

ITEM 8 - Action
November 16, 2005

Approval of Funding and Transmittal Letter for 2006 Membership in
the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)

Staff

Recommendation: Approve funding of \$19,750 from the FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) along with the transmittal letter for the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2006 membership in AMPO.

Issues: None

Background: AMPO is a national organization that represents and provides assistance to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) like the TPB throughout the nation. TPB Chairman Phil Mendelson is a member of the Board of Directors of AMPO.

The \$19,750 will be provided from the TPB's current FY 2006 UPWP. Under work activity I K. DTP Management funding is available for "...department-wide management activities not attributable to specific project tasks in the program."

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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November 16, 2005

Mayor Rae Rupp Srch
President
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Suite 608
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Rupp Srch:

Thank you for your letter and invoice of November 11, 2005 requesting dues payment for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2006 membership in the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). As a long time member, the TPB greatly values AMPO's active representation of the nation's metropolitan planning organizations, and benefits from the technical assistance it provides our planning staff.

I am pleased to inform you that at its November 16, 2005 meeting, the TPB approved a 2006 dues payment to AMPO in the amount of \$19,750. The payment is enclosed with this letter. The TPB anticipates working closely with AMPO in the coming year on key planning challenges facing MPOs.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson
Chairman
National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

Enclosure



**ASSOCIATION OF
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING
ORGANIZATIONS**

Ron Kirby
Metropolitan Washington COG
777 N. Capitol St., NE
Washington, DC 20002

November 11, 2005

Dear Mr. Kirby,

2005 was an exciting year as we finally saw the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). AMPO staff worked diligently with Hill staff and consultants to ensure an increase in PL funding from 1% under TEA-21 to \$1.25% in the new Bill.

Prior to the passage of SAFETEA-LU, AMPO staff, board members, and committee members began focusing on TEA-4 and the future of MPOs. The 2005 Annual Conference, which drew over two hundred participants, focused on this particular topic with a three part series on Ensuring MPO Relevance. AMPO is dedicated to the advancement of MPOs and will continue to think strategically about the future.

We continue to utilize our Federal grants to provide members with technical assistance. New this year, AMPO partnered with FTA to award Safety & Security Challenge Grants to three MPOs, totaling \$125,000, to develop innovative projects that address safety and security in the transportation planning process. We are currently working on two additional grant awards for emergency/disaster response planning at the regional level.

Since 1999, AMPO has continued to grow and to improve its' services. In 2005, we grew to two hundred and fifteen members, with twenty-five organizations joining during this year alone. In order to continue to provide the most up to date policy information, technical assistance, and other member services including professional publications and conferences, the AMPO Board of Directors approved a membership dues increase for 2006. The formula for calculating dues has changed from 2000UZA x .005 to 2000UZA x .0055 and the dues cap has been increased from \$18,750 to \$19,750. Your new dues are calculated on the actual invoice.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact AMPO at 202-296-7051 or dhardy@ampo.org. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a successful 2006!

Sincerely,

Mayor Rae Rupp Srch
AMPO President

Return section below with payment. Previous portion for your records.

**AMPO Membership Dues
2006 Annual Dues Payment**

Please indicate the portion (amount or percent) of your AMPO dues derived from federal funds:		
Amount \$	Percent	%

Amount due by January 1, 2006 \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Remit Payment with bottom portion of invoice to:
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW Suite 608
Washington, DC 20036
Thank you for your continued support of AMPO!

Invoice



AMPO

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Date	Invoice #
1/1/2006	2005-300

Bill To

Ron Kirby
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Description	Amount
AMPO Membership Dues- 2006	19,750.00
Total	\$19,750.00