

Is Neighborhood Change Leading to Falling Transit Ridership?

Transit ridership in Southern California has been falling for over ten years. This ridership decline has multiple causes, but one that remains understudied is neighborhood change. Relatively few neighborhoods offer higher-quality transit service, and relatively few people (most of them lower-income) use transit. As transit-friendly neighborhoods become more expensive, are people who would ride transit being pushed to other areas, and depressing ridership. Professor Manville will present preliminary results into an examination of this question.



“ We can’t depend or model transit ridership on low-income riders. That model falls apart today. It can’t be a mode of last resort. Instead, transit has to be built in a way that we expect people to ride it. ”

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