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**METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
 MEETING NOTICE**

Date: March 9, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: Lobby Level – Training Center
 777 North Capitol Street NE
 Washington, DC 20002

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2005 MEETING SUMMARY, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Elizabeth Hewlett
 Chairman, Prince George's
 County Planning Board
 Chair, MDPC*

Announcements

- Update on COG Board Policy Focus on Growth
- Update on dissemination of "Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level"
- WAHP Public Education Campaign
- Other items

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve January 12, 2005 meeting summary.

10:10 a.m. 2. REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MDCAC)

*Lee Quill
 MDCAC*

Mr. Quill will report on the February 7 meeting of the MDCAC as well as upcoming appointment / re-appointment of Committee members.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps

10:20 a.m. 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE ROUND 7.0 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS OF EMPLOYMENT, POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

*James Zook
 Director, Fairfax County Department
 of Planning and Zoning
 Chairman, Planning Directors Technical
 Advisory Committee (PDTAC)*

Since 2002, the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee of the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been working on the first major update to the Cooperative Forecasts since 1999 – "Round 7". This work includes recalibration of COG's Regional Econometric Forecasting Model through an examination of national and regional job growth by industry, as well as the evaluation of other "key

factors” of economic and demographic change that will determine our region’s economic growth. During their February 11 meeting, the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the draft Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts. MDPC members will be asked to review and approve the Round 7.0 Forecasts for use by the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the TIP and CLRP, and for subsequent approval by the COG Board later this year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Round 7.0 Cooperative Forecasts for Use by TPB

10:50 a.m. 4. UPDATE ON “REALITY CHECK ON GROWTH” EVENT AND PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

*Paul DesJardin
COG Staff
Committee Members*

On February 2, the Washington District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI Washington) hosted “Reality Check on Growth,” a one-day participatory GIS-based exercise similar to those recently completed in Los Angeles and Utah. Nearly 300 regional political, business, development, community, and environmental leaders were invited to collaboratively analyze and develop alternative growth scenarios for our rapidly growing region. During the February 9 COG Board Meeting, Len Forkas of ULI Washington briefed the Board on the initial outcomes of the event and discussed proposed next steps. Paul DesJardin of the COG staff will summarize the event and proposed next steps by ULI Washington. Committee members will recommend next steps for MDPC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps

11:05 a.m. 5. BRIEFING ON OUTCOMES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2004 “SURVIVING SECURITY” CONFERENCE

*Julia Koster
National Capital Planning Commission*

On November 8, 2004, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), COG, the Greater Washington Board of Trade, and the Federal Facilities Council jointly-sponsored *Surviving Security: Building Federal/Local Partnerships in the Region*. The conference brought together senior public and private-sector leaders to examine the planning, urban design, and transportation system impacts of the federal government in our region in a post-9/11 environment. Ms. Koster will summarize the panel discussions at the conference and Committee members will recommend next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps

11:20 a.m. 6. HUD REGULATORY BARRIERS CLEARING HOUSE

*Will Zachman
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development (HUD)
Stan Houle
Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established the Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse to provide information to localities and states in identifying and overcoming regulatory

barriers to affordable housing. The Clearinghouse is Web-based and collects and disseminates information on the barriers. Mr. Zachmann and Mr. Houle will give an overview of the Clearinghouse and other services, and answer questions that Committee members might have concerning the program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and recommend next steps

11:45 a.m. 7. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS
MDPC Members

11:50 a.m. 8. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: *May 11, 2005*

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee
Meeting Summary
January 12, 2005**

1. Call to Order, Approval of the September 8, 2004 Meeting Summary, and Announcements

Chair Woodson called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00 a.m. The September 8, 2004 meeting summary was approved. Paul DesJardin of the COG staff distributed copies of the MDPC meeting schedule for calendar year 2005. Mr. DesJardin also noted that staff had distributed copies of an update on dissemination to date of the “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” CD.

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

Chair Lee Quill discussed the status of the MDCAC and indicated that Committee was seeking new appointments for 2005. Mr. Quill also stated that the Committee had lost several key members and would devote the next meeting of the group to developing work program items.

3. Update on “Reality Check on Growth” Event

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that on February 2, the Washington District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI Washington) will host “Reality Check on Growth” - a one-day participatory GIS-based exercise similar to those recently completed in Los Angeles and Utah. Nearly 300 regional political, business, development, community, and environmental leaders will be invited to collaboratively analyze and develop alternative growth scenarios for our rapidly growing region. Mr. DesJardin stated that on January 2004, ULI staff briefed the MDPC on the event and in February 2004, the COG Board adopted Resolution R9-04 recommending COG’s participation. Mr. DesJardin stated that COG staff had been active in all aspects of planning and preparation for the Reality Check on Growth event and that COG staff was working to ensure active participation from MDPC and COG Board members. Mr. DesJardin stated that the exercise had been modified to use Lego blocks together with the “Paint the Region” software.

4. Briefing on Tools to Analyze Growth in the Chesapeake Bay Region

Peter Claggett of the U.S. Geological Survey provided an overview of the urban growth modeling activities currently sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Program Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and discussed the Bay Program's role and future direction in growth modeling activities in the greater Washington and Chesapeake Bay regions.

5. Briefing on Outcomes from November 8 “Surviving Security” Conference

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed and will be re-scheduled.

6. Update on Housing Directors Work Program

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed and will be re-scheduled.

7. Other Business

In-coming MDPC Chair Elizabeth Hewlett presented a certificate of thanks to outgoing Chair JOuyce Woodson.

8. Adjournment

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.