



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

Project Title	Potential Description of Services: Using the Composite Vulnerability Index to Identify Needed Transportation Connections
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Total Project Cost	\$60,000
Agency ID or Contract Number	UTDOT Grant number: 69A3551747135
Start and End Dates	01/1/2022 to 7/31/2023
Brief Description of Research Project	This work begins with national research of best transportation service methods that link rural residents with proximate urban areas. MPO, COG, transit agency staff will be enlisted to assist with focus groups of rural residents to query their under-met or unmet travel needs.
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	Concepts for transportation providers to improve services connecting rural to urban employment, education, and other services.
Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)	Discussion has begun with MPOs, but has not run its course, so no impacts have been realized.
Web Links to Reports	Year1 CAL Framework Equity.pdf (utexas.edu) Application-of-Equity-Rubric-TSU-Yr-2.pdf (utexas.edu)

