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To: AASHTO CENSUS DATA WORK GROUP MEMBERS

As chair of the AASHTO Standing Committee on Planning Census Data Work Group, I would like to invite your participation in an upcoming workshop on "Priority Census Data Uses and Needs for Transportation". The workshop will be held April 10-11, 2006 at the Keck Center of the National Academies of Science in Washington, D.C.

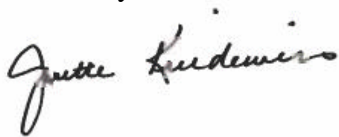
The objective of the workshop is to define transportation related census data priorities and needs. The outcome of the workshop will be to develop a list of data products, training and research needs that could become part of a "new" set of Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) funded through an AASHTO pooled fund project.

Participation in the workshop will be limited to approximately 25-30 participants. The workshop will bring members of the AASHTO SCOP Census Data Work Group together with representatives from TRB Data Committees, Census Bureau, FHWA, Bureau of Transportation Statistics and a select number of census data users.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning Capacity Building Program has approved funding for this one and one-half day workshop. We are able to provide funding support of up to \$750.00 for 20 state, MPO and TRB committee members who are invited to attend the workshop. The support is for travel and will only cover airfare, rail, and hotel. A contractor will be hired in the near future to manage the workshop, including the funding for individual travelers.

Your input in framing next steps for the CTPP is vital to its success. If you can participate and/or if you will be requesting travel assistance please let me know by March 8, 2006. If you have any questions or if you would like additional information, please contact me, at 651-215-1854, or jonette.kreideweis@dot.state.mn.us Thank you.

Sincerely,



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