

Urban Data Committee Chair Notes

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Rotation

This year ABJ30 is rotating 10 of its 11 charter members off the committee.

These members break down in eight domestics and two international.

Recommended for addition are six individuals. See attachment.

Before Rotation		Tenure Grouping			Affiliation			
Members		Three	Two	First	MPO	Univ	Consult	Fed
USA	22	9	7	6	5	6	8	3
Foreign	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Under 30	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	25	11	8	6	6	8	8	3

After Rotation		Tenure Grouping			Affiliation			
Members		Three	Two	First	MPO	Univ	Consult	Fed
USA	20	8(1)	6	5	7	6	6	1
Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under 30	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	21	8(1)	6	6	7	6	6	2

In addition to the rotation Catherine Lawson will be taking over the duties of Secretary from Jerry Everett. Jerry has served as Secretary for two 3-year terms.

Papers

24 Papers were assigned to the committee. Each paper had at least 3 reviews with one having 7. In all, 100 reviews were completed averaging 4.17 reviews per paper. In terms of reviewers, approximately 61 different people were tapped and I tried to keep the number of reviews per person to 2. Overall, the committee accepted 5 papers for presentation and publication and 2 additional papers for presentation only. The acceptance rate was 29 percent for presentation and 21 percent for publication.

Last years papers have been published and are in Research Record 1870. There are 21 papers in the Research Record.

Sessions

Officially we have 3 sessions in the TRB program. Unofficially we had a strong hand in the development of the Travel Data Users Forum that was held this morning. In fact our members dominated the program. Thinking about the forum I would be interested in hearing what your thoughts on it were.

502 American Community Survey: Challenges and More Challenges,
Tuesday, 1:30 PM–3:15 PM, Ed Christopher, FHWA, presiding
Sponsored by: Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ30) Statewide Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ20)

555 Estimating and Predicting Freeway Travel Time and Its Reliability,
Tuesday, 3:45 PM–5:30 PM, Shawn Turner, TTI, presiding
Sponsored by: Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ30)

579 Advances in Travel Data Processing and Analysis, Tuesday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM, Emily Parkany, Villanova University, presiding
Sponsored by: Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ30) Travel Survey Methods Committee (ABJ40)

271 Travel Data Users Forum, Monday, 10:15 AM–12:00 PM
Alan E. Pisarski, Consultant, presiding
Sponsored by: National Transportation Data Requirements and Programs Committee (ABJ10)

Workshops

Transportation Infrastructure and Obesity: Emerging National Issue-- Science to Solutions Sunday, 8:30 AM–12:00 PM
Sponsored by: Transportation and Land Development Committee (ADD30) Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ30) Pedestrians Committee (ANF10)|Bicycle Transportation Committee (ANF20) Statewide Multimodal Transportation Planning Committee (ADA10) Traveler Behavior and Values Committee (ADB10)

Users of 2001 National Household Travel Survey Data: Nuts and Bolts of 2001 NHTS Sunday, 1:30 PM–5:00 PM
Sponsored by: Travel Survey Methods Committee (ABJ40), Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ30), National Transportation Data Requirements and Programs Committee (ABJ10), Statewide Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee (ABJ20)

Special Events

Data for Reauthorization Conference—The group working on this conference has temporarily suspended its meetings. Tom Palmerlee has placed us on the TRB calendar for next November but for now we have to see how things will play out.

Midyear Meeting—was held at NATMEC in San Diego this past June. We had about 10 members and 13 non members present. We talked quite a bit about planning for this year's annual meeting and many of the activities you will hear about today. One major item of significance was the establishment of a Subcommittee on Research being organized by Catherine Lawson and Stacey Bricka who will give us their own report later in the meeting.

North American Travel Monitoring and Exposition Conference (June 27 – 30)—The committee was involved in the conference planning and took a very active role in the development of the program. Shawn Turner organized a session on Archived ITS Data quality, Rich Margiotta one on ADUS Standards and Metadata, Mark Schlappi on Measuring Urban Traffic Congestion and I did one on HPMS and building Partnerships Around VMT. The committee is again involved with the organization of the 2006 NATMEC through both I and Catherine Lawson.

