Pooled Fund Quarterly Report

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On October 27, 2015, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued clearance to conduct the 2016 National Household Travel Survey (NHTS). This represents a major milestone for the 2016 NHTS program. Over the last few decades, travel survey methods have been accelerated by technological advancement, resulting in a move away from traditional data collection approaches and embracing efforts like address-based sampling and internet surveys to reach households. The National Household Travel Survey team has completed the planning and design phase for the 2016 survey.

Most Add-on partners have transferred their commitments to the Transportation Pooled fund as the deadline was in December 2015, but for those who have not, FHWA is working closely with them to ensure the correct paperwork is submitted. Add-on sample designs and questions have been submitted to FHWA and are currently being tested.  Currently there are Nine States and 4 MPO Add-on Partners resulting in an additional 100,000 samples to the 26,000 national sample.  Pretesting began in mid-November with recruitment survey mail outs and will continue until January. The first pretest respondent was able to log into the online questionnaire in the first week of December. The official NHTS is tentatively scheduled to begin fielding in the spring of 2016. The GPS component of the survey will not be included due to cost constraints.