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Project Title	Robust Routing, Assignment, and Simulation of Transit Systems
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Brief Description of	Transit system complexity is a function not just of the infrastructure
Research Project	but is strongly tied to user behavior, which is driven by perception
	of the quality of service (in experiencing waiting, transfers, and
	travel time variability), which is not always an accurate reflection of
	the true quality of service. The variability and inconsistency (with
	reality) of these perceptions can be captured in part by correlating
	the multiple data sources, observing travel patterns and modeling
	user behavior under uncertainty.
	The effect of service reliability and accessibility will be investigated
	toward development of route choice, stop choice, and departure
	time choice models. Stochastic multimodal network and user



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	behavior models will be leveraged toward the development of
	routing, assignment, and simulation models for ridership
	estimation and performance analysis. Robust analysis tools will be
	developed that take into account system characteristics that are a
	function of the performance of the auto network, models
	passenger flow in the network under stochastic rules and predicts
	system wide travel patterns. Such models will enhance decisions
	made by transit agencies when allocating resources toward
	additional capacity, schedule updates, and stop/station location in
	the long term; and stop skipping, rerouting, and vehicle holding as
	real-time operational decision.
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-06-Lownes.pdf
• Project website	https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CA
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