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Robert McCartney is a retired **Washington Post** editor, columnist and correspondent who now hosts the “**Think Regionally**” podcast sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

The monthly podcast focuses on challenges and especially solutions for the Washington metro region. Topics have included transportation, housing, the environment, and racial and economic equity.

McCartney retired in August 2021 after 39 years at The Post. In his final 12 years at the paper, he wrote about the Washington area as the paper’s Senior Regional Correspondent. Prior to that, he was the top editor of the Metro section, where he supervised coverage of the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings, for which the staff received the Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Reporting.

Earlier, McCartney served in jobs including Foreign Editor, National Security Editor, New York financial writer, foreign correspondent in Mexico and Germany, and Managing Editor of The International Herald Tribune in Paris.

As a correspondent, McCartney covered the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and civil wars in El Salvador and Nicaragua in the mid-1980s.

From 2009 to 2021, McCartney did a Friday morning radio analysis of local issues on WAMU 88.5-FM. He also was a frequent guest on Fox 5 TV, in addition to making appearances on MSNBC, WTOP and other outlets.

McCartney grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from Amherst College (Mass.) in 1975. He lives in Bethesda with his wife, and they have a grown son. He is a member of Leadership Greater Washington, and an ardent fan of the Commanders and Nationals.