

**ITEM 8 - Action**  
November 15, 2006

Approval of Funding and Transmittal Letter for 2007 Membership in the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Approve funding of \$19,750 from the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) along with the transmittal letter for the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2007 membership in AMPO.

**Issues:** None

**Background:** AMPO is a national organization that represents and provides assistance to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) like the TPB. Mr. Mendelson was recently elected president of AMPO for 2007.

The \$19,750 will be provided from the TPB's current FY 2007 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 15, 2006

Supervisor Steve Kinsey  
2006 President  
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
Suite 608  
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

**DRAFT**

Dear Supervisor Kinsey:

Thank you for your letter and invoice of November 9, 2006 requesting dues payment for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2007 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 greatly from the technical assistance it provides our planning staff.

I am pleased to inform you that at its November 15, 2006 meeting, the TPB approved a 2007 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,

Michael Knapp  
Chairman  
National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

Enclosure



**ASSOCIATION OF  
METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING  
ORGANIZATIONS**

November 9, 2006

Mr. Ron Kirby  
Metropolitan Washington COG  
777 North Capitol St., NE Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear AMPO Member,

This year was an exciting one for AMPO. We saw the development of regulations stemming from the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). AMPO staff worked tirelessly along with our outside counsel to construct strong comments in the best interest of the MPO community.

2007 promises to be another important year for the MPO community. Not only will AMPO continue to assist MPOs with SAFETEA-LU implementation, but we will also turn our attention to the next reauthorization and beyond. During 2007, we will develop our policy priorities and we will also take a hard look at the role, structure, function, and future of MPOs.

AMPO member Steve Heminger of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission was named to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. The Highway Trust Fund's looming financial challenges will make the Commission's recommendations critical as we look to the future of the American transportation system. AMPO will be co-hosting the Commission meeting in Chicago with some of the other major transportation associations.

We are pleased to announce that in early 2007, AMPO and AASHTO will partner to host the **National Summit on Future Transportation Funding and Finance Strategies: States and Metropolitan Regions**. The purpose of this Summit is to provide a forum for transportation officials to come together and feed into the Congressional efforts on the fate of the Trust Fund.

We continue to utilize our Federal grants to provide members with technical assistance. AMPO created a new workgroup this year focused on the Management and Operations requirements in SAFETEA-LU. We are currently working on two additional grant awards for emergency/disaster response planning at the regional level. We continue to work in a variety of areas to include land use and transportation, fiscal constraint, travel modeling and air quality.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact AMPO at 202-296-7051 or [dhardy@ampo.org](mailto:dhardy@ampo.org). Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a successful 2007!

Sincerely,

Supervisor Steve Kinsey  
2006 AMPO President

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

**AMPO Membership 2007 Annual Dues Payment**

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

Amount due by December 31, 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!

AMPO

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202-296-7051

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
1/1/2007	2007-R65

Bill To
Ron Kirby Metropolitan Washington COG 777 N. Capitol St., NE Suite 300 Washington, DC 20002

Description	Amount
AMPO Membership Dues- 2007	19,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,750.00</b>