



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

### AGENDA

- 11:30 A.M. LUNCH WITH REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**
- 12:00 P.M.**
- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
*Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair*
  - 2. CHAIR'S REPORT**  
*Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair*
  - 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
*Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director*
    - A. FY2025 Second Quarter Financial Report
  - 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**  
*Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair*
  - 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2025**  
*Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair*

**Recommended Action: Approve minutes.**
  - 6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  
*Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair*
    - A. Resolution R6-2025 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant to execute the “Comprehensive Invasive Plant Management in Fairfax County Parkland and Public Spaces” Project
    - B. Resolution R7-2025 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to conduct Phase 40 of the Continuous Airport System Planning (CASP) Program

**Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R6-2025 and R7-2025.**

**12:15 P.M.      7. REFLECTIONS ON AND RECOGNITION OF THE REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 29 MID-AIR COLLISION**

*Scott Boggs, COG Homeland Security and Public Safety Managing Director*

*John A. Donnelly, Sr., District of Columbia Fire and EMS Chief*

*Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager*

*Tiffany D. Green, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Chief*

*Rich Madaleno, Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer*

The board will be briefed on the response to the January 29 mid-air collision near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and recognize the agencies and organizations throughout the region for their contributions.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R8-2025.**

**12:55 P.M.      8. DCA TOGETHER RELIEF FUND**

*Tonia Wellons, Greater Washington Community Foundation President & CEO*

*Nicole Acosta, President & CEO, Community Foundation for Loudoun and*

*Northern Fauquier Counties*

*Heather Peeler, President & CEO of ACT for Alexandria*

*Renée Yancey, President and CEO, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia*

*Jennifer Owens, President & CEO of Arlington Community Foundation*

The board will be briefed on the DCA Together Relief Fund established to provide aid to families of Flight 5342 and the Army Black Hawk, first responders, and nonprofit organizations supporting recovery efforts. The goal is to provide immediate and long-term assistance, ensuring that those affected receive the care, resources, and support they need during this difficult time.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**

**1:15 P.M.      9. MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS UPDATE**

*Theresa Kuhns, Maryland Municipal League Executive Director*

*Dean Lynch, Virginia Association of Counties Executive Director*

The board will be briefed on priority legislation for local governments in the current Maryland and Virginia legislative sessions.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing.**

**1:40 P.M.      10. EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED MEETING**

*Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair*

Pursuant to Board Rules of Procedure 4.08 and 4.09, the Board will vote to hold an Executive Session/Closed Meeting of Board Members only for discussion of two matters:

1) personnel matter – annual evaluation of COG's Executive Director; and

2) discussion of property in which COG has an interest and consultation with legal counsel as pertains to this matter.

**Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R9-2025.**

**1:55 P.M.      11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2:00 P.M.      12. ADJOURN**

The next COG Board Meeting will take place in-person on Wednesday, March 12 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

# **AGENDA ITEM #2**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

# **AGENDA ITEM #3**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COG Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Director's Report – February 2025  
**DATE:** February 12, 2024

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## POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

**National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)** – In January, the TPB discussed its 2025 focus areas: Visualize 2050 National Capital Region Transportation Plan approval, roadway safety, implementation of climate change recommendations, and bolstering the region's transportation resilience. The board approved nearly \$3 million for DC transportation projects, including \$2.1 million to rehabilitate the Capital Crescent Trail. Other items included the approval of a new TPB Community Advisory Committee cohort, inclusion of Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) projects in Visualize 2045, and review of preliminary 2025 transit asset management targets and the draft FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.

**Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)** – At its January meeting, CEEPC discussed the 2025 outlook for the committee, including discussing focus areas and legislative priorities. CEEPC also had in depth discussions on priorities for the new projects, including a climate goals mid-course review, a potential regional climate outreach and education initiative, and engagement for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant comprehensive climate plan development.

**Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC)** – At its January meeting, the committee received a federal legislative update covering the new Congress, committee assignments, and the upcoming reconciliation package. The committee also received an overview of key legislative issues in Maryland and Virginia, focusing on budget concerns and specific bills that could affect local wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater management. Additionally, there was a presentation on



### Building Bridges for a Stronger DMV Region

Partnership is at the heart of the Council of Governments' work, and in 2024, COG launched some of its most ambitious collaborations yet, such as the DMVMoves transit initiative, a major backup water supply study, and new efforts to enhance public safety coordination.

