

Greetings to all MTMUGer's,

Just a quick note on the progress of the TranPlan-ArcView Interface program being done at CTRE. At this point, we have replaced the FORTRAN programs with Visual Basic. The new programs support improved functionality with (hopefully) no bugs and a Windows appearance. The next step will be writing code in ArcView that will automate a number of the tedious table functions, eliminate file management issues and add analysis tools (i.e. select link analysis, screen & cut lines, display shortest paths, and etc). To assist us in making the program the most user-friendly that it can, we are forming an advisory committee. At this time, Phil Mescher, Steve Williams and Stu Turner have volunteered their time; however, the more input the better. The main role of the advisory council will be to evaluate the effectiveness of any software/tools developed and to provide direction for the project. Participation may involve an occasional trip to Ames for monthly meetings and etc. The CTRE team will also be willing to visit your home office in order to see and evaluate the tools in an actual working environment. If anyone would be interested in participating on the advisory committee, please contact Dr. Reg Souleyrette at [reg@ctre.iastate.edu](mailto:reg@ctre.iastate.edu).

In addition, we are taking our show on the road. We are planning to visit the Des Moines MPO to get a better idea of the day-to-day requirements of the interface program and the responsibilities of Midwestern Modelers. Here again we are looking for volunteers to show us a day in the lives of real-world Tranplan users. Also, any feedback as to the direction of our project or possible analysis tool options would be welcomed.

Finally, a web page has been created; please realize it is still under construction and some information is currently outdated. The web page will be used to post updates and provide contact information for the advisory committee. The URL is [http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/Projects/tp\\_is/Enhance/Web](http://www.ctre.iastate.edu/Projects/tp_is/Enhance/Web). As major changes are made, e-mails will be sent out to keep interested parties informed.

Thanks again,

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