



COOPERATIVE FORECASTING AND DATA SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting Only

AGENDA

- 10:00 A.M.** **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Elizabeth Hardy, Principal Planner & Demographer, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development, Chair
- 10:05 A.M.** **2. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Staff will update the committee with updates and announcements
- 10:10 A.M.** **3. WASHINGTON AREA ECONOMY: PERFORMANCE AND OUTLOOK**
Keith Waters, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Center for Regional Analysis and Stephen S. Fuller Institute, George Mason University
- Dr. Waters will present to the committee about key economic indicators for the Washington region. The presentation will highlight the region's unemployment rate, annual job change, federal procurement spending, inflation, interest rates, and other key economic indicators.
- 10 minutes for Q & A
- 10:50 A.M.** **4. THE HOUSING COST AND AFFORDABILITY – A STUDY FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
Kui Zhao, AICP, Planning Supervisor, Prince George's County Planning Department
- Ms. Zhao's presentation explores housing cost burden by race and ethnicity, household income, and age by using the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, 5-Year estimates.
- 5 minutes for Q & A

- 11:20 A.M.** **5. UPDATE ON COOPERATIVE FORECASTING METHODS SURVEY WORKING GROUP**
Elizabeth Hardy, Chair and Brian Engelmann, Demographer, Prince William County

The Subcommittee is surveying its members on methods used by COG jurisdictions in the Cooperative Forecasting process, and on potential research topics to support improved outcomes. Ms. Hardy will review the draft survey document and discuss next steps for the Working Group.

- 11:30 A.M.** **6. UPDATE TO SUGGESTED BASELINE EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES MEMO YEAR 2024 PRESENTATION**
John Kent, Regional Planner, COG Department of Community and Economic Services

Mr. Kent will present the update to the Suggested Baseline Employment Estimates Memo, using 2024 data from Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Community Survey and S&P Global.

- 11:55 A.M.** **7. OTHER BUSINESS**
Subcommittee Members and COG Staff

- 12:00 P.M.** **8. ADJOURN**

Next Meeting: May 12, 2026