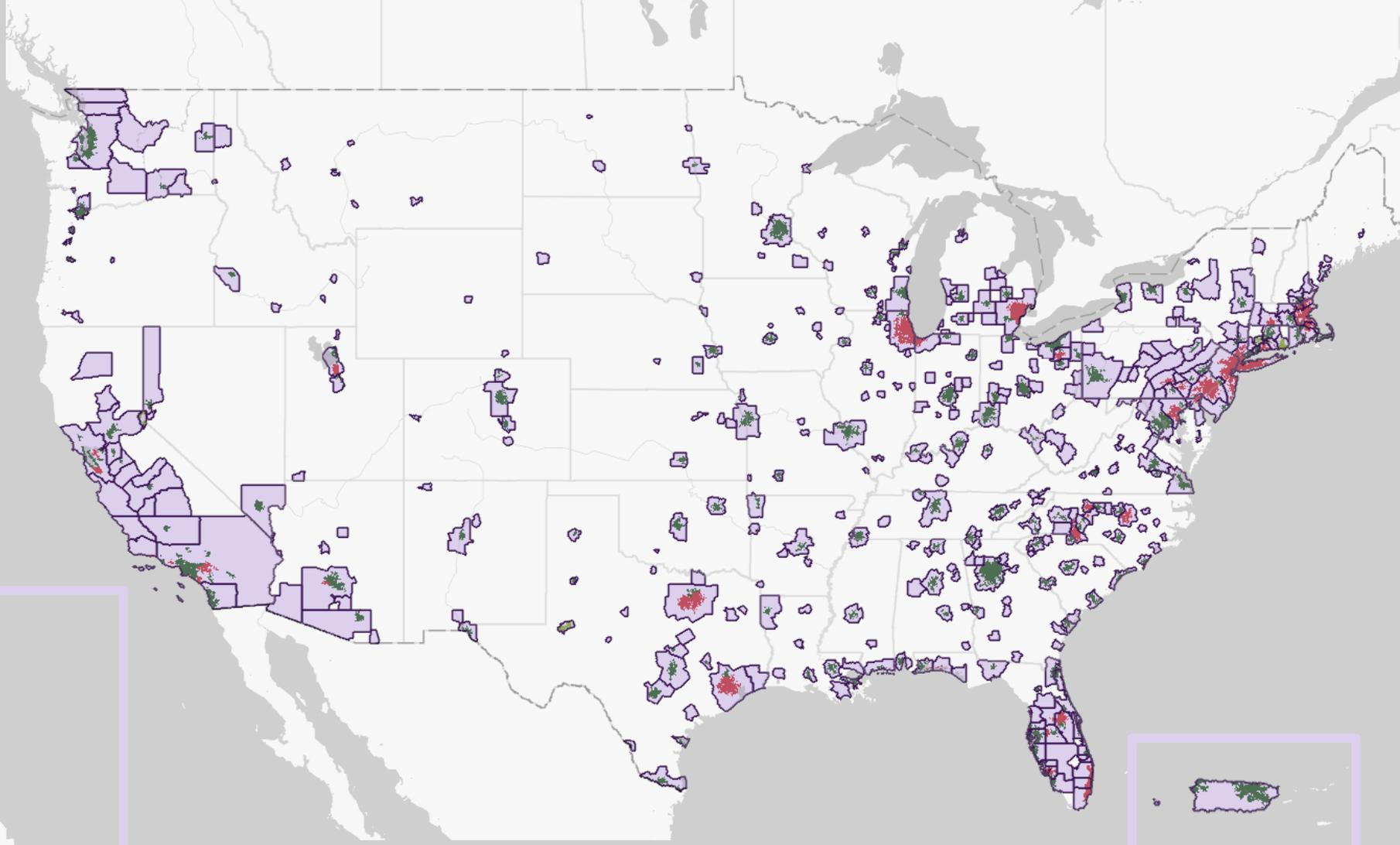
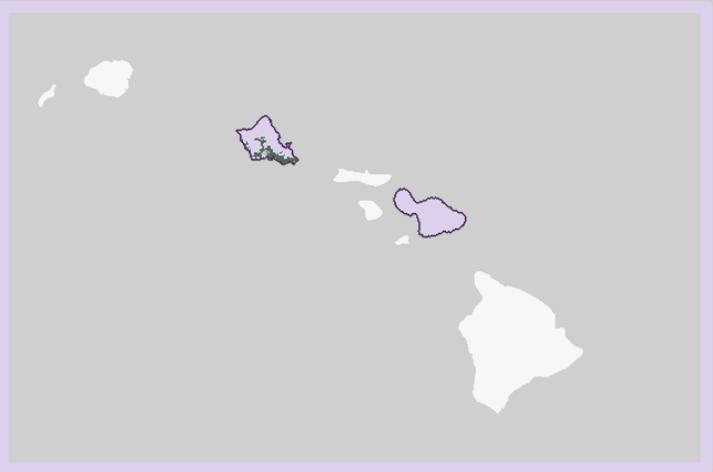




