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Policy implications of travel for life

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Central messages

• “Network actor”

• Travel builds and maintains social capital

• Telecommunication use and travel are co-dependent and co-evolving
Implications: Future survey work

More attention is needed:

- To capture the social content of journeys
- To add a social network element to travel or general purpose surveys
- To benchmark the general development
- To benchmark groups at risk and highly mobile groups
Implications: Transport policy

If trend

• Continuation is sought

• Reversal is sought
Hysteresis

Size of social geographies

(Generalised) costs of travel and communications

Increasing costs

Decreasing costs
Implications: Social conditions and policy

New issue:

• Localised anomie:

Policy questions:

• Social exclusion:

• Building local social capital
Implications: Transport modelling

Experimental work could be supported:

• To model generation and transformation of social networks

• To model the impact of social network structures on travel (beyond the household) (daily and long-distances)
The next research questions?

- Can these types of surveys be scaled to large samples?
- Is there really a link between network geographies and generalised costs of contact?
- What is the social content of travel and how are its costs allocated in networks?
- Is localised anomie real? What are its social cost?