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ABOUT COG

In the DMV, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the one place that regularly connects area leaders—across jurisdictions and disciplines—to address regional issues and plan for the future. COG is an association of 24 local governments with a membership of 300 local, state, and federal elected officials. We invite you to learn more about COG's wide range of programs and services for its member governments, partner organizations, and the public.



Transportation Planning

CREATING A MORE CONNECTED REGION

► **Transportation Planning Board**—COG ensures major transportation projects receive federal funding and approvals. These projects must be included in the National Capital Region Transportation Plan (NCRTP) of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at COG, the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization.

NEW ► **Visualize 2050**—Visualize 2050, the current NCRTP, was approved in 2025. The plan consists of highway and transit projects totaling \$297 billion that the region expects to fund through 2050.

► **Travel demand modeling**—The TPB models the region's forecast growth and land use along with planned transportation investments to project the performance of the transportation system. These forecasts help inform and revise land use and transportation decisions for a better future.

► **DMVMoves**—COG is working with partners to advance DMVMoves, the region's unified vision for world-class transit. This includes securing new funding for Metro and local transit systems and developing a transit integration action plan, through the TPB, to create a more seamless network.

► **Commuter Connections**—COG provides free services and programs to assist employers and commuters with making smart choices about their commuting needs, including the new CommuterCash incentive program.

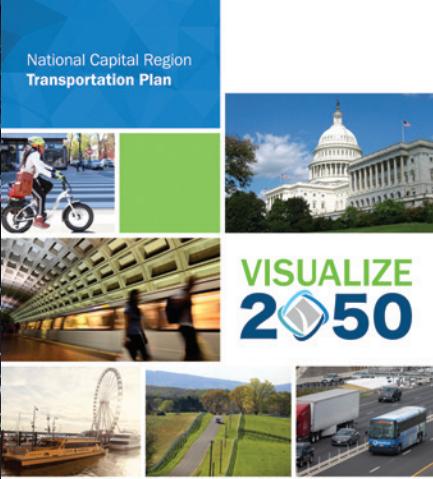
► **Bike to Work Day**—COG organizes the annual event encouraging green, cost-efficient commutes and featuring 100+ "pit stops" regionwide.

► **Street Smart**—COG manages the region's public awareness campaign for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to improve roadway safety.

► **MATOC**—COG convenes the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) program, a partnership of transportation agencies sharing real-time information to enhance incident management.

► **Roadway Safety**—A participant in the federal Allies in Action initiative, the TPB is funding local roadway safety projects, enhancing data collection, and working to foster agreements on ticket reciprocity to hold dangerous drivers accountable.

► **Airport access**—COG forecasts future air passenger and cargo needs, developing plans for improving how people and goods get to and from the region's three major airports.



Transportation continued

- ▶ **Transportation resilience**—With a new resilience plan and mapping tool, the TPB is working with its members to help identify and reduce risks posed by natural hazards to transportation infrastructure.
- ▶ **Enhanced Mobility**—The TPB selects projects for the Federal Transit Administration program for specialized transportation for older adults and people with disabilities (\$10M, biennially).
- ▶ **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program**—The TPB selects projects for non-highway, smaller-scale projects (more than \$9M annually) which is part of the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.
- ▶ **Local Technical Assistance Programs**—The TPB's Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) program provides consultant services for small planning projects supporting mixed-use, walkable communities and transportation alternatives. (\$9.2M since 2007, awarded annually)

The TPB's Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP) provides technical assistance to local planning and engineering safety related projects. (\$2.1M since 2021, awarded annually)

The TPB's Transit Within Reach (TWR) program funds design and preliminary engineering projects to help improve bike and walk connections to existing and planned high-capacity transit stations. (\$744K since 2021, awarded biennially)

NEW

- ▶ **Transportation Surveys**—In early 2026, the TPB released the State of the Commute Survey, the region's most in-depth report on travel to work. The TPB will also be conducting its Regional Travel Survey, capturing detailed information on all daily trips. Both surveys inform the TPB's regional planning work.



CASH IN ON COMMUTING!



