

Task 1.2 Review and Specification of Data Compatibility

Invariably there are inconsistencies in the questions asked in surveys and the ways in which the answers are coded, particularly if some of the data are drawn in from other studies. These inconsistencies should be resolved at the outset.

Inputs

Questionnaires, and coding frames/instructions for all relevant travel data.

Processing

Particularly affecting data not specifically assembled on the project but taken from pre-existing sources, a specification of the consistency of definitions for key variables is required plus an equivalence table which enables the differing definitions to be reconciled. Variables commonly affected include:

- zoning
- main mode of transport for a trip
- vehicle types
- car availability
- trip purposes

Outputs

Equivalence tables.

Report documenting the consistency of definitions for key variables.