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Does Urban Rail Increase Land Value in Emerging Cities? Value Uplift from Bangalore Metro

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Highlights

1. There is a significant willingness to pay for urban rail in the emerging city of Bangalore.
2. Land value increases beyond the traditional 500m catchment area of 25%.
3. Panel data hedonic price modeling shows over 4% increase in the whole city's land value.
4. Urban rail projects have potential for a major agglomeration economic event in emerging cities.

Abstract

This paper seeks to understand how urban rail can influence land value uplift, especially in emerging cities which are largely unstudied. It examines the Bangalore Metro and shows that the uplift from the metro rail was substantial in the 'catchment area' and 'across the city'. The analysis was based on the panel data hedonic price model for around 160,000 apartments over the period 2012-16 and a cross-sectional data hedonic price model for 314,000 apartments in 2016. The panel data resulted in a stronger model and show significant land value increases, even beyond the traditional 500m catchment (Figure 1). A 'before' and 'after' from the commencement of the metro rail operations shows a price uplift of 4.5% across the whole city and indicates a major agglomeration economic event resulting in substantial willingness to pay of USD 306 million from the metro rail accessibility. Emerging cities can expect metro rail to substantially improve their economies and other co-benefits as long as finance can be obtained by capturing this value.

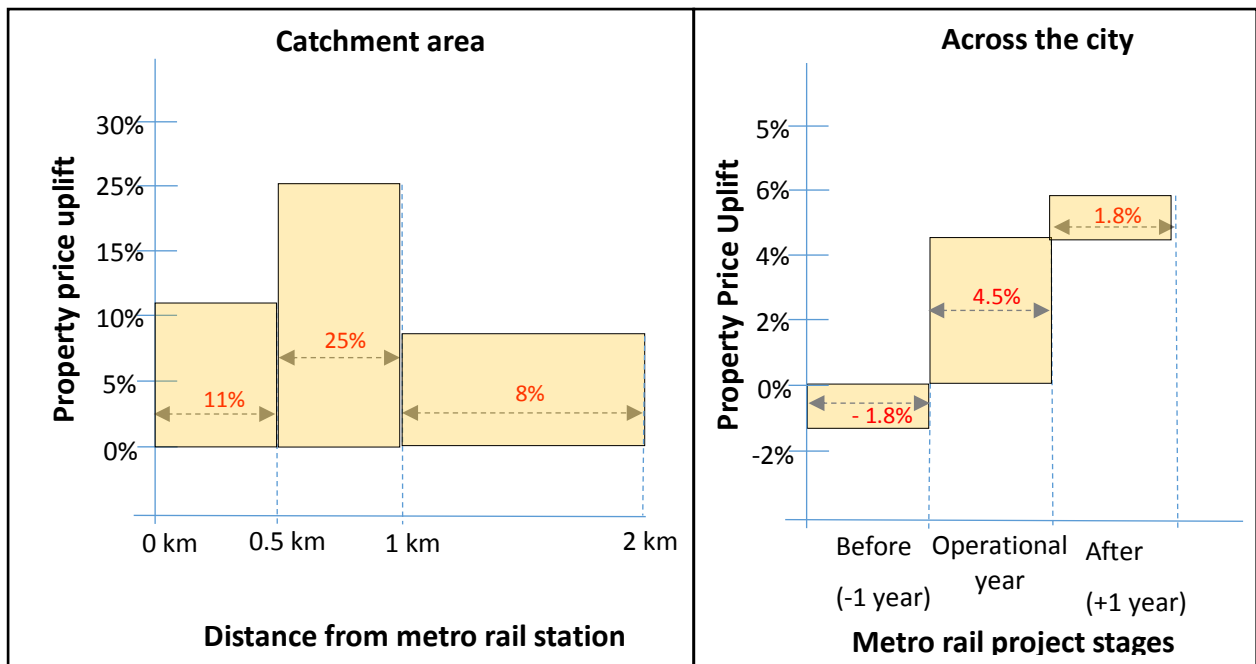


Figure 1: Impact of metro rail on property price

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1. Introduction

In the latter half of the 20th century, governments favoured urban road systems and failed to allocate substantial public funds for urban rail projects. This approach contributed to removal of urban rail across most of the cities around the globe in the 1950's and 1960's. Those that remained like London and New York's subway were significantly underfunded (Black 2007; Green, 2016; Sharma & Newman, 2017).

