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UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte	
Project Title	Investigating the Linkage Between Transit Access to Services and
	Affordable Housing Availability
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Brief Description of	Access to basic services and opportunities is an important factor in
Research Project	many decisions people make regarding travel and residential
	location. Today we see the results of this in our suburbs, as those
	with means to reside there do so and access services such as
	education, healthcare, food and employment primarily via personal
	vehicles. As both residents and services have oriented themselves
	within this paradigm many cities have been left with fewer and
	fewer opportunities for those remaining in the city. Oftentimes,
	these residents tend to be those who lack the resources to move to
	places with better access to jobs, schools and other services and
	amenities. Further, those without the means to move also



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	represent those for whom owning a vehicle is most onerous and
	therefore would benefit most from public transportation providing
	access to these opportunities.
	The proposed research will focus on two topics mutually supportive
	of the theme "increase access to opportunities that promote equity
	in connecting regions and communities":
	1) Develop a methodology for measuring service-specific (i.e.,
	healthcare, food, jobs) access to opportunities via the public
	transportation system across a region.
	2) Apply this methodology to a Hartford, CT case study in which
	these metrics are used to identify areas currently lacking in access,
	and those that have good access and present opportunities for
	affordable housing investment.
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-2018-UTC-Project-Information-10-Lownes.pdf
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