



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

Project Title	Freight Megaregional Planning and Financial Policy
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Brief Description of Research Project	<p>This CM2 Year 3 research will examine the role of freight planning at the megaregion level. It builds on prior research within the UTC, which established how important megaregions are in inducing freight trips. (Steiner, Yaro, & Zhang, not yet published).</p> <p>This project will look at how that influence can be leveraged to ensure state transportation financing remains stable, and the opportunities that exist in state and regional freight planning. By examining freight infrastructure funding from the megaregion perspective, this project will contribute to the body of knowledge necessary to protect, preserve, and expand freight infrastructure within megaregions.</p>
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	Not implemented yet, project is still ongoing.
Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)	No impacts yet.
Web Links (to reports, project website, etc.)	https://sites.utexas.edu/cm2/files/2020/09/WaltonC_UT-Austin_Year3_Final_TO.pdf