Urban rail is back on the urban development agenda. It is thriving in densely populated cities of Asia, Europe and the Middle East and in the American and Australian cities which are heavily reliant on cars. Over the last two decades, China and India introduced over 25 high capacity urban rail systems (metro rail) with another 25 currently under construction¹. This surge is driven largely by rapidly growing demand for rail in cities due to increasing travel time differentials between urban rail and urban traffic as well as a growing need for dense urban centers that are facilitated by urban rail. However, financing remains a constant struggle with the conventional model of government grants and fare-box revenue proving to be inadequate to meet the increasing rail demand. An alternative is the need to realize the

¹ In addition to urban rail, China is constructing 18,000 km network of high-speed rail to support its growing economy (Chen, 2012).

economic benefits of urban rail and use it for its financing (Debrezion, Pels & Rietveld, 2007; Newman, Kenworthy & Glazebrook, 2013; Newman & Kenworthy, 2015; Sharma, 2018).

Land value capture (LVC) mechanisms have shown significant potential as a sustainable source of finance for urban rail projects. This financing alternative emerges from the potential of urban rail to increase the land value in transit catchment. Most of the LVC studies have been done on cities in developed nations. This paper seeks to enable a better understanding of LVC in emerging cities as the need for alternative funding is even more significant in emerging cities where there is high deficit in social infrastructure as well as lean budgets.

It is speculated that urban rail (metro rail) has increased real estate value in Indian cities (Jillella & Newman, 2016; Ministry of Urban Development [MoUD], 2012; Shankar, 2015) but there are unanswered questions on how to quantify the value uplift and willingness to pay (WTP) for accessibility. This paper attempts to answer these questions in stages. It begins by examining the relevance of location theory, land rent and demand, and WTP for transit infrastructure in any city including emerging cities to see how metro rail influences land value. The subsequent section discusses prominent studies on residential land value uplift due to metro rail in developing and developed countries based on the hedonic price model (HPM) method. Following this, a methodology is proposed to evaluate the impact of metro rail (as a property attribute) on the residential property market using HPM to estimate user's WTP. The methodology is applied to the Indian case of Bangalore². The case study uses cross sectional and panel data to prepare HPM's for calculating WTP for different property attributes, particularly metro rail accessibility. The estimated HPM's are used to capture the increase along the metro rail catchment land market and at city-level. The latter is rarely done in LVC studies.

In the next sections, theory is used to show a) why particular HPM variables were chosen to evaluate land value in Bangalore and b) how the land value uplift can be explained.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Urban Rail and Real Estate

Table 1 shows that urban rail uplifts residential real estate (land and property) value in cities around the globe. This value appreciation could be captured to finance urban rail (see Anantsuksomsri & Tontisirin, 2015; Armstrong & Rodriguez, 2006; Cervero, 2003; Du & Mulley, 2007; Garrett, 2004; Iacono et al., 2009; McIntosh, Trubka & Newman, 2014; Medda & Modelewska, 2009; Sharma & Newman, 2018; Yankaya, 2004).

² The name of the city is officially Bengaluru since 2014, but the old name is used for convenience with references.

Value capture requires that the extent of impact in a city be quantified, followed by analyzing if urban rail generates sufficient value (demand – WTP) to be captured. Econometric models have been extensively used to assess the impact of urban rail on real estate. The most popular among these models is the hedonic price model (HPM).

2.2 Hedonic Price Model (HPM)

The HPM is a regression model with its basis in economic thinking of the early 20th century. It involves the application of least squares regression analysis which requires a linear relationship between the dependent variable (eg. property value) and independent (explanatory) variables (eg. characteristics of property). It estimates separately the contribution of each independent variable price to the total estimated (hedonic) price. The HPM functional forms include linear, linear-log, log-linear and log-log. Equation 1 represents the equation for the observed dependent variable (D) (McIntosh, Trubka & Newman, 2014; Rosen, 1974; Sopranzetti, 2015).