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Transportation Legislative Priorities

MIC Director's
Report



2020 Transportation Management Area (TMA)

-  TMA
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MPO Boundary

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View your state's MPO map: hepgis.fhwa.dot.gov/fhwagis/

The Evolving Role of MPOs



Technology & Innovation



Smart Mobility



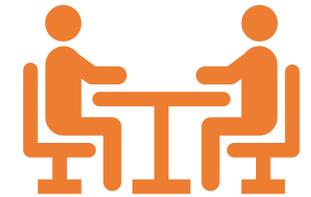
Sustainability & Resilience



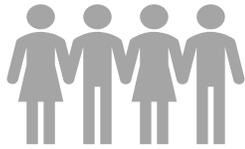
Equity



Performance-based Planning



Collaboration & Partnerships



Public Engagement



Health & QOL Promotion



Federal Regulations & Funding Changes

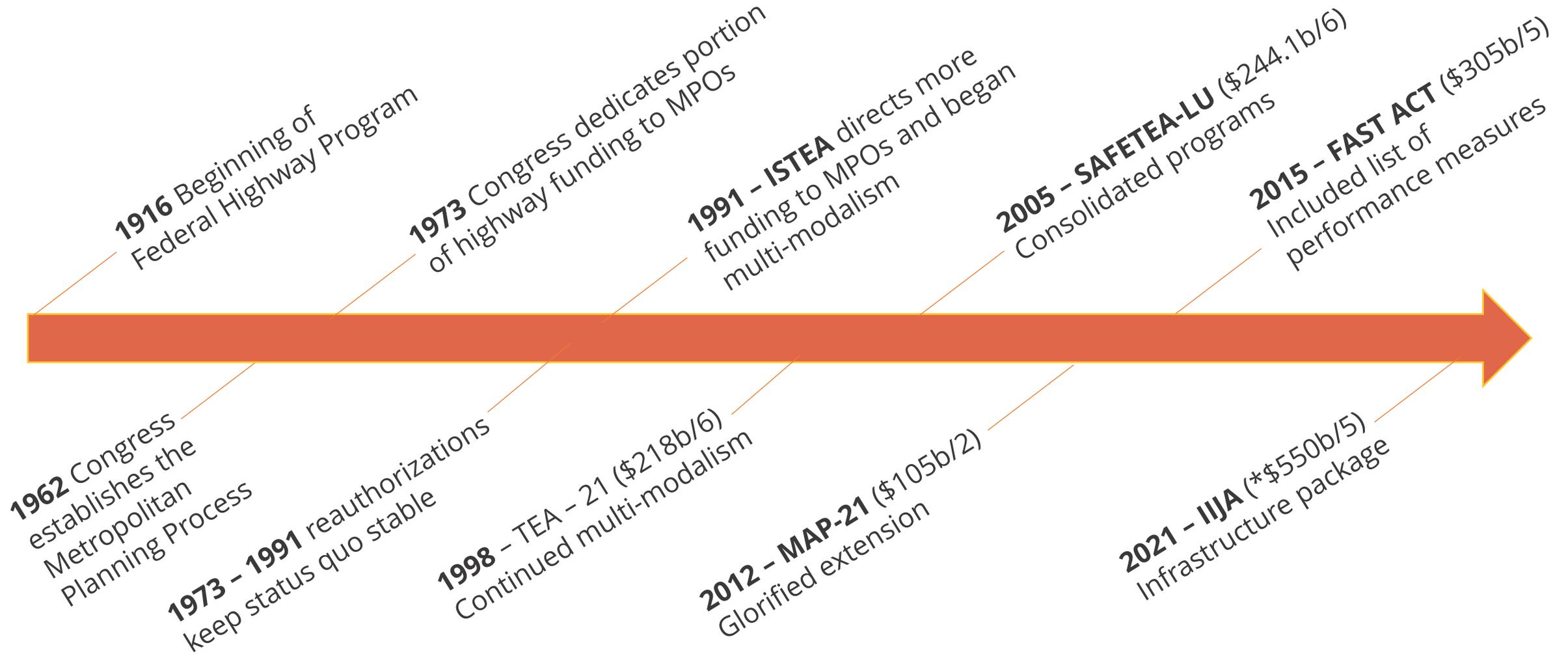


Housing & Land Use



Broadband

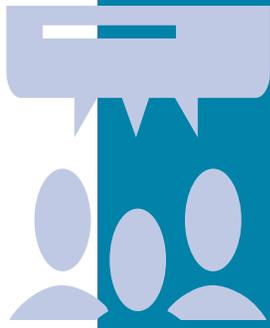
An Abridged Reauth History



The Role of the MPO

- MPOs Play a key role in determining how federal and state funds are prioritized and allocated.
- Develops long-term strategies to:
 - Enhance **mobility**.
 - Improve **safety**.
 - Reduce **congestion**.
 - Promote **environmental sustainability**.
 - Drive **economic growth**.
- Brings together local governments, transit agencies, community groups, and state partners.
- Adapts to regional contexts and challenges, playing the role of planner, problem-solver, funder, and convener.

**Required by federal law*



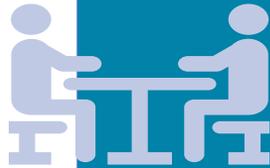
Elected MPO Board allocates federal transportation funds to projects across the region.

- Comprised of local elected officials, state DOT representatives, transit agencies, and other key stakeholders.
- Approval of all federal transportation funds used for transit, roadway, bicycle, and pedestrian projects.
- Ensures federal dollars are spent efficiently and in line with regional priorities.
- Sets the overall direction and vision for the MPO.



MPO staff support development of core products, transportation studies and project delivery, ensuring regional needs are met.

- Led by an Executive Director or MPO Director.
- Manages day-to-day operations
- Supports the development of planning documents like the MTP/LRTP, TIP, and UPWP.
- Coordinates with state DOTs, local governments, and transit agencies.



