



## AMPO CELEBRATES THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE IIJA

**November 15, 2023 – Washington, DC** – On the two-year mark of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) today celebrated the transformative impacts of this critical legislation on our nation's transportation infrastructure. The passage of the BIL/IIJA has been transformative, sparking a level of investment in infrastructure that's bolstering communities and strengthening the resiliency of our nation's transportation systems.

Bill Keyrouze, Executive Director of AMPO said: “Metropolitan Planning Organizations appreciate the far-reaching benefits that have begun to take shape from the commitment of over \$1 trillion in investments. The infusion of federal funds has accelerated progress on essential projects, from the intricacies of urban mobility to the expanse of rural connectivity. The BIL/IIJA has strengthened the transportation community's collective ability to foster innovation, prioritize safety, champion equity, and address the critical needs of aging infrastructure.”

This milestone gives us a moment to appreciate the progress made and the role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in turning policy into action. MPOs are at the forefront, utilizing this legislation to enhance their strategic planning efforts and introduce innovative solutions to the complex transportation challenges of our time. The BIL/IIJA has ushered in new programs that have opened doors for MPOs, augmented by notable increases in Planning funds, the Surface Transportation Block Grant, and the Transportation Alternatives Program allocations. This bolstered support has had a significant and wide-reaching impact on communities across the nation. It has enabled a multitude of benefits, from driving crucial bridge repair and replacement initiatives to enhancing infrastructure projects that focus on highway improvements and resilience.

This anniversary is a testament to the resilience and dedication of MPOs to maximize federal funding and push forward infrastructure projects that are making a real difference—from green transportation modes to safer streets, the benefits are tangible and lasting. We're proud of the strides our MPO members have made, turning visions into reality with the support of the BIL/IIJA funding. Their success stories underscore the power of partnership and collective action in transforming our infrastructure landscape.

On this anniversary, we're reaffirming our commitment to working together with federal, state, and local partners. AMPO is keen on maintaining a close collaboration with the U.S. Department of Transportation to refine guidance and streamline funding applications, all with the common goal of fully realizing the promise of the BIL/IIJA.