

Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems (ABJ30)

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The Urban Data Committee is heavily invested in Census Data particularly the implementation of the American Community Survey, the replacement method for the decennial long form. Another topic area of emerging interest is the notion of "transferability", transferability of household travel survey records and data. In support of these both these efforts the Committee is leading spearheading a Workshop on each for the January meeting. A joint paper call with (ABJ10, ABJ20 and ABJ30) has also been issued on transferability. For the transferability workshop ABJ10 and the Committee on Traveler Behavior and Values (ADB10) and Committee on Transportation Demand Forecasting (ADB40) are cosponsors.

Regarding annual meeting sessions, the committee is committed for 0.2 chits to the Section's Data for Reauthorization session and a Data Stewardship Session being headed up by ABJ20. There will likely be some others emerging from our midyear meeting.

In terms of conferences we are participating in NATMEC (June 2006) and the Data Reauthorization group (December 2005) as well as wrapping up several efforts related to the Census Data Conference held in Irvine this past May (2005).

For research we still have our online research topic submittal form but in all honesty it needs to be rejuvenated and marketed. The Committee is also backing very strongly an NCHRP problem statement dealing with the update of NCHRP 365--Travel Estimating Techniques and Parameters.