



ONE REGION MOVING FORWARD

COG and City of Alexandria

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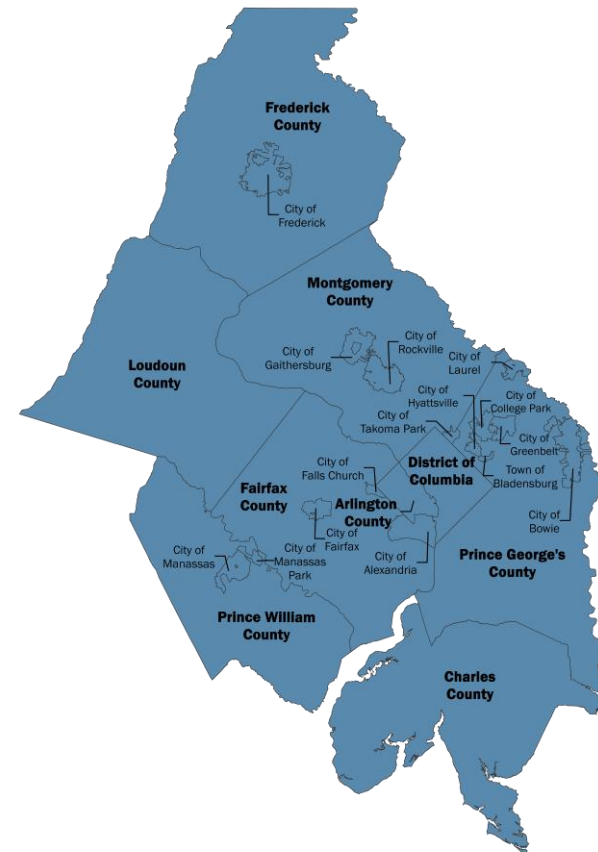
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About COG

- 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





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



Staff and Work Program

- 130+ professional staff members
- \$46M budget in FY 2017
- Departments include:
 - Transportation Planning
 - Environmental Programs
 - Community Planning and Services
 - Homeland Security and Public Safety Services