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) advises the Policy Board by providing technical recommendations .

- Includes transportation planners, engineers, and representatives from local governments and agencies.
- Conducts analysis and ensures that planning processes align with federal, state, and regional guidelines.



Subcommittees/Working Groups address specific issues such as freight, air quality, or public transit by gathering experts and stakeholders to offer specialized advice and support for targeted projects

- Focus on specific issues like freight, air quality, public transit, or congestion management.
- Comprised of experts and stakeholders relevant to the topic area.
- Provide specialized advice and support for specific projects or initiatives.



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) provides input on transportation plans and policies, ensuring transparency and community involvement in the planning process.

- A group of community members and public representatives.
- Promotes transparency and public participation in the planning process.

Transportation Reauthorization 101



Process by which transportation funding and policy are authorized



Occurs Every 5-6 years (current bill – IIJA – expires end of FY 26)



Federal Transportation funding is guaranteed through reauthorization (funding comes from the HTF)



Committees:

House: T&I – Policy; Ways & Means – Funding; Science – Research**

Senate: EPW – Highway; Banking – Transit; Commerce – General*/Research*/Safety

Reauthorization—*Key Questions*

Key Dates



LEGISLATIVE

119th Congress in Session: 1/3/2025



EXECUTIVE

Presidency: 11/5/2024
Inauguration: 1/20/2025



IIJA Expires: 9/30/2026

November and Next Round of Leadership

IIJA Reauthorization or Surface Transportation Reauthorization

What is the baseline?

Discretionary vs Formula vs No Funding

Why Can't We be Friends?



AMPO's Legislative Priorities

1. Increase Planning Funds to Meet Federal Planning Requirements
2. Shifting Certain Discretionary Funding to Formula Funding
3. Reducing Local Match for Federal Transportation Programs
4. Allowing for Carryover of Federal Funds
5. MPOs Becoming Direct Recipients for Certain Federal Funds