Equation 1 Parametric Land Price Equation

$$D_i = f(X_j; \beta_j) + \varepsilon_i$$

Where

- D_i is the estimated land price of the i^{th} observation,
- X_j is a vector of quantitative and qualitative property attributes,
- β_j is the unknown hedonic price of the property for attribute j , and
- ε_i is the stochastic error term.

2.3 Location Theory

Von Thunen's (1826) classic location theory analyzed the spatial division of different production activities to minimize transportation expenses between production area and marketplace (Fischer & Nijkamp, 2014). His concepts were applied to urban activities by Hurd (1903), Haig (1926) and Ratcliff (1949) to suggest that urban activities reflect rent competition for locations that minimize movement. On the other hand, Robert Park (1929) theorized that improvement in transportation and population growth augments benefits of the city center. Alonso (1964) built his location theory based on earlier pioneering studies (Isard, 1956 and Wingo, 1961) to suggest that minimization of transportation cost (spatial friction) between residence and work increases land rent in urban settings, as high accessibility to central areas activates competition for locations closer to the central business district (CBD) (Capello, 2011).

The above location theories when applied to an urban context, essentially explain the economic rationale of choosing to situate a firm or household at a specific location in an urban space to minimize transportation costs in the context of agglomeration economies (Capello, 2011). The primary consideration in selecting the location for an urban household is to ensure efficient access to the benefits of agglomeration viz. urban resources, services and workplaces. Thus, location theories highlight the significance of activity centers and travel time in a city.

Saving on travel time is economically significant in a city as it contributes to decreases in transportation and opportunity cost. Over the last decade travel time by car has exceeded that by urban rail in cities across the globe (Newman & Kenworthy, 2015). The importance of saving on travel time is driving the demand for urban rail that is further catering to the urban knowledge economy and the culture of people-centered urban form to support this process (Matan & Newman, 2016; Glaeser, 2011).

Based on the above discussion, this study examined HPM variables on activity centers, urban infrastructure, locational attributes, density and mixed land use as factors affecting the residential land market in Bangalore.

2.4 Urban Land Rent

An important feature common to urban location choice theories is the cost of land, or land rent (Capello, 2011). Urban land rent represents the manifestation—in price terms—of the economic value of a scarce resource, e.g. urbanized land endowed with general accessibility characteristics (to the center and to specific facilities like railway stations, airports, parks and green areas) or agglomeration benefits discussed above.

Camagni (2016) suggests that rent emerges from two preconditions, first being a limited supply that leads to a 'scarcity absolute rent' (Scott, 1976; Sraffa, 1960) and the second, a 'demand for city' i.e. a household's willingness to pay more than the supply cost for a desirable good or production factor such as access to transit. This demand is generated by the need to benefit from an urban environment which is a product of agglomeration economies. Demand may increase due to time/space specificities when a city becomes crucial for economic activities, for instance the knowledge economy emerges or a city provides an innovative environment or introduction of a public urban infrastructure like metro rail (Camagni, 1992, as cited in Camagni, 2016).

2.5 Urban Land Demand

As a scarce resource, urban land displays certain peculiar characteristics to qualify as a marketable commodity (Johnston, 1977, as cited in Kivell & Shaw, 1988). It plays a role in optimization processes in the locational choice of actors, in allocation decisions of land-owners, and in minimizing of mobility and interaction costs. These processes and characteristics contribute to the demand of urban land.

Alonso (1964) suggested that the demand of urban land is a utility function of the characteristics of land, geographical location and income constraint. He suggested that an individual household buyer trades off between accessibility, land characteristics and money to reach a decision. The trade-off forms a three-dimensional relationship to represent householder's equilibrium demand. He expressed this in the form of bid-rent curves: the householder's indifference surfaces yield a set of alternative combinations of price and quantities of land at a location for required income and transport costs (Kirwan, 1966).

Muth (1969) accorded Alonso (1964) on the positive relationship of land value with its proximity to a CBD. Muth (1969) expanded Alonso's model and showed that population density and proximity to CBD are relative to household income and age of dwellings. Alonso (1964) added that the only way to channel high income demand for land back to central areas³ is by up-zoning it (as cited in Kirwan, 1966).