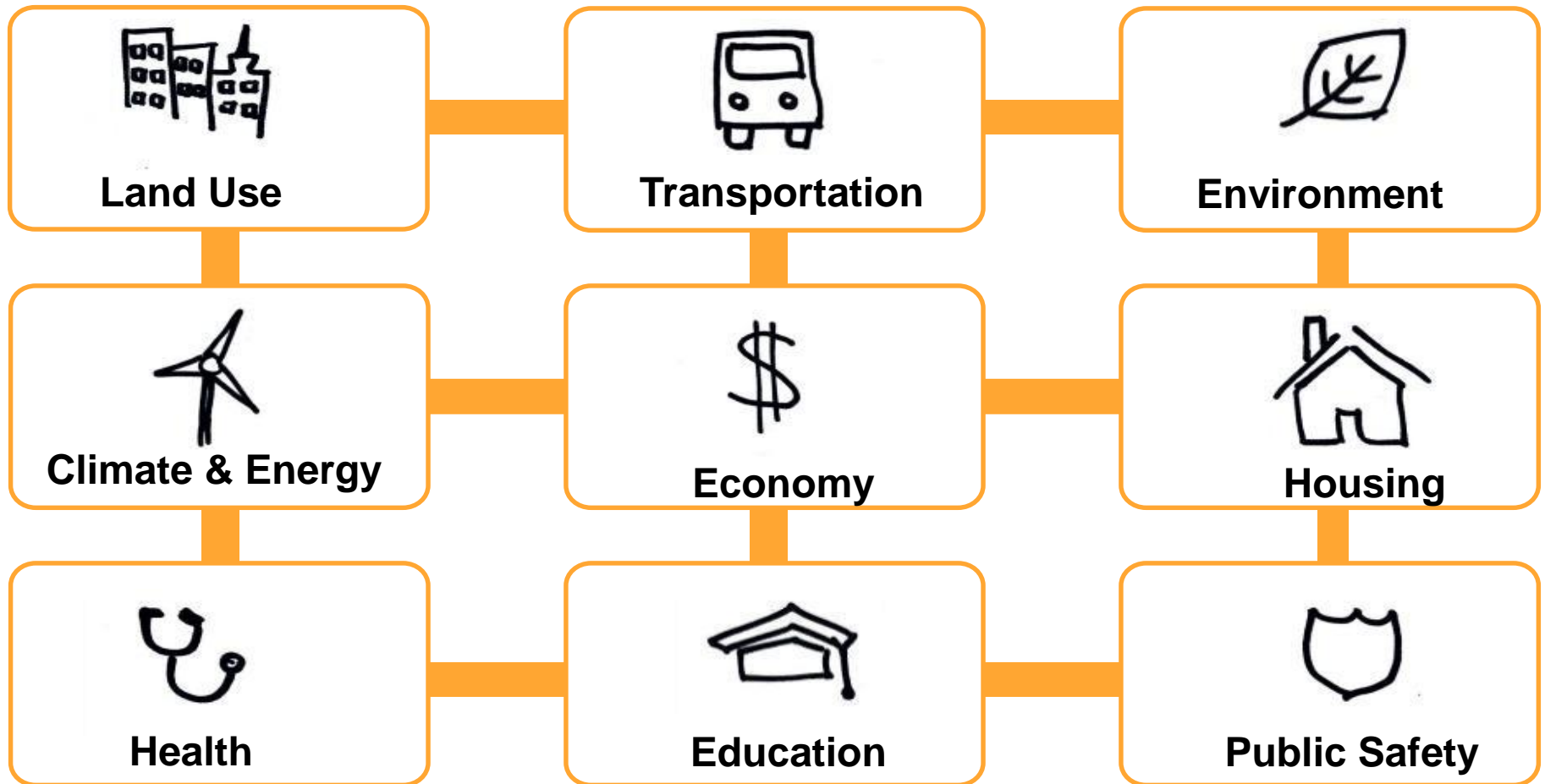


Additional Programs

- Cooperative Purchasing
- Health Care Coalition
- Institute for Regional Excellence
- Commuter Connections
- Transportation/Land Use Grants
- Clean Air Partners
- Anacostia Restoration



Region Forward



Return on Investment: Alexandria & COG



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Transportation

New Freedom Grant Program Funding: \$400,000

- Design and construction of pedestrian safety upgrades at four intersections in Alexandria

Enhanced Mobility Grant Funding:

- Serves Northern Virginia including Alexandria

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER):

- Five of the projects were in Virginia totaling \$29.3 million



Transportation

- Street Smart
- Commuter Connections
- Guaranteed Ride Home



Environment



Protect your community and water supply!

**MEDICATION
TAKE BACK DAY**



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Environment

Emergency Debris Gap Analysis –
\$85,000 in regional planning and coordination



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Regional Safety

Regional Emergency Communications:

- RICCS, a 24/7 system, helps officials communicate during emergencies
- 57 Alexandria officials are registered to receive messages
- Conference calls on snow and other emergencies: 15 calls in FY 2016



Current Cooperative Procurements

- Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
- Office Supplies
- Ice Melt and Road Salt
- Furniture and Lighting
- EMS Medical Supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment
- And More!



Alexandria Cooperative Procurements

- **Fuel** – Alexandria uses both gasoline and diesel fuel contracts to purchase almost 400,000 gallons annually, saving close to **\$90,000**.
- **Subscriber Radios** – regional award with a 10 year life cycle replacement contract. Potential savings of **\$3,000** per radio. Alexandria has about 2,000 radios, which could result in **\$6 million of savings** over time.



Upcoming Cooperative Procurements

- **Next-Generation 9-1-1 technology**
- **Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals** – consortium of local water authorities
- **Fleets for the Future** – alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure



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Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT)



- MAPT is a joint partnership between COG and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) to provide cooperative purchasing opportunities to members throughout the region.
- COG and BMC members can register vendors, view solicitations, and track contracts at: www.midatlanticpurchasing.net



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 and Public Safety Policy Committee
- Region Forward Coalition



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