

**NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GREATER WASHINGTON 2050
COMPACT AND *REGION FORWARD* REPORT**

May 6, 2010

WHEREAS, the National Capital Planning Commission (hereinafter “NCPC”) recognizes that the federal government is a major generator of growth and development in the National Capital Region and that federal activities significantly impact the economic and environmental health of the region;

WHEREAS, the current *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements* states that NCPC and other federal agencies must “work closely with authorities in jurisdictions and with affected community groups in which federal activities are located or are proposed to be located” and “strongly promotes intergovernmental cooperation and public participation in the preparation and review of federal policies, plans, and programs in the region”;

WHEREAS, Section 2(f) of Presidential Executive Order 13514 states that federal agencies should advance regional and local integrated planning in order to promote environmental sustainability, energy security and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, NCPC is currently collaborating with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (hereinafter “COG”) to advance a joint work program with several initiatives that coordinate federal and local planning activities and enhance community, economic and environmental sustainability in the region;

WHEREAS, in January 2008, COG established the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition (hereinafter “Coalition”), a public-private advisory panel consisting of state and local government officials, representatives of the region’s business and environmental sectors, and members of the public, to help shape the region;

WHEREAS, NCPC participated as a member of the Coalition to represent federal interests in the region and encourage federal-local collaboration;

WHEREAS, the Coalition has engaged in significant public outreach to solicit input from citizens, the business community, elected officials and civic organizations;

WHEREAS, after almost two years of work, the Coalition unanimously approved its final report, *Region Forward – A Comprehensive Guide for Regional Planning and Measuring Progress in the 21st Century* (hereinafter “*Region Forward*”), which includes nine regional goals in four themes of accessibility, sustainability, prosperity and livability; and establishes regional performance targets and indicators to measure progress towards goals;

WHEREAS, the COG Board approved the *Region Forward* report in January 2010 and recommended that local governments execute a voluntary regional compact incorporating these regional goals and commit to consider regional implications in local decisions and actions, and further recommended that the support of regional stakeholders be sought for the compact;

WHEREAS, NCPC, after review and consideration of these goals and their potential benefits to the region's residents, businesses and federal interests, believes that it is in the best interest of the federal government to support *Region Forward* and the voluntary regional compact to promote a sustainable future in the National Capital Region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Planning Commission, in its role as the central planning agency for the federal government in the National Capital Region:

1. Supports the goals of *Region Forward* and the voluntary regional compact;
2. Reaffirms its commitment to working with COG to advance initiatives identified in the agencies' joint work program that foster federal and regional collaboration, including implementation efforts related to the Greater Washington 2050 compact and *Region Forward*;
3. Will actively seek to inform federal agencies of regional planning activities and facilitate cross-agency discussions with regional leaders;
4. Consistent with Executive Order 13514, agrees to coordinate with COG, local governments and federal agencies to implement policies, programs and initiatives that advance sustainability and regional and local integrated planning objectives;
5. To the extent possible, agrees to assist COG with data collection regarding relevant federal activities that measure progress towards identified regional goals and performance targets;
6. To the extent possible, agrees to use *Region Forward* as a resource for understanding regional goals and policies when conducting agency work, including plan review of federal and District of Columbia development projects, development of the Federal Capital Improvement Program, future updates to the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements*, and other agency plans and studies.