

# COG FARM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

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December 5, 2025

**Welcome! The meeting begins at 10 am**

Please enter your name and affiliation in the chat.



Metropolitan Washington  
Council of Governments

**This meeting is being recorded  
and transcribed for notes.**

**AI notetakers will not be admitted.**

# Reminders for Today's Meeting

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- If you are joining online, please share your name and affiliation in the chat.
- Participants will be muted.
- Verbal discussion during the meeting is prioritized for FARM Members.
  - Members, please use the hand raise function to speak.
- All participants are encouraged to use the chat to pose questions or share observations, announcements and resources.
  - Any participating media are requested to participate as observers. COG staff are happy to follow up on questions after the meeting.

# **Item 5. Member Discussion**

## **Shutdown Update & 2025 Takeaways**

# 2025 FARM Meetings

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February 14<sup>th</sup>: First FARM Meeting of the Year

- Focus on Avian Influenza with MD Department of Agriculture, MD Department of Health, VA Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

March 14<sup>th</sup>: FARM Member Retreat in Montgomery County

- Hosted at the Montgomery County Office of Agriculture

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Second FARM Meeting of the Year

- Capital Area Food Bank Update
- Regional Food Waste and Composting Panel

July 18<sup>th</sup>: July Policy Forum on impacts of HR 1 on food security, healthy food access, farmers.

# 2025 FARM Meetings (continued)

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September 12th: Joint Policy Meeting with the Human Services Policy Committee

- Roundtable with CAFB, MD Food Bank, Loudoun Hunger, and VA Federation of Food Banks
- State legislator remarks

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Farm Tour

- Link to video:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7386136780762144768/>

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Last FARM Committee Meeting of 2025

December 16<sup>th</sup>: FARM Work Groups' Summit on Regional Food Aggregation & Distribution

# Proposed 2026 Meeting Topics

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- Please use the below-linked poll to rank the proposed meeting topics for next year in order of your preference. Your input will help the FARM Policy Committee prioritize discussions and initiatives that best serve our members and stakeholders.
- Link: [FARM Policy Committee 2026 Meeting Topics – Fill out form](#)

