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UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte	
Project Title	Predicting Travel Time on Freeway Corridors: Machine Learning
	Approach
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Brief Description of	Estimating the travel time of any segments on freeways is of great
Research Project	importance to route planning, traffic monitoring, and bottleneck
	identification. Many researchers have conducted numerous studies
	on estimating travel time. However, travel time forecasting is still a
	very challenging problem since it can be affected by diverse
	complex factors, including spatial correlations, temporal
	dependencies, and external conditions (e.g., weather). The purpose
	of this project is to develop machine learning approach that
	incorporates the stochastic characteristics of segments to model
	the travel time on a freeway corridor. Segment travel time
	correlations will be analyzed and examined using an advanced



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	model (e.g., pattern recognition model and neural network model)
	based on historical travel time data. To evaluate the quality of such
	model, other models (including time-series models, and linear
	regression models) which may not explicitly consider spatial-
	temporal correlations between segment travel times will also be
	developed. The proposed approach will be developed, used and
	tested to analyze and predict the travel time on several freeway
	corridors in Charlotte, North Carolina using vehicle probe data. The
	advantages and disadvantages of each model will also be identified
	and compared.
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-2019-UTC-Project-Information-01-Fan.pdf
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