

**TRB Metadata Subcommittee - ABJ00(2)**  
**Activities - 2005**

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February 2005 – *Working group formed* (chaired by Joanna Zmud) to define role and entity for Data Section metadata function – formerly subcommittee under Urban Data (chaired by Marcus Wigan).

July 2005 – *Working group finalized report* summarizing metadata issues, needs, recommendations: <http://trb.org/committees/datasection/DataSection-Metadata.pdf>

August 2005 – *Metadata subcommittee established*– with members from most of the data section committees: Harrison (Information Systems and Technology), Stickel (Statewide Data), Hall (Spatial Data), Gillman (Highway Traffic Monitoring), Dahl (National Data), Rousseau (Travel Survey Methods), Sun (Statistics), Chiao (Urban Transportation), Wigan (Freight Data). In addition, Joyce Koeneman is a subcommittee member representing the Library & Information Science Committee.

September 2005- January 2006 - Metadata subcommittee had monthly conference calls, with the following accomplishments:

- Drafted subcommittee mission statement (see above)
- Planned metadata presentations for TRB 2006 annual meeting at the Sunday data stewardship workshop and Wednesday session.
- Coordinated review of one paper (A. Westlake and M. Wigan, *“Integrating Information about Complex Systems: the Role of Meta-Data in the Acceptability of Results from Models”*)
- Members participated in the December TRB Data Requirements in Reauthorization Conference and briefed subcommittee on metadata-related implications
- Developed draft research agenda, including inventory of current metadata standards, tools and applications, and recommended future research initiatives