

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee
Meeting Summary
May 11, 2005**

1. Call to Order, Approval of the March 9, 2005 Meeting Summary, and Announcements

Chair Hewlett called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00 a.m. The March 9, 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. Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that ULI staff was working to complete the summary report and video from the February “Reality Check on Growth” event.

2. Report of the April 2005 meeting of the Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC)

Chair Lee Quill stated that the Committee had not met during April and was working to present material to the MDPC during the next meeting.

3. Discussion of recent Department of Defense activities on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)

Calvin Smith, Director of Human Services, Planning and Public Safety for COG described recent articles in the Washington Post concerning U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) base realignment and closure (BRAC). Paul DesJardin of the COG staff distributed copies of the summary report from the Fall 2004 “Surviving Security” event and a partial listing of DoD leased facilities in the region that might be impacted. Committee members asked to be kept apprised of next steps in the BRAC and DoD relocation process.

4. Efforts to Conserve the Washington-Baltimore Region’s Green Network

Lee Epstein of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Kevin Schmidt of American Farmland Trust stated that the two organizations undertook a joint effort to assess the condition of the region’s open space assets, past and present attempts to conserve them, and the effects that a coordinated green network might have on future growth. The project mapped the region’s protected lands and collected conservation status information from state and local sources—creating a "greenprint" for conservation. Mr. Epstein and Mr. Schmidt discussed the report and next steps in the project.

5. Update on “Reality Check on Growth” Event and Proposed Next Steps

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that during the March 9, 2005 MDPC meeting, Committee members approved the draft 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. Mr. DesJardin stated that Committee members approved the Forecasts subject to a

minor revision for Fort Belvoir and additional work by the Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee (PDTAC) to assess the likely transportation and other impacts of the Forecasts. Mr. DesJardin stated that during their March 16 meeting, the TPB discussed the draft Round 7.0 Forecasts and memorandum. Mr. DesJardin presented a PowerPoint show which included a slide stating that the region could need up to 487,000 households in addition to those already anticipated in the Round 7.0 Forecasts. Mr. Zook stated that PDTAC members agreed that the Round 7.0 Forecasts were the most reasonable projections given current plans and zoning, following a discussion concerning the jobs and housing imbalance noted by the D.C. Office of Planning staff for the 2020 to 2030 forecast period. Mr. Kirby discussed efforts in the San Francisco Bay area to use transportation toll revenues to identify and assist in the re-development of underutilized parcels and properties. Chairman Hewlett and Committee members agreed to schedule a special meeting of the MDPC on June 8 to further discuss the implications of the Round 7 Forecasts.

6. Report on Activities of the Housing Directors Advisory Committee (HDAC)

Since 2004, COG's Housing Director's Advisory Committee (HDAC) has been a technical Subcommittee of the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee. Thomas Thompson, Director of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community and 2004-2005 HDAC Chair briefed the Committee on recent activities of the Housing Directors, including efforts to increase the supply of affordable homes.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

There were no additional items. Chair Hewlett adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.