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David Levinson, PhD
Journal of Transport and Land Use
500 Pillsbury Drive, SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455 USA

Dear Prof. David Levinson,

I am pleased to submit one short research note: “**Identifying Transit Deserts in Major Texas Cities, Where the Supply Missed the Demand.**” for publication in the corresponding category in the *Journal of Transport and Land Use*.

This research note demonstrated a GIS-based method to effectively measure block group level transit demand and supply within cities and visually present the transit gap (transit deserts) to planning professionals and general public. The author tested this method in five major Texas cities (Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio) and the empirical results were presented in the paper.

Dr. Junfeng Jiao as the corresponding author confirms that there is no conflict of interest in the paper writing process and he has the full access to all aspects of the research and writing process, and takes final responsibility for the paper.

I appreciate your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Junfeng Jiao'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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