Learn more about this collaborative work and how COG is building on these initiatives in 2025 in COG's annual report and corresponding video.

[View the annual report & video](#)

the Potomac Secondary Source Study, highlighting the project's goals, its current status, and next steps.

**Food and Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Policy Committee** – The FARM Chairs reached out to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees in the Virginia General Assembly to highlight budget amendments that would positively impact food security.

**Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC)** - At the January HSPC meeting, committee members were briefed by representatives from the District of Columbia, Prince George's County, and Virginia Social Services on Kinship Care for families, which focuses on moving from a child welfare system to a "child and family wellbeing system." Members also received an overview of the District of Columbia's Office of the State Superintendent of Education and the Low-Income Investment Fund research detailing childcare infrastructure in the District of Columbia.

## OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Electrifying the Future Forum** – On January 30, COG and the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition hosted a forum, Electrifying the Future: Strategies for Climate Pollution Reduction, at the Washington Auto Show. This event, which brought together more than 100 participants, including elected officials, environmental planners, and fleet managers, examined the current state of vehicle electrification in the metropolitan Washington region and provided an outlook to sustain growth and further expand EV usage.

**Winter weather tips** - Area utilities on COG's Community Engagement Campaign (CEC) have been raising awareness about the impacts of winter weather on our water resources and infrastructure. With a few simple actions, residents can protect their home's pipes and prevent harmful runoff into the region's streams, rivers, and reservoirs by using winter salts wisely.

**Point-in-Time Count** - On January 29, COG housing staff joined with volunteers in the District of Columbia to participate in the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of persons experiencing homelessness. On January 22 and 29, area jurisdictions conducted their annual counts, which are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will inform COG's regional report on homelessness that is released in the spring.



### Allies in Action

The Transportation Planning Board joined nearly 200 organizations around the country in pledging to be part of the federal Allies in Action initiative. By becoming an ally, the TPB is committed to increasing roadway safety in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia, while providing \$480,000 in technical assistance grants and continuing to sponsor and implement the Street Smart safety campaign.

[Learn more about the initiative](#)

**Application Period Open: Technical Assistance Programs** - The TPB is accepting applications for the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP). The programs offer short-term consultant services up to \$80,000 for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for design projects. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a TPB member is eligible to apply. Applications are due March 7, 2025.

[Learn more & apply](#)

**Inauguration planning** – DHSPS supported information sharing with the region regarding public safety plans and impacts regarding the three National Special Security Events – the 2025 Counting and Certification of Electoral Votes, Former President Carter’s State Funeral, and the 60<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration. This was the first time in history three of these types of events occurred within the same month.

**Winter weather coordination** - On January 5-7, the COG Department of Homeland Security and Public Safety (DHSPS) held three conference calls to support regional coordination and collaboration to prepare for, respond to, and recovery from the significant snowfall that widely impacted the NCR. Setting a record high for engagement on COG’s snow calls, 1,000 stakeholders from across the region participated.

## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

**Return-to-office & commuting** - COG Executive Director Clark Mercer spoke with WTOP about the impact of federal workers returning to in-person work and how transit and carpooling are excellent options for people to improve their daily commutes.

[WTOP](#)

**Water supply planning** - In light of the water outage in Richmond, Virginia, COG Water Programs Director Steve Bieber spoke with Fox 5 about how DC area utilities and governments have taken action to prevent disruptions to water supplies and prepare for emergencies.

[Fox 5](#)



### DCA mid-air collision

The regional response to the mid-air collision near Reagan National Airport received widespread coverage. Stories referencing the COG National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement were featured on outlets like the NBC national news as well as local news sites like FFXNow. In addition, COG and area governments coordinated messaging encouraging residents to call 911 if they find any debris from the accident, which was shared widely on social media as well as media outlets like the Washington Post, WTOP, Inside NoVA, DC News Now, 7 News, CBS News, and several wire stories.

