



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: October 14, 2024	Submitted by: Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
Item Title: GOG Update	
Staff update on Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Meetings	
Work Session Item [X] Council Meeting Item [X]	Documentation Attached:
Recommended Action:	
INFORMATION ONLY	
<p>Item Summary: The town is a Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) member. Bladensburg represents its citizens in the region and sits on several key committees and groups. Each month, staff attends, and Council members attend meetings and participate in programs. Below are some updates on the COG Committees that have been attended recently.</p> <p>COG Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Committee— Over the last two months, Regine Watson has attended this meeting on my behalf; please see her updates below:</p> <p>On September 2, 2024, Regine Watson attended the monthly meeting where CAO committee members discussed key issues regarding homelessness, housing initiatives and public safety. The committee reviewed the Pro-housing grant aimed at improving zoning reforms and increasing affordable housing.</p> <p>At our most recent meeting, October 2, 2024, CAO committee members focused on essential budgetary needs and strategic planning for regional public safety programs, which revealed varied budget adjustments for FY 2026. There was also a discussion on maintenance program from UASI grant funding to local budgets. In the round table discussions, participants raised diverse topics to be discussed in the future including school capacity challenges, AI applications, fire department issues, election security and affordable housing.</p> <p>Town staff and Council members are active in the various COG committees, and this will appear as report so that the Council is aware. Upcoming meetings include; DMV moves meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 and Ms. Watson will attend on the Town’s behalf. There is also a Region Forward Meeting scheduled in Friday, October 25, 2024 and Vito Tinelli will be attending on the Town’s behalf.</p>	
Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [] NA Budgeted Amount: One-Time Cost: NA Ongoing Cost: NA	Continued Date:
Council Priority: Yes [] No []	Approved Date: