



ONE REGION MOVING FORWARD

COG and the City of Takoma Park

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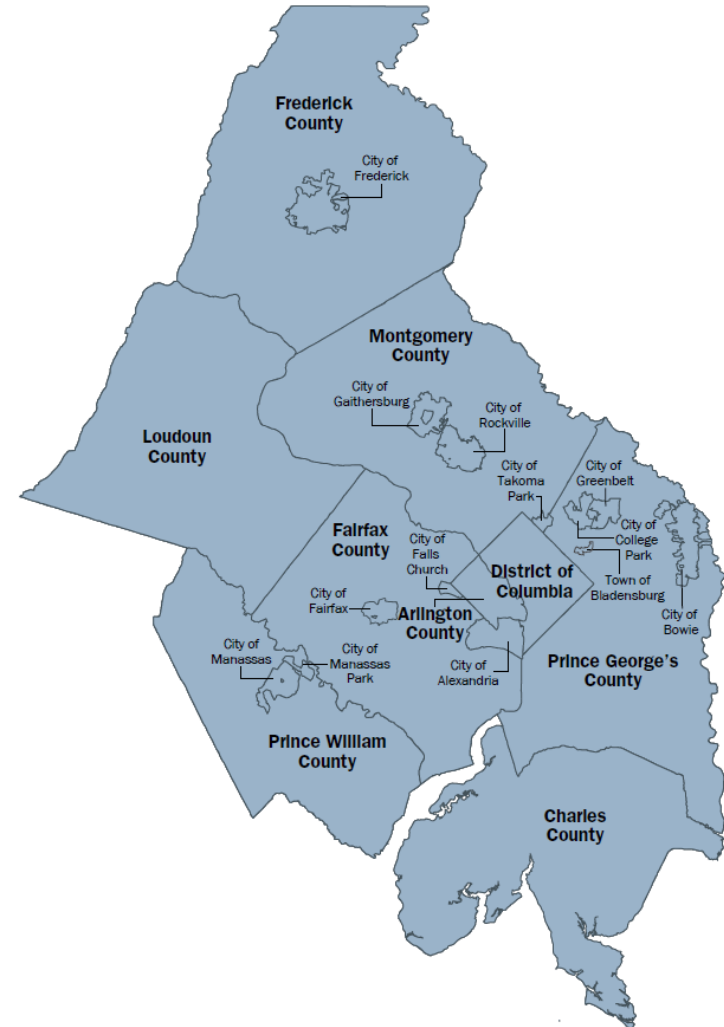
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Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

About COG

- COG is an independent, nonprofit association
- Brings area leaders together to address major regional issues in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and northern Virginia
- Membership comprised of 300 elected officials from 22 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress





COG is the hub of regional partnership:

1,500 officials and experts come to COG each month to make connections, share information, and develop solutions to the region's major challenges



About COG

- COG Board of Directors
- National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
- Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
- Policy/Technical Committees
- Chief Administrative Officers





Home to the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- Transportation Planning Board (TPB), one of 300+ MPOs in the nation
- TPB prepares programs and plans that the federal government must approve in order for the region to receive federal funds



Staff and Work Program

- 130+ professional staff members
- \$46M budget in FY 2017
- Departments include:
 - Transportation Planning
 - Environmental Programs
 - Community Planning and Services
 - Public Safety Services





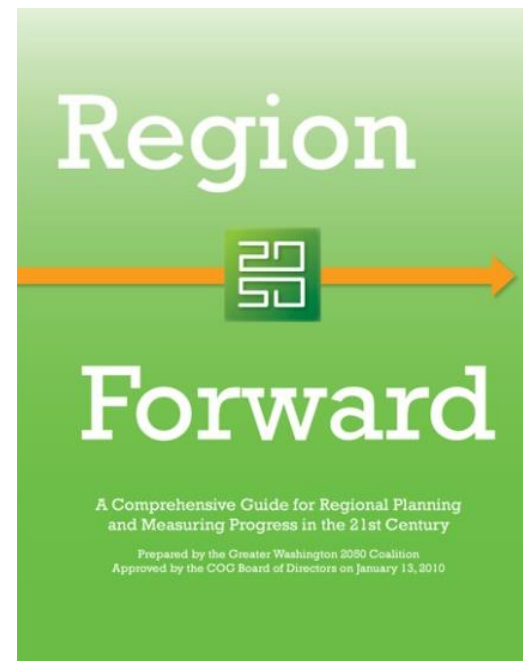
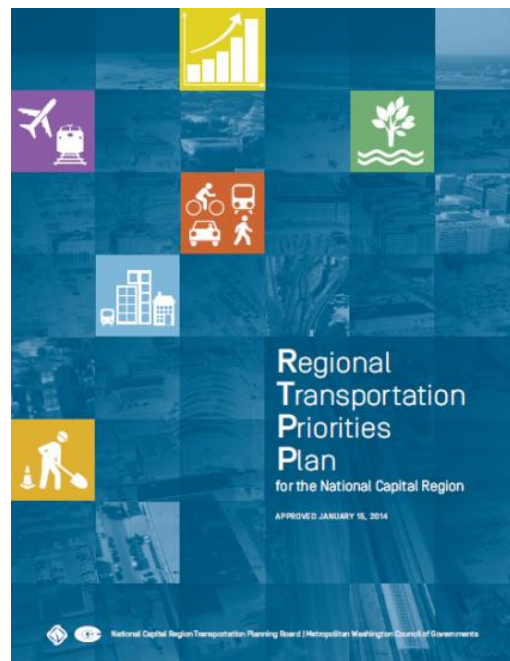
Additional Programs

