



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 22, 2017
TO: CRCOG Policy Board
FROM: Lyle Wray, Executive Director
SUBJECT: CRCOG Annual Meeting: Date, Location and Theme

The CRCOG annual meeting is fast approaching. At this point a discussion of possible dates, locations and themes would be helpful input. From this staff could explore options and return to the full Board for approval.

Usually the meeting at noon on a day from late May through mid-June. This year the annual meeting of the National Association of Regional Councils is scheduled from June 4 to June 7. The Legislature's regular session is scheduled to end at about the same time though special sessions are a possibility.

At the March 8, 2017 CRCOG Executive Committee meeting staff were directed to seek out the Yard Goats as a venue (including a facility tour) starting with the dates below. Based on conversations with the facility the dates that are currently available are:

- Wednesday June 7
- Thursday June 8 and
- Monday June 19

The facility is being booked up quickly so a decision on the date would be helpful at the Policy Board meeting and we could proceed with planning including a keynote speaker from the following or other themes. The consensus from the Executive Committee was for an uplifting tone to the keynote.

- Steps taken by Rhode Island on post-employment benefits for state and local retirees and state supervision of fiscally stressed communities
- Possible game changers for the region in terms of transportation and workforce to spur economic growth
- Leveraging our cultural and other assets to attract and retain next generation skilled workers