

<b>UTC Project Information</b>	
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Brief Description of Research Project	<p>This paper focuses on the ability of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) to improve social capital and interactions within a community. The expectation is that TOD has a positive impact on the lifestyle and activities of individuals who reside, work, and frequent these locations, and that this can include increases in social capital. Using data from a survey of transit station locations in New Jersey, the authors examine how proximity to the station and various built environment variables are associated with different measures of social capital, derived from responses to survey questions. These questions inquire about respondents' perceptions of their neighborhood as a place to live, sense of community, knowing their neighbors, trust, and whether their community is a good place to raise a child. The authors also include a question on volunteering in the community. These questions reflect various domains of social capital as established in the literature. Results generally do not support the hypothesis that social capital is associated with transit station proximity and TOD. Features of the built environment, proxied by population and employment density, are also not associated with increased social capital, and in some cases have a negative association. While there are some limited positive associations with some of the social capital variables, one of the strongest indicators is living in a detached family home.</p>

Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)	
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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): <a href="http://transweb.sjsu.edu/project/1252.html">http://transweb.sjsu.edu/project/1252.html</a>