

ITEM 8 - Action
December 16, 2009

Approval of Funding and Transmittal Letter for TPB's 2010
Membership in the Association of Metropolitan Planning
Organizations

Staff

Recommendation: Approve funding from the FY 2010 UPWP along with an associated transmittal letter for the TPB's 2010 membership in AMPO.

Issues: None

Background: The Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) is a national organization that represents and provides assistance to metropolitan planning organizations like the TPB throughout the United States. Mr. Mendelson has served as President of AMPO for 2009.

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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December 16, 2009

Ms. DeLania Hardy
Executive Director
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Suite 710
1029 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Hardy:

In response to the invoice of November 10, 2009 requesting dues payment for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) 2010 membership in the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), I am pleased to inform you that at its December 16, 2009 meeting, the TPB approved a 2010 dues payment to AMPO in the amount of \$22,000. The payment is enclosed with this letter

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. The TPB anticipates working closely with AMPO in the coming year on the key planning challenges facing MPOs.

Sincerely,

Charles Jenkins
Chair
National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

Enclosure



**ASSOCIATION OF
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING
ORGANIZATIONS**

November 10, 2009

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

Dear Ron,

In 2009 AMPO was a strong voice on the Hill and with the Administration during debates on the most pressing issues facing MPOs, including authorization, climate change, and transportation funding. AMPO was actively sought out by Congress and the Administration for ideas and suggestions on these topics. We were able to influence the discussion and the bills currently on the table through our active and engaged policy committee, membership, and board.

In the year ahead, these issues will continue to be debated and legislation refined as we head toward a transportation bill that will change the way we do business in metropolitan areas. AMPO's work over the past three years to develop a framework for transportation planning has helped us speak to these issues with authority. We also continue to advocate for restoring the rescinded transportation funds that have impacted many MPOs.

In addition to this important policy work, AMPO is working hard on the technical issues that MPOs address on a day-to-day basis. We began our MPO pooled funding project this year to conduct research into the use of advanced travel forecasting techniques. This work addresses several recommendations contained in the June 2007 TRB Special Report 288, Metropolitan Travel Forecasting: Current Practice and Future Direction. We will have the results of our important research in 2010. We will also convene our Work Groups on operations, travel modeling, and air quality/climate change in the upcoming year.

Next year will continue to bring fast-paced changes to our transportation programs. I look forward to continuing our important work with you on these issues and to ensuring our voices continue to be heard. Please contact me with your questions or concerns at 202-296-7051 or dhardy@ampo.org.

DeLania Hardy
AMPO Executive Director



AMPO Invoice

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Invoice Date	Description	Amount Due
11/10/09	2010 AMPO Annual Membership: 2010 rate calculated as \$.0066 per capita based upon 2000 UZA Population. Maximum is \$22,000.	
	2000 UZA	3,933,920 x .0066
	One-Year Membership Rate	\$25,963.87
	Yearly Dues	\$22,000.00

Our records show that 80% of your dues come from federal funds. Please confirm this when you submit your payment.

Detach and return section below with payment. Retain top portion for your records.

AMPO Membership Dues

Invoice # 2010-089

Metropolitan Washington COG

Amount due by December 31, 2009

\$22,000.00

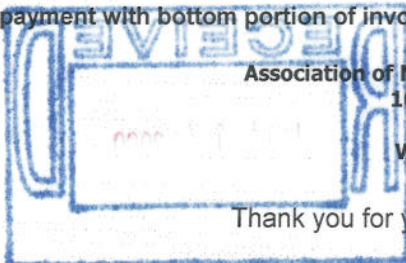
Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Our records show that 80% of your dues come from federal funds. Please choose one below:

- This is correct.
- The correct percentage of Metropolitan Washington COG's annual dues derived from federal funds is _____%

Remit payment with bottom portion of invoice to:



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Thank you for your continued support of AMPO!