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METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE

Date: July 12, 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 MAY 10, 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
- Update on WAHP Toolkit Presentations / Outreach
- September 2006 “Regional Green Buildings” Conference
- COG/GWU/IRE “Mansionization” team project report
- MDCAC appointments
- COG Board Retreat July 28-30
- Other items

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve May 10, 2006 meeting summary

10:10 a.m. 2. TRANSFERRABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE IN THE WASHINGTON REGION

Charles Graves, District of Columbia
Faroll Hamer, Montgomery County
Dr. Fern Piret, Prince George's County
Robert Brosnan, Arlington County

As of July 1, Virginia SB373 provides local governments in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the authority to utilize transferable development rights (TDRs) as a tool to guide and manage land use and growth. As requested by the MDPC during the May 10 meeting, members of COG's Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) will discuss local government experience in the Washington region in utilizing this important planning tool.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps

10:55 a.m. 3. BRIEFING ON “ENVISION GREATER WASHINGTON” WORK GROUP MEETINGS AND PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

*Hon. Jay Fisette
Chairman, COG Board of Directors
Committee Members*

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 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. COG Board Chairman Jay Fisette will update the Committee on the “Envision Greater Washington” Work Group, scheduled to brief the COG Board during their July 28-30 retreat.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps

11:15 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

11:30 a.m. 5. PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS REPORTS

*Gregory Goodwin
Charles Grier
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 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

- 11:50 a.m. 6. UPDATE ON REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTERS MAP PROJECT**
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. For their July 14 meeting, the PDTAC has scheduled a special meeting with the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee to begin review of the draft Activity Center map updates.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing

- 11:55 a.m. 7. OTHER BUSINESS**
MDPC Members

- 12:00 Noon 8. ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: *September 13, 2006*