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**Subject:** INFORMATION/ACTION: Waiver of Match for Census Transportation Planning Products using 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS)

**TO THE ATTENTION OF:** Division Planning Staff

The purpose of this message is to notify all FHWA Division Offices that a waiver of the matching requirements has been approved for use of State Planning and Research (SPR) and Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds for purchasing the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) using the 2005 - 2009 American Community Survey (ACS). A copy of the signed waiver approval memo is attached for your reference.

Please notify your respective states and MPOs of this determination. The CTPP is being handled as a consolidated purchase through AASHTO, as was done for both the 1990 and 2000 CTPP. In the near future, AASHTO will be sending out financial commitment letters to each State Department of Transportation.

For more information, please contact either Elaine Murakami ([elaine.murakami@dot.gov](mailto:elaine.murakami@dot.gov)) 206-220-4460, or Ed Christopher ([ed.Christopher@dot.gov](mailto:ed.Christopher@dot.gov)) 708.283-3534.

Waiver Approval.pdf



# Memorandum

U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Subject: **ACTION:** Waiver of Match for Census Transportation  
Planning Products Using the 2005-2009 American  
Community Survey

Date: July 25, 2006

From: Gloria M. Shepherd *Gloria M. Shepherd*  
Director, Office of Planning

Reply to  
Attn. of: HEPP-20

To: Cynthia J. Burbank  
Associate Administrator  
Planning, Environment, and Realty (HEP-1)

I am writing to request your approval of a waiver of the matching requirements for State Planning and Research (SPR) and Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding for the Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) using the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS). As the ACS replaces the decennial census "long form," the ACS will be a critical source for transportation data at the Traffic Analysis Zone level, including data on the journey-to-work, vehicle availability, combined with worker and household characteristics. The Census data are often used as baseline values for long range transportation plans, as well as other transportation planning applications including environmental justice analysis, transit service planning, and emergency preparedness activities.

Using the most current data available from the U.S. Census Bureau in a format designed for transportation planners will result in many benefits to the Statewide and metropolitan planning processes required in 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. Therefore, I believe it is in the best interests of the Federal-Aid Highway Program to allow the use of SPR and PL funds by the States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations without matching for the purpose of participating in the next CTPP.

As an historical reference, a waiver for the matching requirements was approved and signed in April 1999 for the most recent CTPP, the CTPP 2000.

I Concur:

*CJ Burbank*  
Signature

*7/26/06*  
Date

I Do NOT Concur:

Signature

Date

