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Project Title	Characterization of Bicycle Rider Behavior among Various Street
	Environments
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Brief Description of	When bicycle riders use public streets, they have the same rights
Research Project	and obligations as automobile drivers. However, bicycle speeds are
	typically less than automobiles, making bicycle rider safety is a
	major concern. In order to improve bicycle safety and encourage
	more cycling, a variety of bicycle traffic control devices are often
	installed. These include shared lane markings and signs, delineated
	bike lanes, colored bike lane markings, barriers between bike and
	auto lanes, and bicycle signals. Austin, Texas has all of these
	devices along with others installed along various streets. In some
	locations, virtually all possible bicycle devices are provided but in
	other places almost no devices are provided. While examining



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	surveillance data of bicycle rider responses to bicycle signals,
	significantly different rider behavior was observed at locations with
	many bicycle control devices versus those with few or none. Based
	on those findings, a paper was written to describe some of the
	differences, however since that study was done for evaluation of
	bicycle signals, very little in-depth analyses were possible. The
	proposed study will supplement the 200 hours of surveillance video
	already developed to provide detailed analyses of how rider
	behavior differs in environments rich in control and safety devices
	compared to environments have few or none.
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	MINISE-UNCC-2018-UTC-Project-Information-06-Machemehl.pdf
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