

Allocations of funds to MPOs/RTPOs

MPO PL Funding (February 23, 2006)

The MPOs agreed to a formula on February 28, 2006, this formula provides each MPO with a proportionate percentage increase in total FHWA planning funds when compared to previous funding levels (federal fiscal year 2005). The basic points addressed in the adjusted formula include:

- A proportionate increase over past funding levels reflecting the planning needs of the MPOs based on total Highway Urban Area population as determined by OFM.
- The population factor is adjusted by a 20% increase for those areas that have been an air quality non-attainment area in the past.
- If there is a rescission required in any fiscal year, the allocation for each MPO will be reduced proportionally to the total amount of funds allocated to all MPOs in the state.

FTA funding (October 21, 2002)

The formula agreed to by the MPOs and WSDOT is:

1. A base allocation of \$12,800 per fiscal year for each urbanized area with a minimum population of 50,000. (The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) has three urbanized areas within its boundaries and Clarkston has only 40% of the base population of the Lewiston – Clarkston area).

The remaining funds are split 80%-20%.

2. The 80 percent portion is distributed to MPOs based on the percentage of the state urban population in each MPO.
3. The 20 percent portion is distributed to Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) based on the percentage population in each TMA.

The Base RTPO Appropriation: (January 14, 2003)

The base \$1.2 million per year appropriation per biennium has been allocated to the RTPOs for each fiscal year based on the following formula:

1. \$15,000 to each county,
2. One-half of the remainder of the funds allocated to each RTPO based on the percentage of the state's population in each RTPO and
3. One-half of the remainder of the funds based on the percentage of the small urban and rural population in each RTPO.

The RTPO Long Range Planning (October 22, 2003)

The allocation of the \$2 million for RTPO planning is set at \$1 million/year for each of the two years of this biennium to each type of RPTO as follows:

- \$50,000 to each MPO that is also a planning area defined in federal regulations as a TMA;
- \$30,000 to each MPO that is not a TMA;
- \$10,000 to each rural RTPO;

The remainder of the annual \$1million distributed to all RTPOs based upon their respective percentage of total state population.

As a part of this allocation the newly formed Lewis-Clark Valley MPO was allocated \$8,000 (40% of the difference between an MPO and an RTPO – Lewis Clark Valley has 40% Washington state population in the bi-state MPO).