

Legislative Priorities



Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations



Commitment to Strengthening Communities

AMPO is dedicated to advancing the interests of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and their communities. AMPO supports the development of sustainable transportation systems that promote economic growth, social equity, and environmental stewardship.

Legislative Priorities for MPOs

- Increase Planning Funds to Meet Federal Planning Requirements**

We advocate for an increase in the total amount of metropolitan planning funds and increase the federal share to adequately meet the needs of the evolving role of MPOs.
- Shifting Certain Discretionary Funding to Formula Funding**

We support a shift of certain discretionary programs toward formula-based allocations. Formula funding ensures a more equitable and predictable distribution of resources, which will enable our member organizations to plan and implement long-term transportation projects effectively. However, we understand the value discretionary programs can provide and will continue to advocate for the programs that garner the support of MPOs.
- Reducing Local Match for Federal Transportation Programs**

We urge the reduction of local match requirements for federal transportation projects. By lowering these burdensome match requirements, MPOs will have greater flexibility to address critical infrastructure needs and enhance transportation services for our communities.
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations Becoming Direct Recipients for Federal Funds**

AMPO supports greater flexibility in granting direct recipient status to MPOs for certain federal funds. This will streamline the funding process, eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, and empower our member organizations to make decisions that directly benefit their respective communities.
- Allowing for Carryover of Federal Funds**

We advocate for a provision that permits the carryover of federal funds from one fiscal year to the next. This will facilitate the completion of long-term projects, ensuring that our efforts to improve transportation infrastructure are not hindered by year-to-year funding constraints.

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