

Study Number: TPF-5(154)

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

Period: April thru June 2008

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

AASHTO has established a CTPP Oversight Board, with Kent Cooper from Nevada as the chairperson. The Oversight Board will meet August 4-5, 2008 in Washington D.C. to determine project tasks and approve an overall financial plan.

FHWA, AASHTO and the Census Bureau are discussing the Scope of Work for the Interagency Agreement (IAA) between FHWA and the Census Bureau. The SOW will need to be approved by the CTPP Oversight Board. Because the 3-year tabulation package has not yet been finalized (see paragraph below), FHWA and AASHTO believe it is prudent to limit the budget of the IAA with the Census Bureau.

AASHTO submitted a CTPP table request using data from the first 3 years (2005 through 2007) of ACS data. The Census Bureau's Disclosure Review Board returned a memo (dated March 12, and received on April 2) which imposed category thresholds for tables using the variable "means of transportation to work." These thresholds will suppress many tables, and an appeal to the DRB process was sent on June 2. <http://trbcensus.com/drb/appeal06022008.pdf> Discussions with the Census Bureau have not yet been resolved. A meeting is scheduled for August 28 with the Census Bureau's Data Stewardship Executive Policy Committee.

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