Based on these urban rent and demand theories, a city-level assessment of urban rail impact on residential land markets was conducted on Bangalore in order to assess if urban rail results in agglomeration benefits at city level in addition to the generally accepted impacts on catchment areas.

2.6 HPM Case Studies – Influence of urban rail on residential real estate

Table 1 presents a compilation of case studies on the impact of urban rail on residential value using HPM. The compilation includes eleven cases from developed countries and six from developing countries along with their findings, methodology, functional form, and dependent (land/ property price) and differing independent variables. The selected case studies (1992 to 2015) provide a temporal outlook on the subject over the past two decades. There are many more studies on developed cities but these six seems to cover those on emerging cities.

The difference in availability of property records in the various case studies reflects a contrasting situation between developing and developed countries. While the cities of developed countries have organized database and property transaction records, the same appears to be lacking in the studies from developing countries. For instance, the cases of Seoul, Izmir, Beijing and Taipei reply on a small sample size of about 350 observations each. The study from Bangkok manages 622 observations being the most recent. While all the cases, the value of R^2 appeared to be independent of the number of observations used in each study, the nature of the city, the model used or the resultant impact⁴.

³ Park (1952) noted that in 1960's the low-dense American suburban land value was increasing and the city centre value was decreasing.

⁴ Nagelkerke (1991, p. 161) defined R^2 as "the proportion of variance 'explained' by the regression model useful as a measure of success of predicting the dependent variable from the independent variables". As per Gujarati & Porter (2004), R^2 in cross sectional data is generally low due to the inherent diversity of cross sectional data. An HPM is considered acceptable or satisfactory if the

In the studies from developing countries, the database has been expanded by using a wide range of structural, neighborhood, accessibility and time based variables to compensate for lesser number of observations. The studies from developed countries analyzed datasets ranging from 1,000 to 124,000 observations and a fair range of variables. Cases from the United States of America (USA) include details on building utility and structural variables. All other cases, especially from developing countries, collect a substantial number of neighborhood variables like presence of parks, schools, health centers, convenience shops, sports facilities and water bodies.

The cases from USA suggest a substantial proximity premium, ranging from 10% to 34% for the proximity variable from 60 m to 800 m around a railway station. The Helsinki, Warsaw and Tyne & Wear studies show 11%, 7% and 17% proximity premium at 500 m, 1 km and 200 m proximity variable respectively. The Lisbon Metro rail case registers a 9% impact on average from the accessibility attribute. Contrary to expectations, the cases from developing countries suggest low impact on accessibility, except in the case of Izmir Subway and Bangkok Mass Transit System. The Izmir case study places a proximity premium at up to 16% for properties within 1 km of the transit station and the Bangkok study places it at USD 9,210 per 1 km closer to the transit station. Factors such as typology and quality of housing registered considerable impact in the Asian cases of Beijing and Seoul.

These case studies indicate that LVC has significant potential but it needs further development in emerging cities through better data and more parameters to explore the impact of urban rail accessibility on WTP and hence LVC. The paper thus moves to a more advanced study of Bangalore using better data and more parameters than have been used in other emerging cities.

independent variables and the model are statistically significant (Gujarati & Porter, 2004). Achen (1982) and Granger & Newbold (1976) share the same view.

Table 1: Authors' compilation of HPM studies on impact of urban rail in real estate value

Sl. No.	Author	Location - Transit System	HPM Form: Model R ²	Dependent Variable	Independent Variables				Data & Methodology	Finding(s) from HPM
					Land/Structural	Neighbourhood	Accessibility (Distance to)	Time Based		
1	Bae, Jun & Park (2003)	Seoul, South Korea - Line 5, Heavy Rail KoRail	Log-Linear: 0.95	Sale price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart. Size • Age of structure • Residential blocks • Parking • Heating type 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School district • Pop. density • Job density 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subway • CBD • Sub centre • River • Park 	Time dummies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price in 1995 • Price in 1997 • Price in 2000 	Panel data of 241 condominiums. Data pooled for 4 years, of which only 3 years (before metro rail) data was significant in HPM.	Insignificant impact of rail on real estate.
2	Lin & Hwang (2004)	Taipei, Taiwan – Taipei Metro	Linear: 0.766	Property price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor space • Building age 	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD • Public facility • Transit station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic growth rate • Consumer price index • Time of the year 	Panel data of 317 residential property located within 400 m from metro rail line, from 1993 to 1995. Time dummy variable for before and after operation of metro rail.	Floor space price increased at about USD 480 per sq.m., after subway opening along the corridor.

