STATEMENT OF TASK

The Division of Health and Medicine and the Transportation Research Board, program divisions of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, will jointly convene an ad hoc committee to plan and conduct a two-day workshop intended to examine community level data relating to building partnerships between health and transportation providers, including identifying data from health care providers, existing measures, and other information relevant to measuring the value of the relationship and partnerships between public transit services and health care and to calculate the return on investment. Prior to the workshop, the ad hoc committee will be selected and issue a call for papers to be presented at the workshop. Then the workshop would specifically:

- Showcase local examples of systems of transportation to health care and other services (including formal and informal partnerships);
- Explore relevant local information systems and data sources relevant to estimating the value of transportation and health care in various settings;
- Examine existing, locally-relevant performance measures pertinent to the relationship between transit/transportation services and health care outcomes (e.g., missed health care appointments, hospital readmissions); and
- Discuss what is needed to calculate the return on investment for public transit (including the Rides to Wellness Initiative) and health care delivery system spending on transportation services.

The project will take place under the separately-funded and operated IOM Roundtable on Population Health Improvement (http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/Activities/PublicHealth/pophealthrt.aspx), which is a group focused on multi-sectoral action to improve health, and would provide some important linkages and resources to the project.

The workshop will explore the links between transportation and health care, especially public transportation services, in order to inform decision makers at all levels in government and the private sector about the data sources and metrics available at the local community level to help demonstrate the value of linking transit and health care. The planning committee will participate in several conference calls to identify specific topics, workshop objectives, and select appropriate speakers. At the workshop, invited speakers will share their perspectives on data sources, existing measures, and other information relevant to calculating the return on investment for public transit and, potentially private sector providers. A summary of the presentations and discussion shared at the public workshop will be prepared by a designated rapporteur in accordance with institutional guidelines. The workshop summary will be subject to an appropriate review process prior to release.

Institutional (Brief) Statement of Task

At the request of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Division of Health and Medicine and the Transportation Research Board will jointly convene an ad hoc committee to plan and conduct a two-day workshop to examine data sources, including data from health care providers, existing measures, and other information relevant to using performance measures to explore the relationship between transit and health care (e.g., missed appointments) and to calculate the return on investment for public transit (including the Rides to Wellness Initiative).

In preparation for the workshop, staff will commission individually authored papers to be presented and discussed at the workshop. A summary of the presentations and discussion at the workshop will be prepared by a designated rapporteur in accordance with institutional guidelines.