



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

Project Title	Overcoming Impediments and High Costs for Infrastructure Projects in the Northeast Megaregion
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Total Project Cost	\$32,200
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Start and End Dates	10/1/2016 - 12/31/2019
Brief Description of Research Project	<p>This project will identify new roles for Metropolitan Planning Organizations, state Departments of Transportation and metropolitan transportation authorities in planning, priority setting and promoting greater economic and social accessibility for megaregion-scale transportation investments in the Northeast Megaregion.</p> <p>A major focus of the project will be on the Northeast's extensive regional rail network and opportunities to modernize and expand this network. A special focus of this research will be on the impacts that innovations in transportation technology and commuting patterns could have on the utility of regional rail systems.</p>
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	Dr. Taylor and Dr. Yaro taught a Regional Infrastructure Seminar based on this project in Fall 2017. They also instructed a Design and Planning Studio in Spring 2018 on this.
Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)	No impacts yet
Web Links (to reports, project website, etc.)	N/A