TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Lead Agency (FHWA or State DOT): FHWA Office of Planning

INSTRUCTIONS:
Project Managers and/or research project investigators should complete a quarterly progress report for each calendar quarter during which the projects are active. Please provide a project schedule status of the research activities tied to each task that is defined in the proposal; a percentage completion of each task; a concise discussion (2 or 3 sentences) of the current status, including accomplishments and problems encountered, if any. List all tasks, even if no work was done during this period.

Transportation Pooled Fund Program Project # *(i.e, SPR-2(XXX), SPR-3(XXX) or TPF-5(XXX)* TPF5(154)	**Transportation Pooled Fund Program - Report Period:** ☑ Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31) ☐ Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30) ☐ Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30) ☐ Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)	
Project Title: Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP)		
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Lead Agency Project ID:	**Other Project ID (i.e., contract #):**	**Project Start Date:**
Original Project End Date:	**Current Project End Date:** Sept 30, 2012	**Number of Extensions:**

Project schedule status:

☐ On schedule ☐ On revised schedule ☐ Ahead of schedule ☑ Behind schedule

Overall Project Statistics:

Total Project Budget	Total Cost to Date for Project	Percentage of Work Completed to Date
$1,565,697	$1,563,815	88%

Quarterly Project Statistics:

Total Project Expenses and Percentage This Quarter	Total Amount of Funds Expended This Quarter	Total Percentage of Time Used to Date
$70,205 (CB)	$18,000 (CB)	88%

Project Description:

In 1990 and again in 2000, AASHTO partnered with all of the states on pooled fund projects to support the development of special census products and data tabulations for transportation. These census transportation data packages have proved invaluable in understanding characteristics about where people live and work, their journey to work commuting patterns, and the modes they use for getting to work. Significant cost savings were achieved by using a nationwide coordinated approach, and resulted in data availability at detailed geography (census tract and TAZs where specified) for the entire nation.

The American Community Survey is the replacement for the decennial census "long form" and requires multiple years of data accumulation before small area tabulations can be released. Because of this change in survey methods, a research project to improve the useability of the data for transportation planning is needed.

Objectives: To provide data tabulations from the American Community Survey (ACS) that are designed specifically for the needs of transportation planners. This data project will be called Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP). This will include tabulations for residence, workplace, and flow between home and work. Both 3-year ACS data aggregates, and 5-year ACS data aggregates will be used for the tabulations. The geographic level of detail for the 5-year ACS will include Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs) and census tracts. The data will be distributed to State DOTs and MPOs using the best format available which may include Internet or CDs and DVDs.

In addition to data tabulations, the project will include technical support, training and capacity building, research, and project oversight. Scope of Work: The CTPP includes five major components: data tabulations, on-demand technical support, training and capacity building, research, and project oversight.

Progress this Quarter (includes meetings, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.):

Worked with CB Contract office and AASHTO contract office to complete language for the 2006-2010 CTPP, to be completed under AASHTO contract. Finalized the table list for the 2006-2010 CTPP.

Extended workplace allocation--The programming and implementation of this task is now underway. Documentation is being prepared.

Implementation of NCHRP 08-79: contract negotiations with Westat for completion of the work to be done at the Census Bureau approximately June-July 2012.

Anticipated work next quarter:

Modify the existing Interagency Agreement to extend the period of performance to March 31, 2013.

The CB and AASHTO are expected to finalize a contract for the 2006-2010 CTPP.

Complete the workplace allocation implementation.

Conduct discussion with CB staff who work on Data Ferrett regarding the potential addition of CTPP into Data Ferrett.

Significant Results:

Circumstance affecting project or budget. (Please describe any challenges encountered or anticipated that might affect the completion of the project within the time, scope and fiscal constraints set forth in the agreement, along with recommended solutions to those problems).

A modification to the TPF is needed to extending the period to MARCH 2013.

At the end of March 2012, the Census Bureau reported that they have shifted the data delivery timeframe from "early 2012" to "no later than May 20, 2013." They said that while running other special tabulations from the ACS, they had learned that their production time estimates had been too optimistic, therefore, they were delaying the delivery date.

Potential Implementation:

The 2006-2010 CTPP tabulations are expected to be delivered to AASHTO in May 2013, under a separate contract between AASHTO and the Census Bureau. In addition, AASHTO will provide a software interface to provide easy access to these data. Discussions have begun with Census Bureau Data Ferrett staff regarding the addition of CTPP to Data Ferrett, to extend and expand data access and data archiving of the CTPP.