

<b>UTC Project Information</b>	
Project Title	California Voting and Suburbanization Patterns: Implications for Transit Policy (Former title: Measuring Consumer Benefits from Transportation Infrastructure: Evidence from California)
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Brief Description of Research Project	Public transit is an environmentally friendly transportation mode that usually focuses on transporting people within and to the city center. However, over the last 60 years, population and employment has been suburbanizing. As the median voter lives further from the city center, and thus enjoys fewer benefits from accessing public transit, does this reduce such a voter's propensity to support public investment in public transit improvements? We analyze voting patterns on 20 transit-related ballot propositions from state-wide elections in California between 1990 and 2010. Controlling for demographic, socio-economic and political ideological factors, we focus on the role of suburbanization as a possible causal factor in determining public support for public transit investment. The results provide a rich picture of the attitudes towards transportation policy among California voters, and will help policy makers to better understand citizen preferences and to better predict how future trends will shift support towards or against transit. Finally, we suggest ways policy makers can use urban land markets to increase support for transit.

<p>Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)</p>	<p>Holian, Matthew. "Measuring the Value of Transit Using Survey and Voting Data." Presentation for the Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 2, 2012.</p> <p>Holian, Matthew. "The Suburbanization of the Median Voter: Implications for Transit Policy." Presentation at the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA, November 16, 2012.</p> <p>Holian, Matthew. "The Suburbanization of the Median Voter: Implications for Transit and Environmental Policy." Presentation at the International Transportation Economics Association Conference, Evanston, IL, July 11, 2013.</p> <p>Holian, Matthew. "The Integration of Highway and Transit Data at State DOTs." Presentation at the Transportation Research Forum, San Jose, CA, March 13, 2014.</p> <p>Holian, Matthew. "A Public Choice Analysis of Caltrans." Presentation at the Public Choice Society 2014 Conference, Charleston, SC, March 8, 2014.</p> <p>Holian, Matthew. "California Voting and Suburbanization Patterns: Implications for Transit Policy." Presentation at the Celebration of Research Events: Early Career Investigator Award, San Jose, CA, November 11, 2014.</p> <p>Holian, Matthew and Kahn, M. (2014). "Household Demand for Low Carbon Public Policies: Evidence from California". <u>Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists - JAERE</u>, Vol. 2, No. 2 (June 2015), pp. 205-234.</p>
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Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)

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