

COOPERATIVE FORECASTING GROUP

Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Howard County Government
3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
10:00 A.M. to Noon

MINUTES

The Chairperson, Ms. Margaret Kaii-Ziegler, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A. M. Following her welcome, attendees introduced themselves.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Scott Graf moved the approval of the Cooperative Forecasting Group (CFG) minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Bronow. The minutes were approved.

2. METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ROUND 9.0 UPDATE

Mr. Greg Goodwin, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) Community Planning and Services staff, distributed hard copies of his slide show presentation, the draft Round 9.0 Cooperative Forecasts of Future Growth. In addition to the Washington Metro area, MWCOC includes land use assumptions from Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties in its cooperative forecasting modeling process. Work on the MWCOC forecast began last summer. Mr. Goodwin explained the COG forecasting process, econometric model projections, local forecasting inputs and the reconciliation steps (bringing the cumulative local forecasts within 3% of the econometric model projections) that produce the MWCOC regional forecast. He provided an in depth overview of the forecast, pointing out changes in employment, population and households. He compared Round 8.4 with Round 9. The MWCOC Board approved the Round 9.0 draft for use in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the 2016 update to the Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on March 9th. Final approval and adoption by the MWCOC Board is scheduled for November 2016. Mr. Shawn Kimberly agreed to forward Mr. Goodwin's PowerPoint presentation to Cooperative Forecast Group (CFG) members.

[Handouts: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Round 9.0 Cooperative Forecasts of Future Growth.]

3. NEXT STEPS FOR THE FORECAST SURVEY

Mr. Richard Campbell reported that survey results from MWCOG are under review. He anticipates another two to three weeks before the follow-up survey is administered to the four remaining Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

4. UPDATE-STATUS OF ROUND 8B ACTIVITIES-SHAWN KIMBERLY

Mr. Kimberly reported the three developments that transpired since the last CFG meeting. Baltimore County submitted employment updates to their initial 8B submission. This update includes the anticipated impact of the recently proposed redevelopment of the former Sparrows Point/Bethlehem Steel site (Tradepoint Atlantic). Additionally, he awaits a reply from Baltimore City concerning the impact of Sagamore Development's Port Covington proposal. Finally, Queen Anne's County is developing their local forecast for inclusion into Round 8B. Pending those updates, 8B is scheduled for BRTB adoption in August.

5. PRESENTATION – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HOLDING CAPACITY ANALYSIS

The presentation was rescheduled for the next meeting.

6. PRESENTATION TO MARK GOLDSTEIN

Ms. Margaret Kaii-Ziegler presented Mr. Mark Goldstein with two plaques, one from the BRTB and the other from Anne Arundel County, to commemorate his retirement from the Maryland Department of Planning and in recognition of his outstanding service as the consulting economist for Maryland's regional planning efforts. Representing the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Mr. Paul DesJardin presented Mr. Goldstein with a plaque honoring his accomplishments and thanking him for his service to the Washington region. Mr. Goldstein expressed his thanks to all and indicated that he planned to enjoy his retirement relaxing and spending more time with his family. A luncheon in his honor, sponsored by CFG members and organized by Mr. Jeff Bronow, followed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kimberly will attend a MWCOG/MPO conference on socioeconomic modeling on June 22nd and will share what he learned at the CFG meeting rescheduled for June 29th.

Mr. Kimberly distributed a White Paper published by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) entitled Trends in the Housing Market: An Update on Changing Demographics and Consumer Preferences. He recommended it as background material for future discussions on housing preferences and downsizing of generational cohorts and immigrants.

NEXT MEETING – June 29, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Members

Elina Bravve - Baltimore City Department of Planning
Jeff Bronow – Howard County Department of Planning
Richard Campbell - Anne Arundel County Department of Planning
Steve Cohoon – Queen Anne’s County
Greg Goodwin – Metropolitan Washington Council
Scott Graf – Carroll County Department of Planning
Dan Rooney – Harford County Department of Planning
Alfred Sundara – Maryland Department of Planning
Margaret Kaii-Ziegler - Anne Arundel County Department of Planning
Kui Zhao - Baltimore County Department of Planning

Staff and Guests

Paul DesJardin – Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Mark Goldstein - Guest
Victor Bonaparte - Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Blake Fisher – Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Shawn Kimberly - Baltimore Metropolitan Council