



GreaterWashington2050

## Planning Tools Task Force

### Greater Washington 2050 Planning Tools Task Force

Summary of Meeting #1: Thursday June 19, 2008

Attendees of the First Meeting:

Harriet Tregoning – D.C. Office of Planning	Tom Dernoga – Prince George's Co. Council
Alan Imhoff – Alderman, City of Frederick	Gregg Edwards - CAPRA
Uwe Kirste – Prince William County	Monica Bansal – COG/DTP Staff
Colleen Mitchell – D.C. Office of Planning	Lee Ruck – COG/Legal Staff
David Costello – Maryland Department of Planning	Stuart Freudberg – COG/DEP Staff
Nikhil Kaza – University of Maryland	Greg Goodwin – COG/DCPS Staff

At the first *Planning Tools Task Force* meeting we discussed anticipated products of the group's work, timeline for those products, what types of metrics may be used in the region to measure progress toward regional goals. We also considered planning a workshop to broaden the Coalition's thinking about the future state of our region and how that exercise might inform other COG efforts such as the TPB Scenarios Study. Below is a summary of the key topics addressed at the first meeting, along with 'homework' for each participant to complete roughly one week prior to the next task force meeting which will be July 18<sup>th</sup>, noon to 1:30 (immediately following the next 2050 Coalition meeting). The meeting will held in Meeting Room # 1 on the first floor of the COG Building and lunch will be provided.

#### Anticipated Products - key deliverables of the Planning Tools Task Force

- List of analytical/planning tools for use at local and regional levels
- Implementation tools for regional plan
- Metrics or indicators of success at local and regional levels
- Predictions Planning Report (outcome of workshop)

#### Timeline

- Products of Greater Washington 2050 Coalition targeted for completion in June of 2009
- Planning Tools Task force products targeted for completion in January of 2009.

#### Evaluation Metrics

- How will the region and local jurisdictions evaluate progress toward goals? What reasonable set of measurable factors will provide a snapshot of progress? How routinely should they be measured? Common measures:
  - VMT
  - Proportion of mixed-use or compact development
  - Availability of affordable housing
- What types of indicators should we consider that impact how our region is perceived?

**Homework:** List approximately six things that your jurisdiction is currently measuring, and list one new measure that you think will be important over the next 5-10 years. Please email responses to Gregory Goodwin [ggoodwin@mwkog.org](mailto:ggoodwin@mwkog.org) by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Workshop Planning**

The Planning Tools Task Force would like to plan a one day workshop for Greater Washington 2050 members in August or September. If successful, a version of this workshop might be replicated in the spring for a larger audience of stakeholders and public representatives.

#### *Workshop Goals:*

- to share results/processes/techniques of effective long term planning
- to envision/predict various future states of our region
- to identify tools that are available for local leaders/planners to use in their jurisdictions
- to identify actions that jurisdictions can take to implement the regional plan

#### *Planning*

- Look to private sector (Royal Dutch Shell) for examples of scenario planning efforts
- Refer to examples of public scenario planning, America 2050, NYC
- Definition of “scenario” for TPB Scenario Planning process is narrower, limited to rearranging growth. This process is broad, considering full range of possibilities.