Homeland Security & Public Safety

CREATING A SAFER REGION

- ▶ **Mutual aid**—COG establishes mutual aid agreements for local governments to ensure first responders and resources are available during emergencies, in real time, to help neighboring jurisdictions.
- ▶ **Public safety briefings/trainings**—COG regularly convenes area officials, including the region's police and fire chiefs, emergency managers, and 9-1-1 directors, to focus on coordinating across multiple agencies on a variety of planned events as well as emergency scenarios.

NEW

- ▶ **Crime data sharing**—COG, in partnership with area police departments, maintains a near real-time, regional crime dashboard to provide law enforcement, area leaders, the media, and public with more current, consistent data in one place.

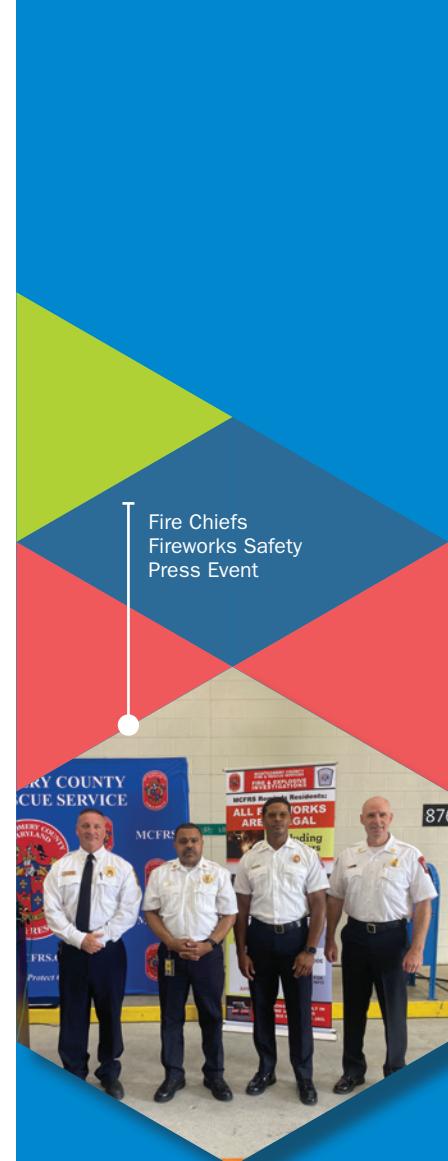
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- ▶ **Regional public safety programs**—COG manages cross-jurisdictional public safety information sharing projects like fingerprint identification systems and license plate readers.

- ▶ **Homeland security**—COG helps officials continually assess risks and make investments to enhance preparedness. Given recent reductions to federal funding, officials are collaborating on a transition plan to end reliance on the federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program.

- ▶ **RICCS**—COG runs the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS) providing 24/7 notifications that allow area officials at the local, state, and federal levels to communicate during emergencies.

- ▶ **Winter weather coordination**—COG oversees planning and convenes “snow calls” that include the Office of Personnel Management, the National Weather Service, transportation agencies, and COG members.



Fire Chiefs
Fireworks Safety
Press Event



Public Safety
Leadership
Program
graduates





Environmental Programs

CREATING A HEALTHIER REGION

- ▶ **Air quality planning/alerts**—COG coordinates air quality planning and monitors pollution, issuing air quality forecasts and health advisories to the public when the air is unhealthy.
- ▶ **Chesapeake Bay & Potomac River restoration**—COG helps members voice local concerns, measure progress, and share best practices related to wastewater treatment and stormwater management.
- ▶ **Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership**—COG leads a consortium of government agencies, partner organizations, and residents taking action, including overseeing a major, four-year cleanup and new app and signage for reporting large trash for removal.
- ▶ **Water supply/security**—COG convenes the region's Drought Coordination Committee to issue watches and warnings, supports coordination during emergencies, and is helping lead a new backup water source study for the region.
- ▶ **Regional wastewater agreement**—COG brokered and manages the pact providing support to users of the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant, which treats approximately 50 percent of the region's wastewater.

NEW

- ▶ **Climate planning**—In 2026, COG is releasing a new, mid-course review of progress toward the 2030 regional climate goal. COG is also continuing to help its members implement actions to reduce emissions and build resiliency.

