

Study Number: TPF-5(154)

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

Period: July through September 2009

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

As indicated in the last quarterly report, the CTPP table list was approved by Census Bureau in April and the 3-year CTPP data are expected to be delivered by the Census Bureau to AASHTO in spring/summer 2010.

AASHTO let an RFP for data access software. Two responses were received, but one was subsequently withdrawn. **As of this date, a vendor has not been selected, and AASHTO may decide to re-bid the work.** (Note: this is not work performed under The Pooled Fund project)

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.

Five profile sheets using the 2005-2007 ACS, along with Census 2000 and CTPP 2000 were designed. These profiles have been prepared for all States, and for those Counties and Places for which the population threshold of 20,000, and other quality control limitations were met. Census Bureau staff has not yet completed the last remaining profile sheet. These profile sheets are posted at: <http://ctpp.transportation.org> Upon completion of the fifth sheet, the materials will be converted to HTML and posted on the FHWA webpage, in addition to being housed on the AASHTO webpage.

The Census Bureau will be revising the Instruction Guide to the ACS Mailout questionnaire, to include more information on how to answer the question on "Means of Transportation to work." This will include instructions on what to select when using "light rail" since the term "light rail" does not appear on the questionnaire form.

The CTPP Oversight Board met on August 4 and 5, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Two new subcommittees were established: one for TAZ delineation chaired by Guy Rousseau, and one on Education and Training activities, chaired by Ed Christopher.

The CTPP program must deliver "customer software requirements" for TAZ delineation to the Census Bureau informally in November 2009, and formally by February 2010. The decision to limit TAZ levels to 2 (and not 3), was conveyed to the Census Bureau on August 31, 2009. TAZ delineation will occur in 2011, with software to be developed by Caliper, under contract to the Census Bureau.

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