



UTC Project Information – Cooperative Mobility for Competitive Megaregions (CM²)

Project Title	The Right Structure for the Right Incentives: Multimodal Transportation in America's Growing Megaregions
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Start and End Dates	9/1/2017 - 5/31/2018
Brief Description of Research Project	This project will analyze current federal and state transportation funding policy and will provide recommendations for how to amend these funding streams and transportation policy criteria to more effectively allocate limited resources between different modes of transportation for maximum efficiency.
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	TBD
Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)	The project will combine economic, historical, and legal analysis to generate a model of transportation policy which allows different modes of transportation to compete on an even playing field. In doing so, the project seeks to reduce inefficiencies created by policies which favor one mode of transportation over another through an imbalance of subsidies, taxation, or regulation and instead promote flexibility in addressing megaregion transportation issues.
Web Links (to reports, project website, etc.)	