



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

Project Title	Using State Government to Mitigate the Effects of Bracketing on Multijurisdictional Transportation Planning
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Brief Description of Research Project	This project will review provisions within selected megaregion states constitutions and legislation and regulations, and litigation surrounding bracketing to map its breadth and effectiveness in restricting efficient multi modal mobility options. The project will review the Texas constitutional prohibition against special legislation, and will also survey similar provisions in other states and select several states with different special legislation jurisprudence to conduct a comparative review of the effects of different levels of restriction. The project will generate a set of judicial recommendations for how these provisions should be interpreted to facilitate good transportation policy, as well as some suggestions for how these issues might be reconciled legislatively.
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	
Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)	
Web Links (to reports, project website, etc.)	https://sites.utexas.edu/cm2/files/2020/10/Specialized-Legislation-and-MR-Transit-Planning_Final.pdf