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Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee

Date: Friday, October 17, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Place: Meeting Rooms 4/5

District of Columbia

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AGENDA

Welcome and Announcements

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Utz

Announcements

- Update on October 7 Foreclosure Funders Breakfast
- Greater Washington 2050 Coalition meeting – October 24, 2008
- APA Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable – November 7
- Other Announcements

Update and Final Action on Draft Round 7.2 Cooperative Forecasts

10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ralph Rosenbaum
City of Alexandria
Greg Goodwin
COG/DCPS Staff

During the months of August and September, members of the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee began submitting employment, population, and household forecast control totals to COG staff for submission for Round 7.2. During their October 7 meeting, the Cooperative Forecasting Subcommittee approved the new draft forecasts and noted the jurisdictional changes in the projections which included forecasts to 2040. Subcommittee Chair Rosenbaum and COG staff will brief the Planning Directors on the new Forecasts. The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee will act on the Round 7.2 Forecasts during their meeting on November 12.

Briefing on Montgomery County Centers and Boulevards Concept for Revitalization

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

John Carter
Chief, Urban Design
M-NCPPC, Montgomery County

In 2006, the Maryland National Capital Planning Commission released the draft report “Revitalizing Centers, Reshaping Boulevards and Creating Great Public Spaces”. The intent of the county-wide planning effort was to examine the County’s commercial centers and major arterial roads, with the goal of renovating them into vibrant community centers located along grand boulevards, with attractive public spaces, and accessible from surrounding neighborhoods on foot or bike and connected to each other by public transport. Mr. Carter will brief the Committee on this effort and how it relates to current master plan updates and a new zoning tool in the County.

Proposed Approach for Developing “Version 1” of the CLRP Aspirations Scenario

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ron Kirby
COG/TPB Staff

In September, the PDTAC received a briefing from TPB staff regarding the development of the Aspiration Scenario. At the direction of the TPB Scenario Task Force, the Planning Directors are being asked to comment on the proposed CLRP Aspiration Scenario. TPB staff prepared a series of spreadsheets and maps at the jurisdictional level detailing the shift in households and employment at the TAZ level for the scenario.

The spreadsheets and maps are posted on COG’s website at the following link:

http://www.mwcog.org/planning/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=35

It was requested at the July meeting that TPB staff develop questions for the Planning Directors and/or the Cooperative Forecasting and Data Subcommittee to consider in assessing the reasonableness of the scenario at the jurisdictional level. The questions as well as the materials for the meeting are attached.

Economic and Commercial Construction Trends in the Washington Metropolitan Region

11:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Greg Goodwin
COG/DCPS Staff

COG monitors trends in the region’s economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. COG staff will report the key findings in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 2003 – 2007*. The report presents key regional economic indicators, including population growth, employment, federal spending, construction activity, housing sales, income, retail sales, and the number of passengers at the region’s three major airports. In addition, COG staff will provide additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2007 Summary Report*. This report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, and relationship to Metrorail, commuter rail stations and COG’s Regional Activity Centers.

Other Business

11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Committee Members**LUNCH and Greater Washington 2050 Scenario Focus Group****GW 2050 Scenario Planning Focus Group Discussion**

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Bob Olson

The Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee has been invited to participate in a Greater Washington 2050 (GW 2050) focus group to identify key driving forces that will impact future growth and development in the metropolitan Washington region. This process will create the foundation for initial scenarios presented to the GW 2050 full coalition on November 20th.

Adjournment**Chairman Utz***Next Meeting: November 21, 2008*

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