

Draft Proposal for Employment Development Subcommittee

Mission: To cooperatively work with FAMPO and GWRC members and partner organizations to increase employment in the George Washington Region, thereby increasing the Region's jobs/housing balance and reducing regional dependence and traffic on the Interstate 95 corridor.

Subcommittee Members:

1. Two members per GWRC locality from either the GWRC or FAMPO Boards or CAO
2. Fredericksburg Regional Alliance (FRA)
3. Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce
4. Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors (FAAR)
5. University of Mary Washington (UMW)
6. Germanna Community College (GCC)

Working Group providing Staff Support for Subcommittee:

Include FAMPO, GWRC, FRA, Chamber of Commerce, FAAR, UMW, and GCC

Schedule:

1. Form Subcommittee and Working Group and gather input on scope: October/November
2. Working Group performs initial research between November and January
3. First Subcommittee meeting in January, 2018
4. Meet monthly for six months: January thru June, 2018
5. Develop recommendations presentation to GWRC/FAMPO in July 2018

Potential Scope of Work:

1. Investigate opportunities to move Federal Government employment to the George Washington Region
2. Investigate opportunities to create increased flexibility in Federal Government telework options to increase the ability of federal workers in the George Washington Region to telework
3. Investigate ways to increase the George Washington Region's ability to attract millennial workers, new employment and economic development
 - a. Transportation and Land Use
 - i. Multimodal regional transportation improvements
 - Focus regional highway funding resources on regional/local roads
 - Develop a regional mass transit system
 - Develop a regional bicycle and pedestrian network
 - ii. Change future land use to be more compact and easier to serve by transit or bicycle/pedestrian modes
 - iii. Develop a commercial aviation airport at Stafford Regional Airport
 - iv. Explore freight opportunities in the George Washington Region
 - New port on the Potomac River
 - New inland intermodal rail terminal
 - Freight/warehouse distribution centers
 - Air Freight opportunities for Stafford Regional Airport
 - b. Help expand affordable housing options
 - c. Improve regional transportation access to arts, entertainment, and tourist venues