UTC Project Information	
Project Title	Safe From Crime at Location-Specific Transit Facilities
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Brief Description of Research Project	Transit agencies address exposure to crime and related victimization by identifying two types of issues: the <i>safety</i> of riders, which involves reducing exposure to crime on the way to, while waiting for, and while traveling in transit vehicles; and <i>security</i> , which involves cooperation with law enforcement to protect transit riders. Transit operators have long monitored crime and are cognizant of high incident locations. The proposed research will integrate <u>four data sets</u> in order to provide a state-of-the-art system for monitoring crime in both space and time, and for developing and testing countermeasures for crime prevention.
Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented) Place Any Photos Here	We found that amenities at transit stops have mixed associations with crime, suggesting that amenities serve to provide riders with added comfort but not necessarily more safety. Higher ridership provides safety while waiting for transit (models including 100-m area around transit stops) but exposes riders to more crime as they walk to and from transit (models including 400-m area around transit stops). In Seattle's urban villages (hosting 90 percent of the City's ridership and the stops with the most crime), sidewalks are associated with a lower likelihood of crime. However, a more connected street network, which characterizes

	the oldest, most urban areas of Seattle, is associated with more crime.
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Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, or anticipated)	This data-driven pilot project illustrated how novel sets of disaggregated data on both crime (location-specific, police-reported crime incidents by type) and transit ridership (from individual ORCA, an electronic transit fare payment system, transaction records) can serve to develop models assessing the safety of transit riders at specific locations. Future research should continue to examine how transit riders can be protected from crime while they wait for transit as well as while they walk to and from it.
Web Links Reports Project Website 	https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/research/reports/fullreports/882-1.pdf