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<b>Agenda Item #</b>	5
<b>Meeting Date</b>	January 7, 2008
<b>Prepared By</b>	Jessie Carpenter City Clerk
<b>Approved By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	2008 Appointments and Reappointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Policy Boards/Committees, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, and Other Organizations
<b>Background</b>	<p><b>Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Policy Boards and Committees — 2008 Appointments.</b> At the beginning of each term of office and then again annually in January, member governments are invited to review current appointments to COG’s three independent policy boards and several policy advisory committees. Appointments for 2007 are shown on the attachment.</p> <p>Proposed appointments for 2008 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COG Board of Directors</b> - Mayor Williams</li> <li>• <b>National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board</b> - Councilmember Clay (Alternate: Councilmember Snipper)</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee</b> - Councilmember Barry</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Development Policy Committee</b> - Councilmember Wright (Alternate: Councilmember Clay)</li> <li>• <b>Human Services Policy Committee</b> - Councilmember Snipper (Alternate: Councilmember Barry)</li> <li>• <b>Public Safety Policy Committee</b> - Councilmember Seamens</li> <li>• <b>Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee</b> - Mayor Williams (Alternate: Councilmember Clay)</li> </ul> <p><b>Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors.</b> Each year, the City Council designates two members of the City Council to represent the City on the TPVFD Board of Directors. Proposed appointments for 2008 are Mayor Williams and Councilmember Clay.</p> <p><b>Other Organizations.</b> The City belongs to the Maryland Municipal League, the National League of Cities, and ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, known today as ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability).</p>
<b>Policy</b>	Council discusses and identifies individual Councilmembers to serve on the boards and committees. The City Clerk notifies COG and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department of the appointments for the upcoming year.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	Letter from COG Executive Director along with list of 2007 Appointments and brief description of MWCOG Boards and Committees
<b>Recommendation</b>	Confirm 2008 appointments.
<b>Special</b>	

<b>Consideration</b>	
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*A legacy of regional cooperation, a commitment to a vibrant future*  
December 3, 2007

Honorable Bruce Williams  
Mayor  
City of Takoma Park  
326 Lincoln Ave  
Takoma Park, MD 20912-5836

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\*Adjunct member

Dear Mayor Williams:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the only regional organization focused solely on public policy and comprised of local, state and federal elected officials. Its important work is advanced through the leadership of public officials. COG is now seeking appointments or reappointments from the Council of the City of Takoma Park to ensure that your community and the region have a strong voice on such issues as growth and development, transportation, environmental quality, public safety and health and human services.

At the beginning of each term of office and then again annually in January, member governments are invited to review current appointments to COG's three independent policy boards (the COG Board of Directors, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee), and several policy advisory committees that support the COG Board of Directors. Each of these boards and committees is comprised largely of elected or appointed officials and is responsible for significant regional policy, planning and program activities at COG.

You are invited to make new appointments or reappoint current members. I have enclosed a table listing previously appointed elected and appointed officials and appointment opportunities for 2008, as well as a brief description of the responsibilities of each policy board and committee. New appointments or reappointments are requested by January 4, 2008 so that COG may commence its important 2008 policy agenda with full participation by its members.

Again, I look forward to your active participation in COG. Please contact Nicole Hange, COG's board clerk if you have questions or need additional information. She may be reached at 202-962-3231. I may be reached at 202-962-3260.

Sincerely,

David J. Robertson  
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Catherine Waters, City Clerk ✓

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
REQUEST FOR 2008 APPOINTMENTS AND/OR REAPPOINTMENTS  
TO COG POLICY BOARDS/COMMITTEES  
CITY OF TAKOMA PARK**

<b>Independent Policy Boards</b>	<b>Current 2007 Appointment(s)</b>	<b>Requested 2008 Appointment(s)</b>	<b>Proposed 2008 Schedule</b>
COG Board of Directors	Bruce Williams	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Monthly noon to 2:00 p.m.- Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, Jun. 11, Jul. 9, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board	Kathy Porter <i>Reuben Snipper</i>	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Monthly noon to 2:00 p.m.- Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21, Jun. 18, Jul. 16, Sep. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee	Joy Austin-Lane	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Monthly noon to 2:00 p.m. – Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 6, Apr. 23, May 28, Jun. 25, Jul. 23, Sep. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26, Dec. 10
<b>Policy Committees (Subcommittees of the COG Board of Directors)</b>	<b>Current 2007 Appointment(s)</b>	<b>Requested 2008 Appointment(s)</b>	<b>Proposed 2008 Schedule</b>
Metropolitan Development Policy Committee	Colleen Clay	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly 10:00 a.m. to noon – Jan. 9, Mar. 12, May 14, Jul. 9, Sep. 10, Nov. 12
Human Services Policy Committee	Reuben Snipper	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly noon to 2:00 p.m. – Feb. 15, Apr. 18, Jun. 20, Aug. 15, Oct. 17, Dec. 19
Public Safety Policy Committee	Terry Seamens	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly noon to 2:00 p.m. – Jan. 18, Mar. 21, May 16, Jul. 18, Sep. 19, Nov. 21
Aviation Policy Committee	Vacant	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly 10:00 a.m. to noon – Jan. 9, Mar. 12, May 14, Jul. 9, Sep. 10, Nov. 12
Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee	Bruce Williams	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – Jan. 18, Mar. 21, May 16, Jul. 18, Sep. 19 and Nov. 21