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3	Yankaya (2004)	Izmir, Turkey - Izmir Metro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear: 0.73 • Log-Linear: 0.71 • Linear-Log: 0.74 • Log-Log: 0.73 	Sale price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House size • Apts. in bldg. • Apts. on floor • Age of structure • Bed • Storeys in bldg. • Corner location • Parking • Heating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Type of ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subway • Bus • Shop 	-	<p>Cross-sectional data of 360 multi-family residential units, was used for two impact zones, 500 m and 1 km around the stations.</p> <p>Property value uplift was mixed between stations. About 16% premium at some locations for properties within 1km from subway station. For whole system, a percent increase in distance from metro rail reduces property value by 0.07%.</p> <p>Relationship weakens with distance.</p>	
4	Gu (2006)	Beijing, China - Batong	Log-Log: 0.89	Property price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAR • Decoration • Typology • Land use • Property service fee 	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convenience shops • Hospital • High school • Park • Stations • Water body • Trunk road • CBD • Tiananmen square • Railway station 	Month of sale of property (continuous variable)	<p>Cross-sectional data of 141 residential property located within 4 km from rail line, from June 2002 to April 2006</p> <p>Insignificant impact of metro rail on real estate in the whole study area.</p> <p>The impact on housing prices in suburbs was 1.8% premium per 1km proximity to railway stations, whilst impact on property near CBD was insignificant.</p>	
5	Zhang & Wang (2013)	Beijing, China - City Rail; Batong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City rail - Linear: 0.773 	Property price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing type • Home finishing • Availability (readily or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAR of the project • Green area ratio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit station • CBD • Expressway • Health centre 	Time dummies for property in year 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,	<p>Panel data of 217 residential property located within 6 km from rail line, from</p> <p>Property premium of 0.35% for every 100 m closer to the City Rail station. Property premium of 0.02%</p>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batong – Linear: 0.687 		post down payment)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public park Sports facilities 	2004 and 2005.	<p>1999 to 2005 for City Rail.</p> <p>Panel data of 275 residential property located within 6km from rail line, from 1999 to 2005 for Batong.</p>	<p>for every 100 m closer to the Batong line station.</p> <p>Distance to city centre and quality of housing have more impact in the three cases than proximity to transit.</p>
6	Anantsuksomsri & Tontisirin (2015)	Bangkok, Thailand – Mass Transit System	Linear: 0.56	Land price	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population density 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metro station Arterial road CBD Airport Hospital Park School University 	-	Cross-sectional data of 622 residential property located within Bangkok Metropolitan Region for year 2010.	USD 9210 premium on land value per 1 km proximity to transit station.
7	Laakso (1992)	Helsinki, Finland - Helsinki Metro	Log-Linear: 0.94	Sale price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ln (Age) Ln (Area) Terrace House Pool Indoor sports Health centre Library Daycare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ln %Park Ln Income quartile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metro station dummies Feeder bus dummies Commuter rail dummy Shopping centre dummy Coast Ln CBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transaction time dummies 	Cross-sectional data of 6,700 residential properties located within Helsinki city for years 1980, 1985 and 1989 - The first year represents pre-metro rail times, and the last two years post-metro rail times.	11% property price increase due to metro rail on the most desirable locations, and price decrease by 8% in the most remote feeder transport areas. Positive impact is highest at the distance of 500 m – 750 m from the metro station, lower at 250 m – 500m and lowest at less than 250m.

