



AMPO

Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Commitment to Strengthening Communities



AMPO is dedicated to advancing the interests of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and their communities. As required by Federal law, MPOs are regional policy-making bodies charged with developing and coordinating multimodal transportation plans based on Congressionally created performance measures. There are 410 MPOs across the US. MPOs work to support project delivery, improve safety, alleviate congestion, and drive economic growth. MPOs also manage billions of dollars in formula and discretionary funding, delivering projects that make a tangible difference for the communities and regions they serve.

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. These funds empower MPOs to plan for transportation systems that are responsive to the needs of our communities, fostering economic growth, safety, and mobility.
- MPOs Becoming Direct Recipients for Certain Federal Funds**
We supports greater flexibility in granting direct recipient status to MPOs for certain federal funds. This will streamline the funding process, eliminate bureaucratic hurdles, and empower MPOs to make decisions that directly benefit their respective communities, while reaching national goals.
- Reducing Local Match for Federal Transportation Programs**
By reducing local match requirements for federal transportation funds, we aim to give MPOs the flexibility to address critical infrastructure needs. Reducing match requirements supports rural and economically distressed communities that struggle to access critical federal funds.
- Allowing for Carryover of Federal Funds**
Allowing the carryover of federal funds from one fiscal year to the next ensures uninterrupted progress on essential long-term projects, promoting consistent infrastructure improvements that enhance safety, mobility and economic vitality for residents.
- Shifting Certain Discretionary Funding to Formula Funding**
A shift to formula-based funding for certain federal programs ensures a more predictable and equitable distribution of resources, allowing MPOs to strategically plan for the long-term growth of their communities. However, we understand the supplementary value discretionary programs can provide and will continue to advocate for the programs that garner the support of MPOs.

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