

<b>UTC Project Information</b>	
Project Title	The US Transit Bus Manufacturing Industry (Original title: Analysis of the US Transit Bus and Paratransit Vehicle Manufacturing Industry)
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Brief Description of Research Project	The challenge of maintaining profitability in the US bus transit and paratransit vehicle manufacturing industry threatens to undermine innovation that could lead to improved vehicles, higher vehicle quality, and more cost-effective manufacturing methods. The goal of this research is to identify means of improving the health of the industry to promote investment in R&D. To this end, we will seek to understand the structural factors and government policies (at the federal, state, and local levels) that impact the industry. The methodology will include literature review, a cross-industry comparison, and interviews with key industry and government stake-holders. The output of this research will be a report detailing our findings, a list of policy recommendations, and identification of additional research needs.

Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	Research in progress.
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Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)	
Web Links <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reports</li><li>• Project Website</li></ul>	Final report (MNTRC Website):  Final report (TRB Website):