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8	Gatzlaff & Smith (1993)	Miami, USA - Heavy Rail/Metro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear: 0.71 • Log-linear: 0.67 • Linear-log: 0.78 • Log-Log: 0.77 	Sale Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House area • Lot size • Age of structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Est. House price index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro rail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction announcement dummy 	Panel data of 912 residential property located within 1 square mile of train stations, from 1971 to 1990.	Insignificant increase in values of homes nearby to station.
9	Benjamin & Sirmans (1994)	Washington D.C., USA - Metrorail	Log-Linear: 0.744	Observed monthly rent of the apartment unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathrooms • Bedrooms • Utilities • Parking available • If the building is high rise • Fireplace • Washer/dryer • Occupancy rate of the complex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zip code 	Distance to metro stations in tenth of miles	-	Cross-sectional data of 250 apartment rents for year 1992, from 81 condominiums.	When distance increases to 800 m from the stations, rent declines by more than 10%.
10	Cervero (2003)	San Diego, USA - LRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-family housing – Linear: 0.695 • Condominiums – 	Sale Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size • Units • Bath • Bed • Age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing density • Income • Racial profile • % Senior citizens • % Vacant land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half mile LRT • Highway/freeway • Freeway ramp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time dummies: Monthly, to reflect different sale times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-sectional residential data for year 2000 on: • Multi-family housing: 1,495 parcel records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-family: 17.6% increase in prices of properties located within 800 m of an East Line Trolley stop. • Condominiums: 6.4% increase in prices of properties located near

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			Linear: 0.735 • Single-family housing – Linear: 0.605						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condominiums: 9,672 parcel records • Single-family housing: 14,756 parcel records 	<p>East Line Trolley stations and 46% for those near Coaster stations.</p> <p>Single-family: 17% increase in prices of properties located within a 800 m of a non-downtown Coaster station.</p>
11	Garrett (2004)	Missouri, USA - St. Louis Metrolink LRT	Log/Linear	House Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed • Bath • Storeys • Garage • Pool • Age of structure • Lot size • House size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • %Residents with college education • Income • Property tax rate • School district test scores • Does nearest LRT have PAR? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRT station • Noise impact from LRT by dist. to LRT • Highway interchange 	-	<p>Cross-sectional data records of 1,516 single-family homes that were sold from 1998 to 2001 and are located within 1.6 km of a MetroLink station.</p> <p>Analysis and comparison between sets of homes located up to 2,300 ft. from a station/track and those located 2,300 ft. to 5,280 ft. (1 mile) from a station/track.</p>	<p>Home located at 100 ft. from station will hold 32% higher value than home located at 1,460 ft.</p> <p>For homes located beyond 1,480 ft., home values increase by USD 69.50 every 10 ft. farther they are from the station.</p> <p>From 2,300 ft. to 2,800 ft. from station, USD 12.14 price increase in property price for every 10 ft. farther from the track amounting to 0.7% increase.</p>
12	Armstrong & Rodrigu	Massachusetts, USA –	• Log-Linear: 0.582		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot size • Usable living area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop. density 	Median household income for	-	Cross-sectional data of 1,860 single-family residential property	Properties within 800 m of a commuter rail station sell at 10.1% premium; additional

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	ez (2006)	Commuter rail	• Log-Log: 0.951		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedrooms • Bathrooms • Age of structure • Architectural style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of education system • Municipal property tax rates • Quality of local police service 	property's block group, as value of accessibility rail.		<p>records were collected for the year 1992 and first quarter of 1993.</p> <p>Hedonic price function comparison between 4 local municipalities with commuter rail service and 3 without rail service.</p>	minute of drive time from station results in 1.6% decrease in price; additional 1,000 ft. from rail results in price increase of between USD 732 to USD 2,897.
13	Du & Mulley (2007)	England, UK -Tyne & Wear light rail	Log-Linear: 0.38	House Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House type • Bedroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local school indicator • % long-term unemployed • % Higher managerial and professional occupation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport access (school, college) • Car access (school, college) • LRT 	-	<p>Cross-sectional data with 2,855 real estate transactions for Tyne and Wear Region was recorded in 2004.</p>	A minute faster travel (car or public transport) to large employers increase house price by 29.81%.
14	Martinez & Viegas (2009)	Lisbon, Portugal - Lisbon metro	Linear: 0.76		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedrooms • Typology • Floors • Area • Age of property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational index • Entropy index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro rail • Road • Rail 	-	<p>Cross sectional data for residential properties on sale during February, 2007 with a total of 8,742 complete records, 70% within</p>	The metro rail accessibility attributes coefficients in the two all-or-nothing models vary between 3.49% and 5.18% for accessibility to two metro rail lines and between 4.62% and 6.17%