[FFXNow – COG Board Chair Rodney Lusk statement](#)

[DC News Now](#)





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COG Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director  
Julie Mussog, Chief Financial Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2025 Second Quarter Financial Report  
**DATE:** February 5, 2025

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We are providing the following interim financial reports to the Board of Directors for the six months ended December 31, 2024:

- Statement of Revenue, Expense, and Change in Net Position for the period July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
- Comparative Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024

### SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

As of the first six months of the fiscal year, the net surplus from operations is \$1.4 million. This surplus is primarily a timing issue where we have collected funds in advance of expenses being recognized. The Housing Affordability Planning Program (\$0.4 million grant from Amazon), Loudon Learners (\$0.9 million) and IRE program funds (\$0.1 million) are driving the increase in restricted project funds. The increase in undesignated funds is a result of higher revenues than budgeted in investment income and the REIT dividend.

Operating revenue is tracking to close to budget at 42% six months into the year. Total operating expenses are tracking lower to the FY2025 budget at 37%. Lower federal and state revenue to the budget is driven by lower spend in Transportation Planning Board Work Program (TPB) and Commuter Connections (\$3.5 and \$1.9 million). These are cost reimbursement projects, so the year-to-date expenses are also lower than budget but tracking to the prior year. Spend and thus revenues are typically higher in the second half of the year for most programs at COG. Salaries are lower than budget due to unbudgeted turnover and delays in hiring some new budgeted positions in TPB and Community Planning. Consulting expense is lower than budget due to lower spend in TPB, Metro Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) and in multiple environmental programs. These programs typically have higher spend in the second half of the year. Other employee benefits are running higher than salaries at 50% of budget year to date due to the timing of payments for healthcare and one additional month of expense included in the balance.

Subrecipient pass-through funds are at 16% of the amount budgeted. Both Enhanced Mobility and UASI are at about 16% of their budget totals and we expect them to track higher in the second half of the year.

The Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2024 shows an overall increase in net position of \$2.9 million. The increase reflects the increase in the capital reserve fund for the office renovation

project and undesignated funds which reflects the positive surplus from the end of FY2024 and some current year surplus due to the REIT dividend and investment income.

Board-designated reserves, which include the operating and capital expenditures reserves remain 100% funded at \$11.7 million (\$5.2 operating reserve and \$6.5 capital reserve).

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
Comparative Statement of Net Position  
As of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024

	FY2025 as of 12/31/2024	FY2024 as of 12/31/2023	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash & Investments	21,020,200	18,079,300	
Accounts receivable	12,965,700	10,774,800	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(274,400)	674,700	
Capital assets, net of depreciation	2,127,200	2,309,500	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>35,838,700</b>	<b>31,838,300</b>	<b>4,000,400</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	3,831,900	3,476,900	
Accrued payroll, leave & other liabilities	1,826,000	2,464,200	
Deferred revenue	4,277,000	2,916,200	
Other Non-current Liabilities	-		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>9,934,900</b>	<b>8,857,300</b>	<b>1,077,600</b>
<b>NET POSITION*</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	2,127,200	2,309,500	(182,300)
Board designated reserves	11,739,300	10,341,600	1,397,700
Restricted project funds	7,929,700	8,296,100	(366,400)
Undesignated	4,107,600	2,033,800	2,073,800
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>25,903,800</b>	<b>22,981,000</b>	<b>2,922,800</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>35,838,700</b>	<b>31,838,300</b>	<b>4,000,400</b>

\*Excludes Net Pension Asset of \$6,587,000 which is available only for pension plan benefits.

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments**  
**FY 2025 Statement of Revenue, Expense, and Change in Net Position**  
**For the six months ended December 31, 2024**  
**With Comparisons to Approved Budget and Prior Year Results**

*Prepared on an accrual basis*

	Fiscal YTD As of 12/31/2024	Budget FY2025	% of Budget	Prior FY As of 12/31/2023
<b>Operations Revenue</b>				
Federal and state revenue	13,045,100	34,650,900		13,403,800
Member dues	2,651,400	5,302,900		2,541,200
Regional funds	1,811,700	3,638,200		2,510,200
Building revenue	367,500	480,900		375,000
Other revenue*	3,429,900	6,503,700		2,824,400
<b>Total Operations Revenue</b>	<b>21,305,600</b>	<b>50,576,600</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>21,654,600</b>
<b>Operations Expense</b>				
Salaries - Direct program	5,744,200	14,781,400		6,191,700
Other employee benefits	1,569,200	3,142,600		1,669,200
Consultants	4,114,600	19,350,900		3,669,300
Other direct program expense	3,617,100	6,837,100		3,496,700
Support services, rent and other allocated expense	4,862,400	10,271,100		4,832,900
<b>Total Operations Expense</b>	<b>19,907,500</b>	<b>54,383,100</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>19,859,800</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit) - Operations</b>	<b>1,398,100</b>	<b>(3,806,500)</b>		<b>1,794,800</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Designated Program Fund Balance</b>	<b>922,600</b>	<b>(3,610,100)</b>		<b>1,154,600</b>
<b>Change in Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	<b>475,500</b>	<b>(196,400)</b>		<b>640,200</b>

\*Other Revenue includes sponsorships, donations, fees for services, and other miscellaneous revenue.

