

News regarding the first publication of the Expo Line Study:

This is a three-year longitudinal of residents near the line to assess whether this new light rail service begun in 2012 has been associated with reduced vehicle travel and increased transit ridership and walking. This is the first quasi-experimental evaluation of a transit investment in California, and is a collaborative project led by Doug Houston (UCI) and Marlon Boarnet (USC). Steven Spears, who is featured in the media covered, is currently a postdoc on the study and the lead author of this first publication which builds on his dissertation research in PPD.

This first publication is based on the first year of data collection before the line, but the researchers are finalizing the journal submission from the study using two years of data collection and anticipate these results will indicate that the line was associated with a reduction in vehicle miles traveled for residents living near the line.

The Expo Line Study (also called the Neighborhood Travel and Activity Study in press coverage) has been supported by many funders including the Haynes Foundation, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, San Jose State Mineta Transportation Institute, Southern California Association of Governments, University of California Transportation Center, University of California Multi-Campus Research Program on Sustainable Transportation, and the University of Southern California Lusk Center for Real Estate.

Below are links to the recent media coverage:

LINK TO THE ARTICLE:

Illuminating the unseen in transit use: A framework for examining the effect of attitudes and perceptions on travel behavior by Steven Spears, Douglas Houston, Marlon G. Boarnet Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0965856413001912>

LINK TO COVERAGE 1:

On the Planetizen Planning Blog Do Psychological Barriers Doom L.A.'s Transit Transition? <http://www.planetizen.com/node/66320>

LINK TO COVERAGE 2:

On the Atlantic Cities Blog: Why Correcting Misperceptions About Mass Transit May Be More Important Than Improving Service

<http://www.theatlanticcities.com/commute/2013/11/why-correcting-misperceptions-about-mass-transit-may-be-more-important-improving-service/7719/>