- Homeland Security Program Management Office
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Health Care Coalition
- Institute for Regional Excellence
- Commuter Connections
- Transportation/Land Use Grants
- Clean Air Partners
- Anacostia Restoration

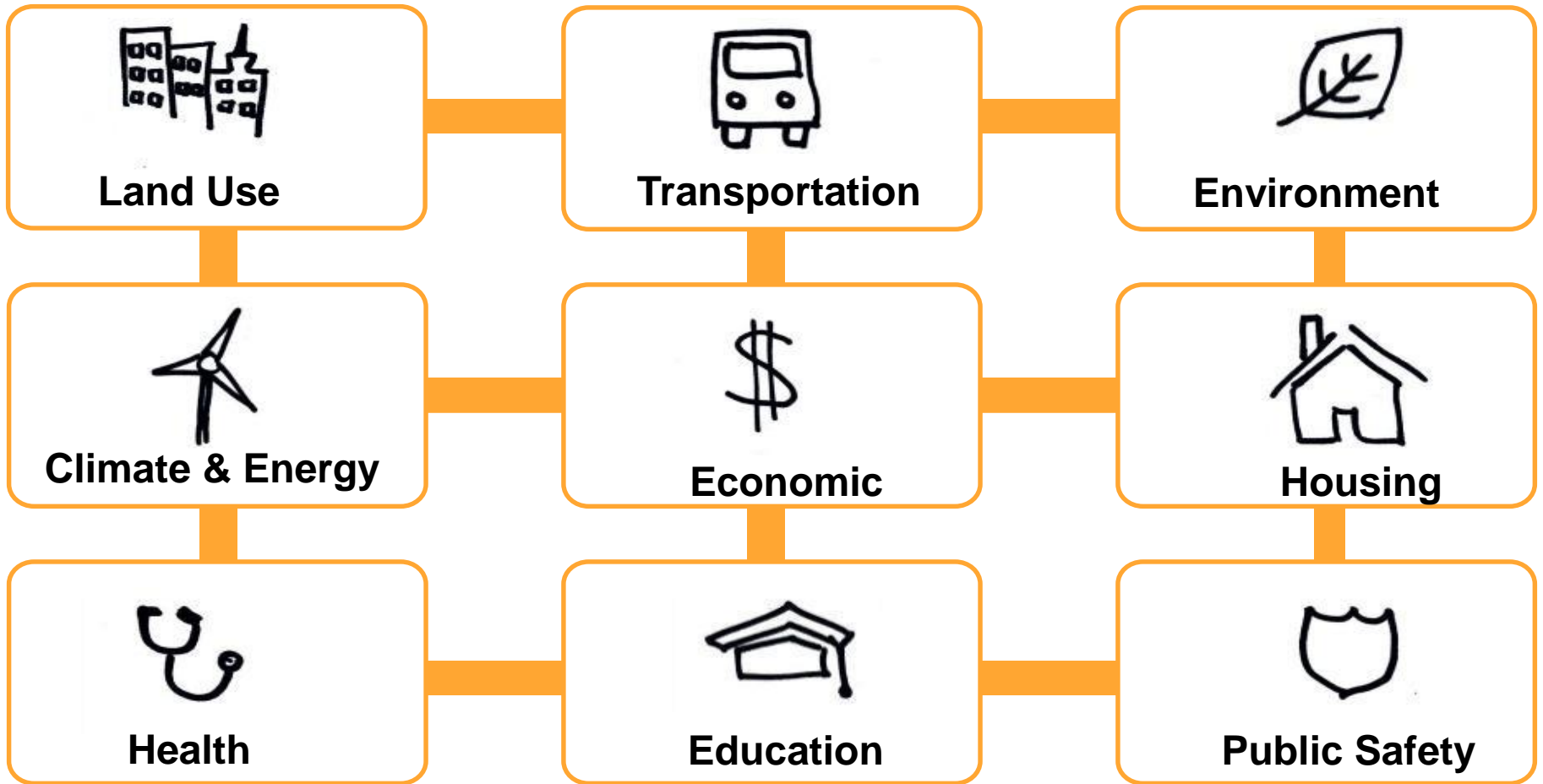


COG Expertise

- Saves members money on research and consultants through expert regional analysis and publications
- Helps officials think regionally when making local decisions

