

COOPERATIVE FORECASTING GROUP

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM**

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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ATTENDANCE

Jeff Bronow – Howard County Department of Planning	410-313-2350
Richard Campbell – Anne Arundel County Department of Planning	410-222-7739
Mark Goldstein – Maryland Department of Planning	410-767-4454
Scott Graf – Carroll County Department of Planning	410-386-2145
Carmen Morosan – Baltimore City Department of Planning	410-396-7526
James Palma - Maryland Department of Planning	410-767-4888
Dan Rooney – Harford County Department of Planning	410-638-3103
Kui Zhao – Baltimore County Department of Planning	410-887-3521
Margaret Kaii-Ziegler – Anne Arundel County Department of Planning	410-222-7462

BMC Staff Members

Dunbar Brooks – Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-732-9574
Shawn Kimberly – Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-732-0500x1026
Brian Ryder – Baltimore Metropolitan Council	410-722-0500x1054

The Chairperson, Dan Rooney, convened the meeting at 12:38 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Richard Campbell, Anne Arundel County, moved for the approval of the Cooperative Forecasting Group (CFG) minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting with minor corrections noted by Mr. Mark Goldstein of the Maryland Department of Planning. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Bronow of Howard County and the minutes were approved with corrections.

STATUS REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF 2010 TAZs AND TADs: Mr. Brian Ryder, BMC staff, presented the results of the process of defining TAZs and TADs based upon 2010 Census geography. Mr. Ryder reminded the CFG members that it was prescribed by the Census Bureau that each TAZ have a minimum of 600 in population or workers (or some combination thereof). Based upon the population/worker threshold and the 2010 Census geography, the BMC (with the input of each of the local jurisdictions) created a new TAZ boundary file. The new file contains 1,387 TAZs, up from the 1,151 TAZs that were based upon the 2000 Census geography. The result is an increase of 236 TAZs.

Mr. Ryder explained that the creation of a Traffic Analysis District (TAD) requires a population of at least 20,000 residents (workers are not counted). Mr. Ryder used the existing Regional Planning District (RPD) boundaries as a starting point for the creation of the TADs. The TAD structure roughly

matches that of the RPD structure, with some boundary adjustments made to account for the population requirement. A total of 72 TADs were submitted to the Census Bureau. Mr. Bronow asked what the rationale was for the population requirement. Mr. Ryder responded that it was for the creation of a nationwide coverage of a 20,000+ population geography unit (the minimum population for coverage in the three-year ACS products).

Mr. Rooney thanked Mr. Ryder and asked the group if there was other business to discuss. A brief discussion followed with respect to the development of the Round 8 cooperative forecast. It was proposed that a subcommittee of the CFG investigate the merits of utilizing the Bureau of Economic Analysis Wage & Salary data versus Bureau of Labor Statistics data in the development of the Round 8 cooperative forecast. Mr. Bronow suggested a meeting of this subcommittee after the August 17, 2011 CFG meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Next CFG Meeting – October 19, 2011