

Study Number: TPF-5(154)

Study Title: Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) from the American Community Survey

Period: April through June 2009

This project is coordinated with AASHTO's overall project for the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) using data from the American Community Survey.

CTPP table list approved by Census Bureau. The revised list was submitted to the Census Bureau on April 1. The table request requests tabulation using ACS records from 2006 through 2008. The revised list has 5 variables cross-tabulated with the variable, Means of Transportation to Work, instead of the 18 variables used in the 2008 request. The Census Bureau's Disclosure Review Board met on April 6 and largely approved the list, but had a few specific questions about geographic detail of tabulations. The requirement of 3 unweighted records by category of Means of Transportation to Work has been removed as a rule for the tabulation. This is documented in the April 22, 2009 letter from Laura Zayatz, chair of the DRB, to Melissa Chiu. A copy of the DRB memo is posted at http://trbcensus.com/products/3-year_ACS/drbapproval-09apr22final.pdf The approval letter addressed to Mary Lynn Tischer, as the chair of the CTPP Oversight Board was sent on April 30, 2009. A new CTPP package for geographic units meeting the 20,000 population threshold will most likely be delivered to AASHTO in spring/summer 2010.

Now that the table list has been approved, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ctpp/acsdatabprod.htm> AASHTO let an RFP for data access software. Responses to the RFP are due on July 24, 2009. The RFP is posted at: <http://ctpp.transportation.org/home/default.htm>

Census Bureau staff is working on workplace allocation research, to geocode the 25% of workplace locations that have insufficient address detail for block geocoding. Phil Salopek is working with CB's ACSO programmers and Melissa Chiu on this project. The Interagency Agreement between FHWA and the Census Bureau has modified to add \$170,000 from the pooled fund budget for workplace allocation implementation. The payment schedule has been revised accordingly.

Census Bureau staff (Melissa Chiu) is completing one of the 5 profile sheets, with 4 of the profile sheets completed by FHWA contractor, Liang Long from Cambridge Systematics. The profile sheets use 2005-2007 ACS results, combined with Census 2000 and CTPP2000 results. These profile sheets are posted at: <http://ctpp.transportation.org>

The CTPP team conducted a federal data workshop at the TRB Conference on Planning Applications in Houston, TX. The workshop was well attended with over 75 participants. The CTPP team also conducted a webinar on Census Bureau plans for urbanized area definitions. The webinar was held on June 12 will over 225 participants.

The CTPP Oversight Board is scheduled to meet on August 4 and 5, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

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