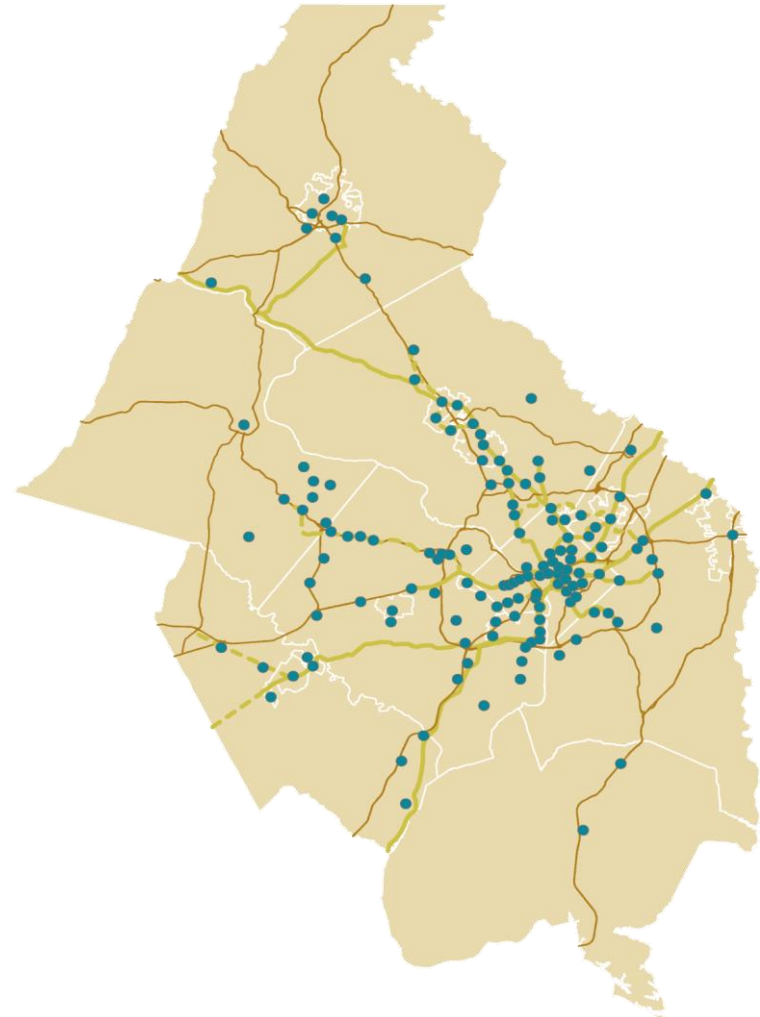


Region Forward



Activity Centers

- 141 locations that will accommodate the majority of the region's future growth
- Places that have a strong mix of housing, pedestrian infrastructure, uses, and amenities



Return on Investment: City of Takoma Park & COG



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Transportation

Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program:

Parking Takoma Park: \$30,000 in 2014

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP):

Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape: \$1,422,323 in 2014

Flower Ave. Green Street Project: \$1,040,330 in 2014

Lincoln Ave. Sidewalks: \$395,000 in 2016

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Transportation

Enhanced Mobility Grant Funding:

- Montgomery County Mobility Management: **\$196,247**
- Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union: **\$284,750**

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER):

- Takoma/Langley Transit Center: **\$14,415,188**



Transportation

- Street Smart
- Commuter Connections
- Guaranteed Ride Home
- CarpoolNow Mobile App



Environment

- Go Recycle Campaign – Expands home recycling practices into the workplace - **\$184,000** in total regional impact
- Community Engagement Campaign
- TapIt Campaign

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Environment

- Metropolitan Washington Tree Canopy Analysis Project
– Total U.S. Forest Service grant of **\$165,000**
- 2016 Community Forestry Forum – Part of a Maryland Department of Natural Resources grant of **\$25,000** to the Anacostia Restoration Program

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Regional Safety

Regional Emergency Communications:

- RICCS, a 24/7 system, helps officials communicate during emergencies
- 11 Takoma Park officials registered to receive messages
- Conference calls on snow and other emergencies: 15 calls in FY 2016



Current Cooperative Procurements

- Gasoline and Diesel Fuel – over 40 million gallons per year
- Personal Protective Equipment – for fire personnel
- Ice Melt - environmentally friendly and concrete friendly products
- Road Salt
- Office Supplies – over \$11 million in sales per year
- Furniture
- Lighting - new energy efficient fixtures and accessories



Upcoming Cooperative Procurements

- Rifle Plates – body armor led by Arlington County
- EMS Medical Supplies – for volunteer fire and EMS
- Subscriber Radios – expected buying power up to 60,000 units and additional discounts from \$700-\$1,500 per radio
- Fleets for the Future – for alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Next-Generation 9-1-1 Technology



Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT)

- The Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT) is a joint partnership between the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) to provide cooperative purchasing opportunities to members throughout the region.
- The MAPT region covers the District of Columbia, and parts of Maryland, and Virginia.
- COG and BMC members can register vendors, view solicitation, and track contracts at: www.midatlanticpurchasing.net



Opportunities to Get Involved

- COG Board of Directors
- Transportation Planning Board
- Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
- Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee
- Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee
- Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee
- Region Forward Coalition



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