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UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte	
Project Title	Forecasting Ridership for Commuter Rail in Austin
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Brief Description of	Austin Texas is one of the most rapidly growing cities in the United
Research Project	States. Current estimates indicate over 150 people per day are
	moving to Austin. To deal with the growing transportation needs,
	Capital Metro is proposing the addition of commuter rail services in
	several corridors where publically owned rail right of way is
	available. Forecasting ridership for such services is problematic
	due to a lack of experience with access modal choices and the
	potential operational state of the transport system due to rapid
	growth. The research team has developed dynamic traffic
	assignment algorithm for such problems, however, it currently
	estimates time and cost of access in very rudimentary ways. This
	work will develop robust predictive tools for assessing modes used



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	for accessing the proposed commuter rail systems.
	The purpose of this project is to develop the proposed models
	using a combination of stated preference survey data and analogies
	with other cities.
Describe Implementation	
of Research Outcomes	
(or why not	
implemented)	
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Impacts/Benefits of	
Implementation (actual,	
not anticipated)	
Web Links	https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CA
• Reports	MMSE-UNCC-2017-UTC-Project-Information-03-Machemehl.pdf
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