Transportation Statistics Interest Group (TSIG) Annual Meeting at Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) 2010, Vancouver, BC

Meeting Summary and Action Plan

Session Participation

TSIG contributed to a robust program of transportation-related content:

• Co-sponsored Sessions

- o Session 612
- o Session 23
- o Session 37

• Transportation-Focused Presentations

- o Session 536
- o Session 538
- o Session 641

• Invited Panels with Transportation Perspective

- Session 109: Elaine Murakami, Federal Highway Administration, US DOT
- o Session 561: Ed Christopher, Federal Highway Administration, US DOT

Attendees

The following individuals participated in TSIG activities:

- Linda Boyle (University of Iowa)
- Prem K. Goel (Ohio State University)
- Karl Sieber (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Feng Guo (Virginia Tech)
- Courtney Bokenkroger (MRI Research)
- David Neyens (University of Iowa)
- Michael P. Cohen (Independent Consultant)
- Elaine Murakami (Federal Highway Administration, US DOT)
- Adela Santos (Federal Highway Administration, US DOT)

- Demetra Collia (Bureau of Transportation Statistics)
- James L. Rosenberger (Penn State University)

Action Items

TSIG identified several strategic directions for future programming and outreach:

• Session Development

- o Driver fatigue, sleep, and epidemiology
- o Impact of fuel price increases on transportation mode choice
- o Public policy topics relevant to transportation statistics

• Membership Update

- o Over 200 individuals expressed interest in TSIG
- o 115 are current ASA members committed to joining the Section

Next Steps

- o Consult with BTS management on future direction and organizational development
- Prepare a reference folder including:
 - List of ASA members committed to joining the Section
 - TSIG charter
 - Supporting documentation for governance and continuity
- o Explore emerging tools such as webinars for outreach and professional development

ASA Section Transition Requirements

To transition from an Interest Group to an ASA section, TSIG must meet the following criteria:

Requirement	Description
Membership Base	Minimum of 100 ASA members committed to joining the Section
Demonstrated	
Activity	Regular JSM programming and ongoing engagement (e.g., newsletters, webinars)
Governance Structure	Draft charter/bylaws aligned with ASA's section model; officer succession plan
Financial Viability	Ability to sustain operations with ASA dues allocations
Strategic Fit	Clear, distinct focus that complements existing ASA sections

Process Overview:

- 1. Submit petition with 100+ ASA member signatures
- 2. Provide proposal with rationale, charter/bylaws, membership list, and evidence of activity
- 3. Undergo review by ASA Council of Sections Governing Board
- 4. Receive formal recognition as a Section