



TDC on the move

At the beginning of May, TDC moved from level 19 to its new, more spacious offices at level 7 of 227 Elizabeth Street. Other contact details remain unchanged. If you're coming to visit us, please report to reception on level 21.

Contact for Data Requests

If you have an inquiry about TDC data, a good place to start is our website <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/tdc/>. You'll find information about the unit and be able to access free summary statistics and publications.

If you would like to follow this up with a request for data, or have any further questions, please send an email to tdcinfo@transport.nsw.gov.au. We'll call or email you if we need to discuss your request with you.

Registering with TDC

Registered users with TDC have benefited from receiving our standard datasets as part of the annual fee. Additionally, any customised HTS or STM requests have been charged at roughly half of previous prices. All TDC users who registered prior to 1 July have automatically had their registration period extended to 30 June 2009 at no extra charge.

The new registration year began on 1 July, so this would be a good time for new users to register. For registration details, please click on the following link: <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/tdc/register.html>

Data are sent to customers on CD upon demand; however, we are continuing to work towards having datasets available for download on the Internet for registered users. We will keep users informed as to when this facility will be available.

InfoSheets on-line

InfoSheets for TDC's core datasets such as the Employment & Population Forecasts, the Household Travel Survey, the Strategic Travel Model and the Commercial Transport Study are now accessible on-line: <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/tdc/publications.html>.

Registered users are encouraged to refer to these short publications to understand the nature of the datasets that they are using as part of their access.

2006 Journey to Work

TDC is progressively releasing Journey to Work 2006 tables as they become available from the ABS and are enhanced following TDC's imputation process. Registered users will be informed and have automatic access to the tables as they are finalised.

Household Travel Survey

The 2006 Household Travel Survey (HTS) data was released last quarter. Headline figures are now available on the web, including an Excel spreadsheet. To see the Key Transport Indicators, please click on the following link: <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/tdc/travel-facts.html>

The HTS 2006 Summary Report, updating previous reports with the latest estimates, will be released shortly and will be available free of charge on our website. Hard copies will be available for purchase for \$55 a copy. Please send an email to TDC to order copies.

In the meantime, 2007-2008 data are being processed. The final response rate for the year was 66%. Data collection has already begun for 2008-2009, following the annual interviewers' training day on 3 June. Seven new recruits joined the Hunter Valley Research Foundation's team of 26 existing HTS interviewers as we enter the twelfth year of continuous surveying.



Upgrade to 2006 Travel Zone Geography

The 2006 Travel Zone Geography developed by TDC is a significant enhancement from the 2001 Geography. The number of travel zones has been doubled from over a thousand in 2001 to about two and a half thousand in 2006. This finer geography means that more refined spatial analysis will now be possible.

The new 2006 travel zones are currently implemented in the 2006 Journey to Work (JTW) data. In the next few months, all of TDC's core datasets, such as the employment and population forecasts, the freight data and Household Travel Survey data will be moved to this new geography. TDC's Strategic Travel Model will also be converted to have the same enhanced spatial basis.

International Survey Methods Conference on Transport

TDC's director, Tim Raimond, represented TDC at the *International Survey Methods Conference on Transport: Quality and Innovations* held recently at Annecy, France in May. TDC's Household Travel Survey (HTS) is recognised across the world as among the leading examples of a successful and high quality continuous travel survey. There was considerable international interest in the HTS methodology, and especially the remarkable feat of maintaining high response rates over a decade of continuous collection. Given the success of the HTS, Tim was invited to participate in a series of workshops on continuous surveys to discuss some of the issues and opportunities associated with the survey methodology.

PATREC Research Forum

Each year PATREC holds an all-day Annual Research Forum, where students, academics and practitioners in planning and transport meet and present papers. The fourth PATREC Research Forum will be held at Edith Cowan University on Thursday 2 October 2008.

For more information or to register for the event click on the following link:
http://www.patrec.org/conferences/PATRECForum_Oct2008/index.php

Full papers, abstracts and presentations will be available on the website on 9 October.

World Youth Day

TDC provided significant GIS services to the WYD Authority. Michael Tanner and Praba Thangarajah will continue to assist during the event by providing emergency GIS services when required. TDC's Min Xu and Kerry Shaz have volunteered to provide information and directions to event attendees.

Useful sources of information

TDC may not directly have the information you require. Here are some useful links to other agencies who can assist you with specialised data requests:

For information about the number of registered vehicles, car accidents, or roads, visit the RTA: <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/>

For federal statistics and comparisons across states, visit the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics. They hold datasets relating to aviation, maritime and land transport: <http://www.btre.gov.au/>

Welcome

In May, TDC welcomed back Kirk Bendall to the modelling team. Kirk holds a Master's in Transport Management, is a Certified Transport Planner, a Chartered Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics, and a Member of the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management.

TDC also welcomed some new faces to the team. Praba Thangarajah joined TDC in May as the new GIS Analyst. Praba holds a Civil Engineering degree and has over ten years GIS/CAD and data management experience.

Nicholas Seary joined the unit in May as the new Transport Data Project Officer whose main responsibility is to manage the Household Travel Survey. He has significant data and survey experience including previous work at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.