



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – February 6, 2019 Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Chuck Bean

Recommended Council Action

None.

Context with Key Issues

The City of Takoma Park is an active member in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). Founded in 1957, COG is an independent, nonprofit association, with a membership of 300 elected officials from 24 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress. COG is supported by financial contributions from its member governments, federal and state grants and contracts, and donations from foundations and the private sector. *(Information from the COG website.)*

Mr. Bean will attend the City Council meeting to brief the Council on COG activities and member benefits.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive, Service-oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

COG's work engages leaders in various environmental fields from water quality experts to urban foresters. Together, they are advancing regional efforts to restore local waterways, reduce air pollution, increase renewable energy use, promote recycling, and enhance and preserve green space and agriculture. *(Information from the COG website.)*

Fiscal Considerations

COG dues are based on member population. FY 2019 Dues for Takoma Park: \$13,360. The City benefits from grant opportunities provided through COG.

Racial Equity Considerations

COG's regional reports and data collection provide information that can assist the City's racial equity work.

Attachments and Links

<https://www.mwcog.org/>