



September 27, 2023

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: MPC 6.b: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) Comment Letter

Action Recommended: Approve Letter for MPC Chair signature

Background and Discussion

In August, the national Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), in collaboration with NARC (National Association of Regional Councils), NADO (National Association of Development Organizations), NACo (National Association of Counties), and NLC (National League of Cities), sent a joint letter to the House of Representatives concerning the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations (THUD) Bill. At the same time AMPO reached out to MPOs across the country asking for them to also weigh in on the proposed legislation.

The attached comment letter describes the issues with the legislation that are of concern to MPOs, as well as state and local jurisdictions. As currently drafted, the House bill contains funding cuts to several programs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) that together would result in a 38 percent reduction in funding for critical transportation and housing programs. The attached draft letter is based on a template provided by AMPO that closely mirrors the joint letter referenced above.

The MPC's advisory Transportation Planning Committee unanimously recommends approval of this letter.

Requested Action

- Approve Letter for MPC Chair signature

Attachment

1. Draft comment letter