Revenue - All Sources	FY2025 YTD	FY2025 Budget	
Operations	21,305,600	50,576,600	42%
Special Revenue Funds	161,400	-	#####
Subrecipient Pass-Through	1,324,700	8,131,000	16%
Contributed Services			
<b>Total Revenue - All Sources</b>	<b>22,791,700</b>	<b>58,707,600</b>	

# **AGENDA ITEM #4**

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

# **AGENDA ITEM #5**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**777 North Capitol Street, NE**  
**Washington, D.C. 20002**

**MINUTES**  
**COG Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 15, 2025**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:** See attached chart for attendance.

**SPEAKERS:**

Emmett Jordan, City of Greenbelt Mayor/COG Audit Committee Chair  
Karla Bruce, Race Forward Chief of Staff  
Hazel Monae, City of Gaithersburg/COG Chief Equity Officers Committee Co-Chair  
Monica Beyrouiti Nunez, COG Government Relations and Member Services Manager  
Eli Russ, COG Senior Public Safety Planner

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

COG Board Chair Charles Allen called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ELECTION OF 2025 COG BOARD OFFICERS**

A motion and second was made to adopt Resolution R1-2025 electing the 2025 COG Board Officers of Chair Rodney Lusk, Vice Chair Reuben Collins and Vice Chair Charles Allen. Chair Allen passed the gavel to 2025 COG Board Chair Lusk to continue the meeting. Chair Lusk thanked Chair Allen for his service.

Action: The board adopted Resolution R1-2025.

**3. ELECTION OF 2025 POLICY & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

A motion and second was made to adopt Resolution R2-2025 approving the policy and administrative committee leadership, in addition to the Maryland General Assembly COG Board member.

Action: The board adopted Resolution R2-2025.

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- A) 2025 COG Boards and Policy Committees Meeting Dates
- B) New Board Members

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

COG Executive Director Clark Mercer briefed the board on the following:

- Point-in-Time Homelessness Count
- Ticket Reciprocity
- Water Supply
- Transportation Grants
- EV Strategies for Climate Pollution Reduction Auto Show Event

**6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

The minutes from the November 13, 2024, board meeting were approved. Emmett Jordan, Takis Karantonis and Alyia Gaskins abstained.

## **8. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Resolution R3-2025 – Resolution authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to purchase instructional design and learning development preparedness support services

Action: The board adopted Resolution R3-2025.

## **9. FY2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Audit Committee Chair Emmett Jordan presented the FY2024 audit report including a unmodified/clean opinion of COG's financial statements.

Action: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R4-2025.

## **10. 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The board was briefed by Chair Rodney Lusk on the proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities as reviewed by the COG Legislative Committee. The Board reviewed and discussed what should be included in the legislative package.

Action: Received briefing and adopted Resolution R5-2025.

## **11. 2025 DMV ECONOMIC MOBILITY LEARNING ACTION COHORT**

The board was briefed on the upcoming economic mobility learning action cohort to bring together jurisdictions in the region to collectively field test and refine a suite of evolving upward mobility tools developed by Opportunity Insights, Results for America and Urban Institute to positively impact local community outcomes. In partnership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, the cohort will focus on the development and implementation of strategies that support equitable, upward economic mobility.

Action: Received briefing.

## **12. DEVELOPMENT OF COG'S REGIONAL CRIME DASHBOARD**

The board was briefed on the status of COG's development of a regional crime dashboard. The dashboard examines real-time data for the major violent and property criminal offenses across participating jurisdictions and allows users to identify crime trends over time periods as well as compare specific or multiple types of crimes.

