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**METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING NOTICE**

**Date:** September 13, 2006  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m to Noon  
**Location:** \*\*\* Lobby Level – Training Center \*\*\*  
 777 North Capitol Street NE  
 Washington, DC 20002

**AGENDA**

**10:00 a.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2006 MEETING SUMMARY, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Hon. Sharon Bulova*  
*Vice Chairman, Fairfax County*  
*Board of Supervisors*  
*Chair, Metropolitan Development*  
*Policy Committee*

- New MWCOG jurisdictional “*In Focus*” reports
- Census American Communities Survey (ACS) summary
- Update on WAHP Toolkit Presentations / Outreach
- September 29, 2006 “Regional Green Buildings” Conference
- MDCAC appointments
- Other items

RECOMMENDED ACTION: July 12, 2006 meeting summary

**10:05 a.m. 2. BRIEFING ON COG BOARD DISCUSSION OF “ENVISION GREATER WASHINGTON” PROPOSAL**

*Hon. Jay Fisette*  
*Member, Arlington County Board*  
*Chairman, COG Board of Directors*  
*Hon. Thomas Dernoga*  
*Chairman, Prince George's County Council*  
*Vice Chair, MDPC*

As a follow-up to last year's “Reality Check on Growth” event, the Greater Washington Board of Trade convened the Potomac Conference 2006 Winter Meeting, “A Conversation About Our Region's Future”. During their March 8 meeting, the COG Board was initially briefed on the event, and endorsed COG's participation in a work group to evaluate establishing a multi-sector, multi-year regional visioning effort, in partnership with the Board of Trade and the Community Foundation of Greater Washington. During their July 28-30 retreat, members of the COG Board were briefed on the initial recommendations of the Envision Greater Washington (EGW) Organizing Committee. While there was general support for the stated goals and mission of the EGW project, there were also substantive questions and concerns voiced, and COG Board

members recommended that a working group be established to develop a recommendation for the COG Board's consideration in October. Mr. Fisette and Mr. Dernoga will brief MDPC on the Board discussion and seek recommendations from Committee members on next steps. Copies of the final "Envision Greater Washington" report will be distributed at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps**

**10:35 a.m. 3. UPDATE ON IMPACTS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) AND SECURITY-RELATED ACTIONS IN THE WASHINGTON REGION**

*Paul DesJardin  
COG Staff*

In 2005 COG and TPB staff analyzed the likely impacts of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations for the Washington region. In addition to the base-specific BRAC recommendations, DoD also recommended not renewing leases for many buildings in the region that do not meet the Department's anti-terrorism standards for design and security. Local government planning and economic development staff will brief the COG Board at noon on ways in which they are working to address changes in their jurisdictions anticipated as a result of the BRAC recommendations, and discuss opportunities for further action.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps**

**10:50 a.m. 4. PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB) LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE**

*Ronald Kirby  
Director, Department of  
Transportation Planning*

The regional activity centers maps and more recent work such as the Regional Accessibility and Mobility Study underscore the need to foster a stronger linkage between land use and transportation planning efforts in the National Capital Region. During their April 10 meeting, the COG Board was briefed on a proposed new initiative by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) to examine how the Constrained Long Range Plan can support promising land use and transportation strategies. Examples include ensuring that new transportation facilities are integrated with plans for concentrated, mixed-use development and supporting planning studies for promising land use initiatives and transportation facilities. Mr. Kirby will brief the Committee on similar efforts sponsored by other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in San Francisco, Atlanta and Vermont, and how the TPB proposes to develop a transportation and land use incentives program in the Washington region. The COG Board will be briefed on this proposal during their meeting at noon.

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

**11:10 a.m. 4. UPDATE ON REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTERS PROJECT**

*Charles Graves  
Chairman, Planning Directors  
Technical Advisory Committee*

**Gregory Goodwin**  
**COG Staff**

In April, the COG Board was briefed on the proposed work by the members of COG's Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) to update the Regional Activity Centers based upon the Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts. The PDTAC scheduled a special meeting with the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee on July 14 to begin review of the draft Activity Center map updates. Mr. Graves and Mr. Goodwin will brief the Committee on the results of the meeting and next steps in the review and approval of the Regional Activity Centers maps.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing**

**11:30 a.m.      6.      PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS AND  
COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS REPORTS**

**Gregory Goodwin**  
**Charles Grier**  
**COG Staff**

*(Note: this item was re-scheduled from the July meeting agenda)* 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 report the key findings in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 2001 – 2005*. the report presents key regional economic indicators, 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. In addition, COG staff will provide additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2005 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 24.4 million square feet of space in 430 projects was initiated in 2005. Findings from both reports are to be presented to the COG Board at noon.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing**

**11:50a.m.      7.      OTHER BUSINESS**

**MDPC Members**

**12:00 Noon      8.      ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 8, 2006**