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DMVMoves Task Force Members

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Thank you for being a member of the DMVMoves Task Force. We are excited about this historic initiative and opportunity to develop a regional vision for transit and a path forward for funding and delivering a world class system. Throughout the effort, the Task Force will be assisted by Nuria Fernandez and Nick Donohue, who will facilitate our discussions, and two advisory groups: one representing governmental interests and one representing community interests. These groups, the facilitators, and the COG and WMATA project team (“DMVMoves Project Team”) will provide background information, analysis, and options for the Task Force’s consideration.

The focus of the first Task Force meeting will be on ensuring a broad understanding of DMV transit today and what the region’s future transit plans – funded and unfunded – are. There will also be a review of transit funding and Metro’s budget realities. Overall, the region’s current levels of investment and approaches to delivering transit do not set us on a path to meet our adopted goals and the needs of the growing region.

On Monday, there will be ample time for discussion, and we anticipate focusing on how this region should define world-class transit and the various attributes of it so that the region can best achieve its adopted goals. This could include transit that is frequent all-day/week, bi-directional, there when you need it, seamless, integrated, extensive, reliable, equitable, safe, secure, and anything in between.

Our time at Task Force meetings is short and you likely have additional items you want to explore or better understand. The DMVMoves Project Team is developing reading materials to support you and will circulate and post materials throughout the effort. The topics are dense, and the team is cognizant of your time, so will be sending information incrementally. The Advisory Groups will be diving deeper into many of the topics, and we encourage you to reach out to your colleagues on the Advisory Groups to support discussions. If there is a topic that you feel the Task Force would benefit from more information on, please reach out to Monica Beyrouiti, with COG (mbeyrouiti@mwkog.org), and Regina Sullivan, with WMATA (rsullivan@wmata.com) who are the primary points of contact for the Task Force.

Tackling a challenge that is 50 years in the making is not a small undertaking. Your active and consistent participation on the Task Force is critical to the initiative’s success. Our ask of all Task Force Members is to review the materials and arrive with an open mind and a regional perspective; a desire to make key decisions and provide clear direction; a willingness to be transparent and provide information; and a readiness to manage political risks, recommend a final action plan, and advocate for full implementation and funding. As a reminder, outcomes from DMVMoves include:

1. Shared and unified vision and plan for public transit in the region
2. Sustainable funding and organizational model(s) and legislative language
3. Supporting policies and action steps to make this a reality

Since the May launch, discussions among the COG Board and Task Force members have occurred and as a result, the Task Force has been expanded to include the following additional members:

- Jason Miller, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget (Federal)
- Janeese Lewis George, Councilmember Ward 4 (District of Columbia)
- Matt de Ferranti, Member, Arlington County Board (Virginia)
- Marc Elrich, County Executive, Montgomery County (Maryland)

We appreciate your time, attention, and cooperation in DMVMoves!

Sincerely,

Charles Allen, Task Force Co-Chair and COG Board Chair

Paul Smedberg, Task Force Co-Chair and WMATA Board Chair