Action: Received briefing.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **14. ADJORN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



**COG Board of Directors  
Meeting  
January 15, 2025 Attendance**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<i>District of Columbia</i>				
Executive	Hon. Muriel Bowser		Ms. Beverly Perry	
	Mr. Kevin Donahue		Mr. Tomas Talamante	
Council	Hon. Phil Mendelson		Hon. Brianne Nadeau	Y
	Hon. Charles Allen	Y		
<i>Maryland</i>				
City of Bowie	Hon. Tim Adams		Mr. Dufour Woolfley	
Charles County	Hon. Reuben Collins	Y	Hon. Thomasina Coates	
City of Frederick	Hon. Michael O'Connor		Hon. Gayon Sampson	
Frederick County	Hon. Jessica Fitzwater		Ms. Victoria Venable	
City of College Park	Hon. Denise Mitchell	Y	Hon. Fazlul Kabir	
City of Gaithersburg	Hon. Robert Wu		Hon. Neil Harris	
City of Greenbelt	Hon. Emmett Jordan	Y	Hon. Kristen Weaver	
City of Laurel	Hon. Keith Sydnor	Y	Hon. Kyla Clark	
Montgomery County - Exec	Hon. Marc Elrich		Mr. Richard Madaleno Ms. Fariba Kassiri	
Montgomery County - Council	Hon. Evan Glass	Y		
Montgomery County - Council	Hon. Kate Stewart	Y		
Prince George's County - Exec	Hon. Tara Jackson	Y	Mr. Barry Stanton	
Prince George's County - Council	Hon. Tom Dernoga	Y	Hon. Wanika Fisher	
Prince George's County - Council	Hon. Ingrid Watson	Y	Hon. Krystal Oriadha	
City of Rockville	Hon. Monique Ashton			
City of Takoma Park	Hon. Talisha Searcy	Y		
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Brian Feldman			
<i>Virginia</i>				
City of Alexandria	Hon. Alyia Gaskins	Y	Hon. Sarah Bagley	
Arlington County	Hon. Takis Karantonis	Y		
City of Fairfax	Hon. Catherine Read	Y	Hon. Stacey Hardy-Chandler	
Fairfax County	Hon. Rodney Lusk	Y	Hon. Daniel Storck	
Fairfax County	Hon. Jeff McKay		Hon. Andres Jimenez	
Fairfax County	Hon. James Walkinshaw		Hon. Walter Alcorn	
City of Falls Church	Hon. David Snyder	Y	Hon. Marybeth Connelly	
Loudoun County	Hon. Laura TeKrony	Y		
Loudoun County	Hon. Phyllis Randall	Y	Hon. Koran Saines	
City of Manassas	Hon. Mark Wolfe	Y	Hon. Sonia Vasquez Luna	
City of Manassas Park	Hon. Darryl Moore	Y		
Prince William County	Hon. Deshundra Jefferson	Y	Hon. Kenny A. Boddye	
Prince William County	Hon. Andrea Bailey	Y	Hon. Tom Gordy	
Virginia General Assembly	Hon. Mark Sickles			

Y = present V = virtual

Total: 23

# **AGENDA ITEM #6**

## **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**February 2025**

### **A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT TO EXECUTE THE “COMPREHENSIVE INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKLAND AND PUBLIC SPACES” PROJECT**

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R6-2025 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from Virginia’s Department of Forestry FY25 Virginia PRISM Support for Invasive Species Program in the amount of \$80,000 for invasive species management. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, to manage invasive species on Fairfax County Park Authority parkland, update Fairfax Department of Public Works tree of heaven inventory and manage hemlock wooly adelgid on Fairfax Department of Public Works parkland. Funding for this effort will be provided through a grant from Virginia’s Department of Forestry FY25 Virginia PRISM Support for Invasive Species Program. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R6-2025.**

### **B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT, PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO CONDUCT PHASE 40 OF THE CONTINUOUS AIRPORT SYSTEM PLANNING (CASP) PROGRAM**

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R7-2025 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$277,800. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, and enter into a contract to Phase 40 of the Continuous Airport System Planning (CASP) Program. The grant will include the following tasks in support of the CASP Program: (1) Process 2025 Air Passenger Survey, Phase 2, and (2) 2025 Ground Access Forecast & Element Update. COG will be required to provide a match of \$27,780 which is available in the budget of the Department of Transportation Planning.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R7-2025.**

## **AGENDA ITEM #7**

# **REFLECTIONS ON AND RECOGNITION OF THE REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 29 MID-AIR COLLISION**



## NEWS RELEASE

### COG statement on mid-air collision near Reagan National Airport

Washington, DC (Jan. 30, 2025) – The following is a statement by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors Chair Rodney Lusk in response to the aviation collision at Reagan National Airport. Lusk is a Fairfax County Supervisor.

