


Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Work Program Funding Increase Scenarios for MPOs and RPAs

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Planning Funding Types

- MPOs
 - FTA 5305d
 - FHWA PL
- RPAs
 - FTA 5305e
 - FTA 5311
 - FHWA SPR

MPO PL

Metropolitan Planning Program (PL)						
	CAA, 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Funds Appropriated	\$357,874,655	\$438,121,139	\$446,883,562	\$455,821,233	\$464,937,657	\$474,236,409
	Increase (year-over-year)	\$80,246,484	\$8,762,423	\$8,937,671	\$9,116,424	\$9,298,752
	Growth Rate (year-over-year)	22.42%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%

Iowa Metropolitan Planning Program (PL)						
	CAA, 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Apportionment	\$2,126,073	\$2,616,700	\$2,669,034	\$2,722,415	\$2,776,863	\$2,832,400
	Increase (year-over-year)	\$490,627	\$52,334	\$53,381	\$54,448	\$55,537
	Growth Rate (year-over-year)	23.08%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%

FTA 5305

Planning Program 5305						
	CAA, 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Funds Appropriated	\$142,036,417	\$184,647,343	\$188,504,820	\$193,426,906	\$197,422,644	\$202,441,512
	Increase (year-over-year)	\$42,610,926	\$3,857,477	\$4,922,086	\$3,995,738	\$5,018,868
	Growth Rate (year-over-year)	30.00%	2.09%	2.61%	2.07%	2.54%

- Of the amounts authorized in Section 5305, 82.72 percent is made available to the Metropolitan Planning Program (5305d) and 17.28 percent is allocated to the State Planning and Research Program (5305e).

FTA 5305 Apportioned

Metropolitan Planning Program (49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5305(d))						
	CAA, 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Est. FY 2026
Funds Authorized	\$117,492,524	\$152,740,282	\$155,931,187	\$160,002,737	\$163,308,011	\$167,459,619
- Oversight Deductions	\$587,463	\$763,701	\$779,656	\$800,014	\$816,540	\$837,298
+ Reapportioned Funds	\$47,801					
Total Apportioned	\$116,952,863	\$151,976,581	\$155,151,531	\$159,202,723	\$162,491,471	\$166,622,321
	Inc. (yr-over-yr)	\$35,023,718	\$3,174,950	\$4,051,192	\$3,288,748	\$4,130,850
	Rate (yr-over-yr)	29.95%	2.09%	2.61%	2.07%	2.54%

State Planning and Research Program (49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5305(e))						
	CAA, 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Est. FY 2026
Funds Authorized	\$24,543,893	\$31,907,061	\$32,573,633	\$33,424,169	\$34,114,633	\$34,981,893
- Oversight Deductions	\$122,719	\$159,535	\$162,868	\$167,121	\$170,573	\$174,909
+ Reapportioned Funds	\$1,768,622					
Total Apportioned	\$26,189,795	\$31,747,526	\$32,410,765	\$33,257,049	\$33,944,060	\$34,806,984
	Inc. (yr-over-yr)	\$5,557,730	\$663,239	\$846,284	\$687,011	\$862,924
	Rate (yr-over-yr)	21.22%	2.09%	2.61%	2.07%	2.54%

FTA 5305 Apportionment

Iowa Metropolitan Planning Program 5305(d)						
	CAA, 2021	Est. FY 2022	Est. FY 2023	Est. FY 2024	Est. FY 2025	Est. FY 2026
Apportionment	\$508,248	\$660,542	\$674,250	\$691,855	\$706,147	\$724,099
	Inc. (yr-over-yr)	\$152,294	\$13,708	\$17,605	\$14,292	\$17,952
	Rate (yr-over-yr)	29.96%	2.08%	2.61%	2.07%	2.54%

ISTEA codified the FTA formula for the MPP which allocates funds to states on the basis of urbanized area population data and includes a funding floor ensuring that no state receives less than 0.5 percent of the total amount.