Notes

Alternates shown in *italics*.

## **MWCOG POLICY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

COG is comprised of three independent policy boards and various supporting policy and technical committees.

### **INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS**

#### **COG Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is COG's governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. Policy items on the agenda are normally generated from COG's policy and technical committees; business or administrative items are usually generated from staff. The Board takes action on committee or staff recommendations, discusses current and emerging multi-jurisdictional problems, and receives briefings on issues facing the region as a whole.

#### **Transportation Planning Board**

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. With participation from the DC and State Departments of Transportation and the region's local governments, the TPB prepares intermediate-range and long-range plans and programs that permit federal transportation funds to flow to the Washington region.

#### **Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is the entity certified by the mayor of the District of Columbia and the governors of Maryland and Virginia to prepare an air quality plan for the region and insure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. MWAQC coordinates air quality planning activities among COG and other entities, including the Transportation Planning Board; reviews policies; resolves policy differences; and forges a regional air quality plan for transmittal to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and, ultimately, to the Environmental Protection Agency.

### **POLICY COMMITTEES**

COG's policy committees provide policy direction to subcommittees; review, approve, and generate reports; serve as a forum for debate on a variety of issues; and develop policy recommendations directed to the Board of Directors for consideration and resolution.

Both the TPB and MWAQC serve as policy committees to the COG Board for transportation and environmental/air quality issues, respectively.

#### **Aviation Policy Committee**

The Aviation Policy Committee's mission is to provide a regional perspective on airport noise and aviation policy matters on behalf of the Washington area's local governments.

### **Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) tracks developments under the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program for implications to local governments and recommends Bay-related policies to the Board. It also considers questions of potable water supply and waste water treatment.

### **Human Services Policy Committee**

The Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC) works on a variety of issues including child welfare, the foster care system; child abuse and neglect; public health, substance abuse control; regional education and training issues; human relations, and human rights.

### **Metropolitan Development Policy Committee**

The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) reports to the COG Board on regional population growth, economic growth and land use issues.

### **Public Safety Policy Committee**

The Public Safety Policy Committee (PSPC) reviews various issues as they pertain to public safety to help meet the public safety needs of member local governments and their residents. Areas of policy focus include regional emergency plans and agreements; crime control and anti-terrorism programs; traffic safety campaigns; emergency communications systems; fire safety campaigns; and police and fire statistical reports.

### ***Chief Administrative Officers Committee***

The CAO Committee, composed of the senior administrator/manager of each member jurisdiction, meets regularly, to share best practices and inform local operating decisions in the fields of energy, waste, technology, communications, finance, water supply, and the environment. Periodically, the CAO Committee makes recommendations on issues of regional significance to the COG Board of Directors. Since September 11, the CAOs have played a significant role in homeland security planning in serving as the Board of Directors of the Regional Information Community Coordinator System (RICCS), and as a filter and prioritizing committee for Department of Homeland Security grants.

## **PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

COG has engaged in several partnerships with the private sector to further the mission of its programs.

### **Clean Air Partners**

Clean Air Partners is a public-private partnership created by COG and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to build a broader awareness of how individuals contribute to air pollution while informing them about the adverse health effects of ground-level ozone and particle pollution. The primary focus of the partnership is to promote easy and effective voluntary actions individuals can take to reduce air pollution.

**Metropolitan Washington Alternatives Fuels Clean Cities Partnership**

The primary goal of the Partnership is to encourage and accelerate the use of alternative fueled vehicles (AFVs) in the metropolitan Washington region as a means of promoting energy security and improving environmental quality.

**National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

The National Capital Regional Emergency Preparedness Council (NCREPC) is an advisory body which reports to the COG Board of Directors. The NCREPC makes policy recommendations to the COG Board through the Public Safety Policy Committee and makes procedural or other recommendations to the COG Board or, through the COG Board, to various regional agencies with emergency preparedness responsibilities or operational response authority.

**Washington Area Housing Partnership**

Established in 1991, the Washington Area Housing Partnership is a regional public-private housing partnership that acts as a catalyst to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the metropolitan area