

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

To Office Federal Highway Administration
Attention Tracy Troutner
From Garrett Pedersen
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Subject Planning funds distribution formulas

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Per FHWA guidance, states are to submit to FHWA their intra-state formulas for PL allocation prior to October 2012. On June 18, 2012, the Iowa DOT contacted the state's MPOs and RPAs to seek input regarding the formulas currently used to distribute all planning funds. The agencies were given until July 31, 2012 to review the formulas and submit suggestions for possible adjustments.

As of the date of this memo, no suggested adjustments were received. Therefore, the Iowa DOT intends to continue the distribution of planning funds through the following formulas.

MPOs:

FHWA PL funds: Distributed based on each MPO's share of the total statewide urbanized area population from the most recent decennial census.

FTA Section 5305(d) (formerly 5303) funds: One-third is distributed equally among all MPOs, one-third is distributed based on each MPO's share of the total statewide urbanized area population from the most recent decennial census, and one-third is distributed based on each MPO's share of the total statewide urbanized area population from the *prior* decennial census.

RPAs:

FTA Section 5305(e) (formerly 5304) & 5311 funds: One-half is distributed equally among all RPAs, one-quarter is distributed based on each RPA's share of the total statewide non-urbanized population from the most recent decennial census, and one-quarter is distributed based on the ratio of the number of counties in each RPA out of 99 total counties.

FHWA SPR funds: Distributed on a 1:1 match after each RPA's 5305(e)/5311 allocation is determined.

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