Iowa State Planning and Research Program 5305(e)						
	CAA, 2021	Est. FY 2022	Est. FY 2023	Est. FY 2024	Est. FY 2025	Est. FY 2026
Apportionment	\$142,258	\$172,446	\$176,048	\$180,645	\$184,377	\$189,064
	Inc. (yr-over-yr)	\$30,188	\$3,602	\$4,597	\$3,732	\$4,687
	Rate (yr-over-yr)	21.22%	2.09%	2.61%	2.07%	2.54%

ISTEA created both the Statewide Planning Program and the statewide planning formula where funds are allocated to the states on the basis of urbanized area population data and includes a funding floor ensuring that no state receives less than 0.5 percent of the total amount.

Iowa receives more than 0.5 percent floor for both MPP and SPRP. No changes to these formulas have been enacted in the authorizations since ISTEA and there is not any known changes to the formula with IIJA.

Recommended Actions

- It is expected that sources of funding for MPO and RPA work program budgets will increase over last year.
- We would encourage each agency to begin planning for annual work program targets to increase
 - (23-25 percent for MPOs, over last year)
 - (6-25 percent for RPAs, over last year)
- Agency staff, as well as their Technical Advisory Committees and Policy Boards, should evaluate
 - Unmet planning needs and priorities for the region
 - Personnel expenditure increases (additional personnel, salaries, benefits, etc.)
 - Current and future contractual obligations (increase or decrease in consulting services)
 - Non-personnel expenditures (direct expenses for equipment, technology upgrades, etc.)
- This is especially critical for agencies with existing carryover balances.
- Additionally, agencies should evaluate possible implications related to local match/member dues, and options for addressing possible match limitations.

IIJA Review – Planning-related Sections

11201 Transportation planning (Sec 134 of Title 23)

- Clarifies considerations required of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) when initially designating officials or representatives; shall consider the equitable and proportional representation of the population of the metropolitan planning area.
- Encourages States and MPOs to use social media and other web-based tools to encourage public participation and solicit public feedback in the transportation planning process.
- The section also allows within a metropolitan planning area serving as a TMA, the MPO may consult with housing officials to align goals of the transportation planning process with the goals of any comprehensive housing affordability strategies.
- Same MPOs may develop a housing coordination plan that includes projects and strategies that may be considered in the MPOS LRTP, including regional goals for the integration of housing, transportation and economic development, identifying the location of existing and planned housing and employment, and transportation options to connect housing and employment, and a comparison of transportation plans to land use management plans.

IIJA Review – Planning-related Sections cont.

11202 Fiscal constraint on long-range transportation plans (Sec 450 of Title 23)

- Requires USDOT, within one year, to update the CFR “to ensure that the outer years of a metropolitan transportation plan are defined as “beyond the first four years””.
 - This matches the 4-year transportation improvement plan horizon.
 - Would ease the fiscal constraint after the 4-year horizon but would not eliminate the requirement altogether.

IIJA Review – Planning-related Sections cont.

11206 Increasing safe and accessible transportation options

- Requires each State and metropolitan planning organization to spend a minimum amount of funding (not less than 2.5% of State SPR and 2.5% of MPO PL) for either the adoption of complete streets standards and policies, development of a complete streets prioritization plan, active and mass transportation planning, regional and megaregional planning to address travel demand through alternatives to highway travel, or transit-oriented development planning.
- This section provides an exemption for a State or MPO if it has Complete Streets standards and policies in place, and has developed an up-to-date prioritization plan.

IIJA Review – Planning-related Sections cont.

30002 Metropolitan transportation planning (Sec 5303 of Title 49)

- Allows metropolitan planning organizations to elect to expand considerations of housing planning processes into the metropolitan transportation planning process. It also allows for the use of technology to encourage public participation in the planning process.

30003 Statewide and nonmetropolitan transportation planning (Sec 5304 of Title 49)

- Allows for the use of technology to encourage public participation in the planning process.

30004 Planning programs (Sec 5305 of Title 49)

- Adds eligibility for a greater Federal share for transportation planning activities in lower-density and lower-income portions of metropolitan areas and adjoining rural areas.

Next Steps

- Iowa DOT will continue to conduct a thorough review of the legislation and upcoming implementation guidance and its impacts to MPOs and RPAs.
- Iowa DOT will seek input regarding funding formulas used to distribute planning funds