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garage space 				Lisbon's municipality and remaining in Amadora and Odivelas.	for accessibility to a single metro rail line, reflecting a significant impact of metro rail proximity over property values.
15	Atkinson - Palombino (2010)	Phoenix, USA - Rezoning around the Phoenix LRT	Log-Linear: 0.76	Sale Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot size House size Swimming Pool Age of structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socio-economic data TOD overlay zoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRT Pedestrian catchment Freeway CBD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-and Post-dates from the introduction of the TOD overlay 	<p>Cross-sectional data of 4,048 single-family houses that were sold in either 1995–99 ('before') and 2001–07 ('after') and second dataset of 2,467 condominiums with transactions in 1995–99 ('before') and 2001–07 ('after').</p> <p>Separate hedonic analyses for two neighbourhood - residentially dominated neighbourhood (type 5) and mixed use neighbourhoods dominated by amenities (type 4).</p>	<p>Land use or locality setting defines if an LRT station is a walk-and-ride or a park-and-ride, and whether land parcels are subject to overlay zoning.</p> <p>Overlay zoning—and the potential of TOD beneficial land uses in the future—increases price of condominiums by 37% in type 4 set, while single-family houses prices increases by 6% 'before' overlay zoning is announced and 6% 'after'. Single-family houses in type 5 set prices decreases by 12% if they are subject to overlay zoning and condominiums of 13%.</p>

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					Land/Structural	Neighbourhood	Accessibility (Distance to)	Time Based		
16	Medda & Modelowska (2009)	Warsaw, Poland - Warsaw Metro	Log-Linear: 0.69	Sale Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area • Rooms • Floors in bldg. • Age of structure • Parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School district 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital • Green area • Metro rail catchment dummy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transaction time dummies 	<p>Panel data of 1,130 residential properties, from 2006-2010.</p> <p>The samples are located within two similar districts of Warsaw, Bielany district (with existing metro rail line) and Targówek (where a line is planned). Two districts were chosen to estimate the impact of planned metro rail.</p>	<p>In Bielany, properties located within 1 km of a metro station show 6.7% higher selling price than those located beyond 1 km.</p> <p>In Targówek, properties located within 1 km from a planned stations show 7.13% increase in price. The estimation of the increase in price due to the extension of metro rail was obtained by subtracting the actual price from the estimated price.</p>
17	Golub, Guhathakurta & Sollapuram (2012)	Phoenix, USA - Phoenix Light Rail Transit	Log-Log: 0.533	Adjusted Sale Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living size • Lot size • Age of structure • Patios • Bath • Floors • Pool • TOD zoning 	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRT Stn. • LRT alignment • CBD • Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time dummies • Prior National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) • During NEPA review • Planning & design • Construction • Operations 	<p>Panel data of 122,222 residential properties within 3.2 km from LRT network, from year 2006-2010.</p> <p>HPM for was carried out separately for the four real estate markets.</p>	<p>Single-family homes: Negative impact on prices of properties located within 200 ft. of the rail line.</p> <p>Multi-family homes: Positive impact on prices of properties located within 200 ft. of the rail line.</p> <p>Vacant properties: Statistically insignificant.</p>

3. Bangalore Metro Context

The Bangalore Metro project is being executed by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). BMRCL is a special purpose vehicle – a joint venture of the Government of India (GoI) and the Government of Karnataka (state government). Bangalore Metro is being developed in two phases, 42 km in Phase 1 and 72 km in Phase 2 (BMRCL, 2016).

Construction of Phase 1 commenced in 2007 and the stations opened in 2011, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (BMRCL, 2016). The last set of stations of Phase 1 are expected to open in April 2017. As of March 2016, Bangalore Metro was operational along 30.28 km out of the total 42.30 km of the Phase 1 network (BMRCL, 2016) with average daily ridership of 0.17 million (Indian Express, 2016). Phase 1 has suffered delays throughout its timeline, resulting in over USD 1267 million cost overrun (BMRCL, 2016; Madhavan & Satyanarayan, 2016). Phase 2 is proposed to start operations by 2020 though construction is yet to commence. Considering the delays in Phase 1, Phase 2 was excluded from this study. Only Phase 1 of Bangalore Metro was considered.

