| Cooperative Mobility for Competitive Megaregions | UTC Project Information – Cooperative Mobility for Competitive Megaregions (CM ²) |
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| Project Title | Assessing Changes to Federal and State Law for Megaregion Planning |
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| Brief Description of Research Project | Federal and state transportation laws form the foundation of domestic transportation policies. However, as currently drafted federal laws are not sufficiently developed to support a megaregion transportation regime and will require a formalized approach to be created so that MPOs and DOTs can scale efforts beyond traditional boundaries. This project will and provide recommendations for how federal law and policy could be amended to conduct megaregional planning. |
| Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented) | This project produced two working papers that have been published on the CM2 website. |
| Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated) | Reviewing how megaregional planning can be conducted within current statutory and regulatory processes will provide State's, DOTs and MPOs with authorization to continue megaregion planning. |
| Web Links (to reports, project website, etc.) | |