- ▶ **Electric vehicles**—COG is supporting expanded deployment of electric vehicles through a working group and technical resources focused on planning a more consistent system regionwide and accelerated deployment of charging infrastructure.
- ▶ **Solar energy**—COG is working with members and partners to accelerate the deployment of solar installations regionwide and advance COG's 2030 solar goals.



Environment *continued*

NEW

► **Food system resilience**—COG coordinates efforts to improve food security and grow a more connected food and farm economy, including a new Local Food Procurement Challenge for governments to shift a portion of their food spending to local products or make investments to support local agriculture.

► **Urban forestry**—Following adoption of regional tree canopy goals, COG is working with members and partners to advance preservation and enhancement strategies and monitor conditions in metropolitan Washington.

► **Environmental outreach**—COG supports the Clean Air Partners public education program, the DMV Climate Partners website on local climate-related activities, as well as campaigns on recycling, wise water use, and protecting household plumbing.

Member Outreach



Data Centers Series

Strategic Initiatives & Member Services

NEW

► **Data centers series**—In 2026, COG is organizing a series of forums focused on strengthening local governments' understanding of the data center and AI sectors and providing insight into key planning considerations.

► **Member engagement/outreach**—Staff visit member county and city boards to share COG's programs and services and learn about local priorities. COG also holds events like its annual leadership retreat, membership awards reception, and Capital Caucus convening with state lawmakers.

► **Legislative priorities**—COG fosters relationships with state and federal officials and produces an annual set of legislative priorities to advocate on behalf of the region.

► **Communications**—COG regularly promotes its members, staff, and programs through a variety of communications, including extensive media outreach as well as through newsletters, social media, and videos.

Research & Data

COG staff are a trusted source of regional information, providing members with data and tools to inform decision-making, including:

- ▶ **Daily newsletter of media stories**, COG's *Regional Roundup*, is provided free to members and partners as well as a variety of monthly newsletters on COG and TPB programs and data.
- ▶ **Economic trends dashboard**, featuring information on employment, inflation rates, and new housing permits.
- ▶ **Regional Activity Centers map**, a planning tool that guides sustainable growth, infrastructure investment, and stronger land use and transportation coordination.
- ▶ The TPB's **Transportation Resources and Applications (TRAP) page** provides a variety of maps, databases, visualizations, and other resources.
- ▶ **Commuting and travel trends**, like the *State of the Commute Survey* and *Regional Travel Survey*.
- ▶ Federally required **point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness** and annual report.
- ▶ Drinking water supply monitoring and **drought reports**.
- ▶ **Electric Vehicle Clearinghouse** featuring EV funding, incentives, laws and regulations, local plans, and a charging station locator.

Leadership Development

COG helps prepare future leaders through a variety of learning opportunities.

- ▶ **COG's Learners Program**—An innovative initiative that builds job-ready technology talent, embedded on-site within a local government, where participants receive hands-on training and work on real-world projects.
- ▶ **Public Safety Leadership**—Three-part seminar for homeland security and public safety professionals.
- ▶ **Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE)**—A yearlong program of COG and The George Washington University—graduates become Certified Public Managers.
- ▶ **Community Leadership Institute (CLI)**—This TPB program teaches community leaders about how, where, and when transportation decisions are made in the region, and encourages them to get involved.
- ▶ **Rekindle the HR Connection**—COG's new annual conference for Human Resources professionals to stay informed on the latest trends and strategies.

Cooperative Purchasing

COG members save money and time through regional bulk purchasing and contracting opportunities. COG also partners with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council on the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT) to further expand the program's reach.

- ▶ **Member-only cooperative contracts** result in larger volume and better unit pricing. More than 40 agencies across the region participate in COG's Cooperative Purchasing Program saving more than \$2M annually.
- ▶ The **MAPT Rider Clause** allows members to join hundreds of contracts and avoid the need to do in-house bidding.
- ▶ **Contracts are available** for items such as: Diesel Fuel and Biodiesel; Gasoline; Interoperable Radios; Chemical/HAZMAT equipment; Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Gear.



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CLI Program



HR Conference