



ONE REGION MOVING FORWARD

COG and the Prince George's County

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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 24 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



Staff and Work Program

- 120+ professional staff members
- \$36.9M budget in FY 2020
- Departments include:
 - Transportation Planning
 - Environmental Programs
 - Community Planning and Services
 - Homeland Security and Public Safety Services





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
- Visualize 2045, TPB's long-range transportation plan



Housing

- The COG Board adopted three regional housing targets:

Regional Target 1:

AMOUNT

At least 320,000 housing units should be added in the region between 2020 and 2030. This is an additional 75,000 units beyond the units already forecast for this period.

Regional Target 2:

ACCESSIBILITY

At least 75% of all new housing should be in Activity Centers or near high-capacity transit.

Regional Target 3:

AFFORDABILITY

At least 75% of new housing should be affordable to low- and middle-income households.





Transit-Oriented Communities

- Advancing the accessibility target, COG is exploring how to optimize land-use around high-capacity transit stations and accommodate future growth in the region





Climate Change

- **Transportation and Climate Initiative** – Regional collaboration of 12 Northeast & Mid-Atlantic states (including Maryland and Virginia) and the District of Columbia to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector



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Racial Equity

- Partnership with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity
- Regional training program for local government staff to develop racial equity action plans
- Build capacity in government to advance racial equity within local policies and practices



Return on Investment: COG & Prince George's County



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Transportation

Transportation Improvement Program:

- **\$1.13 billion** in funding from 2019-2024
 - Traffic Relief Plan on I-495
 - Purple Line

Enhanced Mobility Grants:

- Prince George's County received two grants totaling **\$430,492**
 - Taxi voucher program for dialysis patients
 - Buses for paratransit service



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Transportation

Transportation Land-Use Connections Program:

- 3 grants totaling **\$170,000** in 2019
 - Cheverly Metro Non-Motorized Access Study
 - Eastover and Forest Heights Trail Improvements
 - Purple Line Parking Study

Transportation Alternatives Program:

- 3 grants totaling **\$550,579** in 2019 and 2020
 - Bike Share Program (Phase II)
 - Chamber Avenue Green Street/Complete Street Project
 - University Park Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan



Transportation

- Street Smart
- Commuter Connections
- Guaranteed Ride Home



Environment

GOrecycle



Protect your community and water supply!

**MEDICATION
TAKE BACK DAY**



Public Safety & Homeland Security

- Regional Emergency Communications:
 - RICCS, a 24/7 system, helps officials communicate during emergencies
 - **83** Prince George's County officials registered to receive messages
 - **15** Conference calls on snow and other emergencies in 2019



Public Safety & Homeland Security

- Urban Areas Security Initiative Funding:
 - CAD2CAD program
 - Interoperable Communications Infrastructure/NCRNet
 - Standardized 9-1-1 Responses to Acts of Mass Violence/Complex Coordinated Attacks



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Prince George's County's Participation in Cooperative Purchasing Program

- Fuel – gasoline and diesel, estimated savings over \$800,000 annually.
- Public Access Bleeding Control Kits – estimated savings of \$12,000
- Ice Melt & Road Salt
- Public Safety Robots



Current Cooperative Contracts

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Subscriber Handheld Radios
- EMS Medical Supplies
- Search and Rescue Management Software
- Temporary Staffing
- Health and Wellness Training
- Public Safety Consulting
- And more!



Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT)

- The Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT) is a partnership between COG and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council to provide cooperative purchasing opportunities throughout the region.
- Register vendors, advertise solicitations, and track contracts on MAPT website: www.midatlanticpurchasing.net
- Local businesses are welcome to register on the MAPT webpage, joining over 20,000 other vendors, and getting the chance to bid on offerings in the entire region. All of Prince George County's online bids are posted on MAPT's website.
- The MAPT website electronic solicitation lock-box feature allows members to save on the cost of in-house software.



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 Policy Committee
- Region Forward Coalition



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