

Study Number: TPF-5(154)

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

Period: October through December 2008

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

The final decision of the Census Bureau to uphold the recommendations of the Disclosure Review Board regarding the CTPP table list was received in September. Thereupon, AASHTO reconvened the CTPP Oversight Board and the table delineation subgroup to review the CTPP table list and prioritize variables for cross-tabulations with the Means of Transportation to work variable. The goal is to re-submit a CTPP table list to Census Bureau by March 1, 2009. The table request would be to use ACS records from 2006 through 2008, instead of 2005 through 2007. Thus, a new CTPP package for geographic units meeting the 20,000 population threshold would most likely be available in spring/summer 2011.

In addition, TAZ delineation was originally scheduled to occur in 2009. However, after obtaining cost estimates from the Census Bureau Geography Division for the software development and staff labor costs, the CTPP Oversight Board decided to delay this task until 2011. By delaying the task until 2011, 2010 Census block geography can be used as building blocks for TAZs, and a more simple software can be used for TAZ delineation. This would be more similar to the TAZ delineation completed for the 1990 CTPP where block equivalencies were used.

Census Bureau staff is working on workplace allocation research, to geocode the 25% of workplace locations that have insufficient address detail for block geocoding. This task was started with a small FHWA research project. The completion of the research and the implementation on ACS records will be part of the Pooled Fund project.

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