



## **MCTS and regional connectivity:**

A study of spatial mismatch  
and transit accessibility for low income  
households

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- Automobile dependency
- Spatial mismatch
- Lack of regional connectivity through public transit
- Renewed interest and investment in public transit

## INTRODUCTION/SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY

- How does public transit accessibility correlate with employment in areas of high concentrations of low-income households?
- How do current metro Milwaukee transit plans, specifically the BRT, align with serving the need to provide better public transit access for low-income households?
- What are the motives behind the plans and goals of Milwaukee's East-West BRT or other future projects?
- How do the current BRT plans take into consideration towards risks of gentrification and displacement along its planned route?

## RESEARCH QUESTIONS/PROBLEM AND INTERPRETIVE FRAMEWORK

- Post War Suburbanization
- White Flight and Urban Disinvestment
- Dismantling of Milwaukee's streetcar
- Urban renaissance and reinvestment in downtown Milwaukee
- MCTS financial difficulties

## SETTING/HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL/POLICY CONTEXT OF STUDY

- Spatial mismatch Is a key in racial unemployment differences
- Transit Access and Employment
- Regional transit access and decentralization of poverty
- Transit orientated development
- Gap in research literature

LIT REVIEW KEY CONCEPTS/FINDINGS/GAP

- Methodology
- Data Sources
- Research Design
- Gap in Research

METHODOLOGY/METHODS/DATA/RESEARCH DESIGN/GAP

- Current MCTS goals and project plans do not align with serving low income residents with regional access through public transit
- While it's unclear whether or not MCTS future projects like the East-West BRT-Line may create housing affordability issues along route, considerations regarding such were not used in development of the East-West BRT Line

## ANALYSIS AND STUDY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Future transit plans should incorporate greater consideration for connecting metro Milwaukee to Waukesha
- Extend the East-West BRT Line to downtown Waukesha
- Use TOD in Milwaukee to connect low income housing with public transit while maintaining affordability

## CONCLUSION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS