

HRPDC/HRTPO Public Comment

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**Name:** Mark Geduldig-Yatrosky

**Date:** May 20, 2020

**Subject:** CAO Meeting

### **Comment:**

I write to suggest that the region should stick its toe in the virtual meeting realm with the formerly monthly CAO meeting. As that body communicates rather than legislates, staying within the FOIA bounds delineated in Attorney General Herring's Sullivan Opinion (see <https://oag.state.va.us/files/Opinions/2020/Sullivan-Opinion-Request.pdf>) should be relatively easily achievable. My experiences during the "lock down" with both the Zoom and its video conferencing platforms have been highly satisfactory, but whatever vehicle you might select, I think that reestablishing a trans-regional networking protocol would be beneficial. Best regards.

### **HRPDC/HRTPO Response: (via e-mail)**

Mr. Geduldig-Yatrosky:

It's good to hear from you, I hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy during these challenging times.

I am writing to thank you for your public comment suggesting that the Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) Committee restart their regular monthly meetings. I agree and believe this is a great suggestion.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, we have been regularly connecting the CAOs to discuss a coordinated regional response to this pandemic – but these calls have been limited to the specific topic of our localities' operational response to this State of Emergency. As you note, while the CAO Committee focuses on communication rather than legislative matters, reconvening the monthly CAO meetings in a virtual meeting format will help with the regional exchange of information on a broad range of issues.

I will be communicating your request to the chair and vice-chair of our CAO Committee and will keep you posted as we re-establish these meetings in an electronic remote format. I expect we will keep these meetings on their regular schedule (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month).

Thanks again for your comment, I always appreciate your attendance and input at our regular CAO Committee meetings. I look forward to restarting these meetings as soon as practical.

Bob