUND 6.4 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS OF EMPLOYMENT, POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS**

*Greg Goodwin  
Diana Farina  
COG Staff  
Ronald Kirby  
COG/TPB Staff*

During the March 10 meeting, MDPC members reviewed and approved the draft Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts for use by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2004 Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and for subsequent approval by the COG Board later this year. During its June 16 meeting, the TPB reviewed the proposed scope of work for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis as well as the local transportation project submissions, including two proposed alignments for the Inter-County Connector (ICC). Staff will present additional information about the new Forecasts and discuss next steps in the approval process, including updates to the Forecasts by the region's Planning Directors.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps****11:50 a.m. 6. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
*MDPC Members***NOON 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: September 8, 2004**