“Our hearts go out to all the passengers and crew members of the aircrafts that collided near DCA and their families. Area officials are incredibly grateful to our region’s first responders for their service and heroism. It’s clear that our longstanding collaborative work as a region to develop the National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement helped support a seamless, swift response by District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia responders to this major incident. Agencies have also been leveraging various regional public safety tools, including regional alert notifications, mapping, and video resources, for enhanced situational awareness, and COG stands ready to provide additional assistance as needed by our members.”

**CONTACT:**

Steve Kania: skania@mwkog.org, (202) 962-3249

*The Council of Governments is an independent, nonprofit association where area leaders address regional issues affecting the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia.*

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE REGIONAL RESPONSE AND COORDINATION TO THE JANUARY 29,  
2025 MID-AIR COLLISION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the metropolitan Washington region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

**WHEREAS**, our longstanding collaborative work as a region to develop the National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement helped support a seamless, swift response by District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia responders to the tragic mid-air collision near the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) on January 29, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Mutual Aid Agreement helps local jurisdictions respond to incidents that call for resources beyond the capacity and capability of a single jurisdiction and describes how to access mutual aid/assistance when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, COG and area public safety officials have also collaboratively developed regional resources to enhance interagency communication, such as emergency alert notifications through the Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS), prioritized the acquisition and deployment of interoperable technologies, and regularly held joint regional trainings and exercises; and

**WHEREAS**, the efficient and coordinated response to the regional emergency exemplifies the critical role of regional partnership and mutual aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the COG Board commends the heroic response to the incident by first responders representing our local, state, and federal agencies and disaster relief provided by our jurisdictions and regional partners and is grateful for the strong commitment to regional coordination by public safety officials.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Board honors the lives lost on January 29, 2025 and recognizes the exceptional regional emergency response and coordination efforts to the mid-air collision near DCA. The Board thanks our local, state, federal and regional partners for their contributions in response to this tragic event and their ongoing commitment to the public safety and well-being of the metropolitan Washington region.

# **AGENDA ITEM #8**

## **DCA TOGETHER RELIEF FUND**

## **DCA Together Relief Fund: Crisis Support for Flight 5342 and Army Black Hawk Families**

### **About the DCA Together Relief Fund**

The Greater Washington community is devastated by the tragic event on January 29 that claimed the lives of all 67 passengers, service members, and crew on board American Airlines Flight 5342 and the Army Black Hawk Helicopter. We also recognize the heroic efforts of our region's first responders working on the recovery effort to help provide some closure to grieving families.

In the wake of this heartbreaking tragedy, the Capital Region Community Foundations have partnered to launch a crisis response fund to aid impacted families, first responders, and nonprofit organizations supporting recovery and healing. In close coordination and partnership with the Wichita Foundation and its ICT Together Fund, the goal is to provide immediate and long-term assistance, ensuring that those affected receive the care, resources, and support they need during this difficult time.

We are working in close coordination with federal and local authorities, the Wichita Foundation, and community partners across our local jurisdictions to determine the best way to support impacted families.

The fund will likely provide:

- **Assistance for impacted families** to help meet their immediate needs.
- **Resources and support for our region's first responders** and organizations aiding in recovery efforts.
- **Support for nonprofits that are providing impacted families and communities with resources** such as mental health services, trauma and grief counseling, and other community healing efforts.

The Capital Area Community Foundations is a partnership among several of our region's leading community foundations including ACT for Alexandria, Arlington Community Foundation, Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, and Greater Washington Community Foundation. Together, the community foundations serving the region have a more than 100-year history as community connectors and conversation brokers who work tirelessly to preserve, enhance and protect the quality of life for our neighbors. This role often places us directly in the middle of our community's most important decisions, most pressing issues, and most promising opportunities.



# **AGENDA ITEM #9**

## **MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS UPDATE**

# **AGENDA ITEM #10**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION/ CLOSED MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM #11**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

# **AGENDA ITEM #12**

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