

**ITEM 8 - Action**  
November 17, 2004

Approval of Funding and Transmittal Letter for 2005 Membership in  
the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** Approve funding of \$16,875 from the FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) along with the transmittal letter for the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2005 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 Vice Chairman Phil Mendelson is a member of the Board of Directors of AMPO. As indicated in the attached 2005 dues letter from the AMPO Executive Director, AMPO will focus on the issues of vital concern to MPOs in the reauthorization of TEA-21.

The \$16,875 will be provided from the TPB's current FY 2005 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."



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Ms. DeLania Hardy  
Executive Director  
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
Suite 608  
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Hardy:

Thank you for your letter and invoice of October 28, 2004 requesting dues payment for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2005 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 17, 2004 meeting, the TPB approved a 2005 dues payment to AMPO in the amount of \$16,875. The payment is enclosed with this letter. The TPB anticipates working closely with AMPO in the coming year on TEA-21 reauthorization and on other key planning challenges facing MPOs.

Sincerely,

Christopher Zimmerman  
Chairman  
National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

Enclosure

# DRAFT



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

Dear Mr. Kirby

As you know, this is going to be an important and potentially unstable year with the on-going extensions of TEA-21. ISTEA and TEA-21 expanded the responsibilities of MPOs. Therefore, AMPO is strongly advocating enhancement of the current funding and increase the funding directly available to you and other MPOs through CMAQ, STP, and metropolitan planning. Now more than ever, we need to keep an eye on Hill activities.

We have also received federal grants to provide you with technical information in the areas of Air Quality Conformity, Management and Operations/Intelligent Transportation Systems, Land Use, Operations, Transit and Travel Demand Modeling. At this year's annual conference, we unveiled our new "education" track and we were able to offer scholarship money for our new MPO colleagues.

Next year's activities follow a successful 2004 for AMPO. We will be busy continuing to improve our services and looking for more ways to engage the MPO community. We will publish the revised MPO Profiles, including the new MPOs' information, and we have many other projects in the works. Please note that our AMPO Member's Only section will have a password change and we will be working on a message board and other items "for members only."

Please contact me with your questions or concerns at 202-296-7051 or [dhardy@ampo.org](mailto:dhardy@ampo.org). I look forward to working with you cooperatively through reauthorization. All MPOs must have a voice!

Sincerely yours,

DeLania Hardy  
Executive Director

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# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
01/01/2005	2005-89

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

Description	Amount
AMPO Membership Dues - 2005	16,875.00
<b>Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,875.00</b>