National Household Travel Survey Conference (October 31 – November 2)—This past fall over 130 transportation professionals at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as for academics and other transportation researchers gathered to

- Discuss how the 2002 National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) was being use in investigations of critical areas for transportation policy
- Learn innovative applications of the data to understand and estimate travel behavior
- Provide input on the design of future national household travel surveys
- Identify emerging trends and data needs that should be reflected in future survey efforts
- Discover data sources that complement the NHTS data in providing a more complete picture of travel behavior in the United States.

The summary report for the conference National Household Travel Survey Conference: Data for Understanding Our Nation's Travel will be posted on the conference web site <http://www.TRB.org/Conferences/NHTS> this week. The papers and presentations are already posted there. The short report, summarizes key point from the day and a half program that combined

- Overviews of current and future survey plans
- Paper sessions reported both used of NHTS data and methodological issues
- Workshops anchored by resource papers where key issues were explored
- Key observations on the conference by Dr. Joseph Schofer of Northwestern University

Transferability of Household Travel Surveys Peer Exchange (December 16)- On December 16 at the Keck Center in Washington DC, the FHWA TMIP Office and several TRB committees including ABJ30 sponsored a peer exchange on the values, pitfalls, and research needs relating to sharing travel survey data

between regions. The discussion began with "borrowing" typical model parameters and moved to focus on whether it is appropriate to transfer fundamental data such as the trips and activity patterns of survey households and individuals. Participants included university researchers and leading practitioners from State DOTs, MPOs, and consultancies. A summary report with research recommendations will be published shortly. To support the activities of the peer exchange and to further the concepts of transferability a website of current research has been established at <http://www.edthefed.com/xferability/>.

In addition to this, I have also been developing a draft Problem Statement calling for the update of NCHRP 365 to be placed in the NCHRP problem statement hopper this summer. I trust that the committee would support just such an effort.

NCHRP—Project number 8-37, Standardized Procedures for Personal Travel Surveys with Peter Stopher as the lead is finish up and I believe will be talked about at the Survey Methods (ABJ40) Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Another project, 8-48, Using American Community Survey Data for Transportation Planning is one in which this committee played a key role in promoting and is following very closely. Cambridge Systematics is the lead consultant and they will be discussing the project at our American Community Survey session Tuesday afternoon. This project leads into a major conference we are involved with this May. (distribute flyer).

Midyear Meeting(s)—This year I am planning two midyear meetings. A West coast and an East coast one. The West coast meeting will be in Irvine California coupled to the Census conference. The East coast meeting will be coupled to the larger TRB Joint Summer Meeting in Boston, July 10-12, 2005.

Attachment 1

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Eugene Bandy	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Marsha Bomar	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Joel Rey	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Robert LaMacchia	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Phillip Salopek	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Charles Purvis	11/21/1995	3	4/14/2005				
David Pearson	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Stacey Bricka	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Kay Axhausen	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Marcus Wigger	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Ed Christopher	11/28/1995	3	4/14/2005				
Robert Sicko	3/6/1998	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Jerry Everett	3/6/1998	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Edward Limoges	2/1/1999	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Jean Wolf	2/1/1999	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Gillian Biedler	2/1/1999	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Catherine Lawson	2/1/1999	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Shawn Turner	2/1/1999	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Pau Shuldin	2/1/1999	2	4/14/2005	3	4/14/2008		
Richard Margiotta	2/1/2002	1	4/14/2005	2	4/14/2008	3	4/14/2011
Mark Schlappi	2/1/2002	1	4/14/2005	2	4/14/2008	3	4/14/2011
Nanda Srinivasan	8/8/2003	1	4/14/2005	2	4/14/2008	3	4/14/2011
Kuo-Ann Chiao	8/8/2003	1	4/14/2005	2	4/14/2008	3	4/14/2011
Emily Parkany	8/8/2003	1	4/14/2005	2	4/14/2008	3	4/14/2011
Mary Lupa	8/8/2003	1	4/14/2005	2	4/14/2008	3	4/14/2011
Carol Becker	4/15/2005			1	4/14/2008	2	4/14/2011
Todd Ashby	4/15/2005			1	4/14/2008	2	4/14/2011
Steve Polzin	4/15/2005			1	4/14/2008	2	4/14/2011
Clara Reschovsky	4/15/2005			1	4/14/2008	2	4/14/2011
Keith Hogsted	4/15/2005			1	4/14/2008	2	4/14/2011
Charlie Babel	4/15/2005			1	4/14/2008	2	4/14/2011

Attachment 2

ABJ30 Nominated New Members

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