

National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) Data Users Workshop **Nov. 1-2, 2004, Washington, DC, Keck Center, 500 Fifth Street NW**

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) is organizing a workshop to bring together professionals working with the National Household Travel Survey data at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as, other transportation researchers, academics, and practitioners in the areas of travel behavior, travel and air quality forecasting, transportation and environmental policy, and survey methods. The workshop will be held approximately one year after the release of the final 2001 data, and coincide with the planning and design of future Department of Transportation household travel surveys.

The primary objective of the workshop is to showcase the applications of the National Household Travel Survey (NHTS) on policy and planning at the federal, state, and local levels. NHTS data users will discuss their applications in understanding travel behavior and investigating critical areas of transportation. Those areas include safety, environment, congestion, land use, intermodal travel, and travel by special populations, such as, the elderly, school-age children. Bringing together a diverse set of data users will also assist in developing a community of users who better understand the utility and analytic capability of the data, and provide them a venue for sharing experiences and providing feedback.

Additional objectives of the workshop include:

- Improve the design and methods of the next household travel survey through:
 - a. Obtaining feedback from the data users on the strengths and weaknesses of the 2001 NHTS;
 - b. Highlighting new innovations and technology in travel surveys that should be considered for inclusion in future national travel surveys; and,
 - c. Understanding needs of local planners using the national survey.
- Identify emerging data needs that might be met with this survey.
- Examine other data sources that could be used to complement the NHTS data in providing a more complete picture of travel behavior in the United States.

Workshop Planning Team

Chair Johanna Zmud	NuStats for the <i>Travel Survey Methods Committee</i>
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Chandra Bhat	University of Texas-Austin for the <i>Passenger Travel Demand Forecasting Committee</i>
Ed Christopher	Federal Highway Administration for the <i>Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee</i>
Joy Sharp	Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Kostas Goulias	Pennsylvania State University for the <i>Task Force on Moving Activity-Based Approaches To Practice</i> (invited)
Patricia S. Hu	Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the <i>National Transportation Data Requirements and Programs Committee</i> and the <i>Statewide Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee</i>
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