

## Executive Summary

The 2000 Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP) is an element of the 2000 Census. It is often referred to as the “journey-to-work” tabulation. The core information in this file comes from the Census “long-form”, which was distributed to one in six households, representing about 17 percent of the total households surveyed.

The CTPP has been an ongoing effort of the Census Bureau in some form since 1970. It wasn't until the 1980 census that there was a concerted effort to expand this section and provide a more detailed look at travel patterns of the nation's populace. In 1990 this effort was enlarged into three components and expanded to include an urban element and a statewide element. The three components detailed the “home end”, the “work end” and the “connectivity” between the two. The urban element looked at the nation's urban areas in geographic units called Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs). The statewide element used the municipal or township boundaries as the smallest geographical level. Metro Council staff produced a report on the 1990 CTPP for the Twin Cities region.

This report summarizes much of the same information developed in the 1990 report but for a larger area, one that comprises 20 counties around the Twin Cities core. The report consists of five major components: the Region, the Counties, the Downtowns, the Communities, and Other Regions. It must be kept in mind that this report does not constitute a complete picture of travel in the region, for it only considers the journey to work. Other trip purposes, such as shopping, school trips and the like are NOT included.

Some of the significant findings are:

- Auto related travel accounts for 91 percent of all work commute travel. This includes drive alone and carpooling.
- Mean travel time to work in the region is 23 minutes, ranking the area 24<sup>th</sup> out of the top 25 metro areas in the nation.
- Approximately 92 percent of all households have at least one vehicle available.
- Vehicle occupancy is 1.07, which is the same as that reported in the 1990 CTPP.