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## **MENDELSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

(Washington, DC) Councilmember Phil Mendelson (D, At-large) was recently elected President of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). Councilmember Mendelson served as President of this national organization in 2007, and the term that began on January 1st, 2009 will be his second stint at the helm of the nonprofit.

AMPO is a membership organization established in 1994 to serve the needs and interests of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) nationwide. MPOs have responsibility for planning, programming and coordination of federal highway and transit investments. The Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is this region's MPO.

AMPO offers its member MPOs technical assistance and training, conferences and workshops, frequent print and electronic communications, research, a forum for transportation policy development and coalition building, and a variety of other services. The nine-member AMPO Board of Directors is directly elected by the membership, including the President and Vice President. The majority of the Board seats are held by local elected officials who are active members of their respective MPOs and play a vital leadership role in the affairs of AMPO.

“As the nation's capital, the District should be a model for other urban governments,” stated Mendelson. “I am honored that my peers have elected me to lead AMPO once again. I hope to use this position to both share the District's successes as well as incorporate best practices from jurisdictions across the country to further prepare the District for current and future challenges in transportation and transit-related issues.”

For more information on AMPO and the organization's role in transportation planning and policy, please visit [www.ampo.org](http://www.ampo.org).