The GoI and the state government together contributed 59% of Bangalore Metro's project cost while the balance 41% has been raised as debt from financial institutions including Japan International Corporation Agency, Agence Française Development and Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited. BMRCL has also raised USD 44 million by issuing bonds (10 year secured), which is significant and representative of the overall financial attractiveness of the project (BMRCL, 2016).

BMRCL incurred a loss of USD 9 million during operations in financial year 2015-16, marginally higher than in 2014-15 (BMRCL, 2016, p. 17). Non-fare box revenue in 2015-16—mainly from property development—amounted to about USD 2.5 million, marginally lower than in 2014-15 (BMRCL, 2016, p. 17). BMRCL argues in the annual report that the financial loss is mainly on account of expansion of the network for commercial operations (BMRCL, 2016, p. 18). They anticipate that revenue will improve substantially as ridership will augment once the entire Phase 1 network is in operation (by April 2017). This approach reflects significant fiscal reliance on fare box revenue.

BMRCL currently owns 35 acres of land and claimed plans to develop it through public private participation and setting up commercial spaces above metro stations. They plan to earn revenue by expanding the norm of 4-FAR (floor area ratio) from 150 m to 500 m from operational (not applicable for under-construction or planned) stations (Bangalore Development Authority, 2015). These plans are yet to be executed. BMRCL has missed the opportunity to financially gain from positive impact on real estate value due to metro rail operations till now. On the other hand, private developers are cashing in on this impact of metro rail and planned increase in FAR on land market by buying land parcels for development and redeployment (Satyanarayana, 2016). This signifies that the market is responding to a location-based speculative demand of real estate due by Bangalore Metro project.

BMRCCL could well be in a position to package a rail network with land development to finance the metro rail project. For this, their financial model must include the land value appreciation at different stages of the project. This paper provides the basis for such analysis.

Subsequent sections discuss the methodology and analysis of the impact of Bangalore Metro (Phase 1) on Bangalore real estate.

4. Bangalore Case Study Methodology

4.1 Real Estate Data Collection

Land/property valuation and registry is essential to efficiently manage this important economic factor of production. India is among the worst ranked countries in land/property registry (The World Bank, 2016). Indian cities lack a comprehensive system to maintain and update urban land records and construction profile (Bheenaveni, 2011). Municipal bodies maintain records of properties for collection of property tax but do not update them annually. If a city like Bangalore is growing rapidly then much of the properties will not be assessed for property tax. Economic Survey of India 2016-17 (Ministry of Finance, 2017) notes that Bangalore has over 80% of built-up area not assessed.

Government authority real estate prices were not used in this study for the following reasons:

- Government rates are not updated regularly
- No scientific valuation method used for government rates
- Government rates do not incorporate spatial characteristic of property
- Government rates are not based on individual property level valuation
- Government rates are significantly lower than the market rate (Ministry of Finance, 2012)

On the other hand, it is possible to use private real estate data as real estate companies record the sale price of properties and the fluctuation in prices on real time basis. Financial institutions often use real estate company's data for decision making on housing loans which signifies to the authenticity and quality of such data. Therefore, a real estate company (M/s LJ Hookers) data was used in this study which comprised of residential apartment projects (hereafter referred to as property) in Bangalore.

Intrinsic issues related to real estate data availability in India have limited the amount of data used in this study as compared to developed countries cases. For example, McIntosh, Trubka & Newman (2014) used over 400,000 land value data for a similar study on Perth. Among developing countries' cases, this study employs one of the most comprehensive data comprising of – 898 property

samples⁵ (314,000 apartments) for year 2016; and 458 property samples (160,000 apartments) from 2012 to 2016 on a half yearly basis.

4.2 Hedonic Price Model's for Bangalore

This study considered cross sectional data HPM and panel data HPM to evaluate the impact of Bangalore Metro Phase 1. The two different HPM's were included in the study to see if cross-sectional data is adequate for achieving LVC results. This is because many emerging cities do not have panel data. Data used for the panel and cross sectional HPM's are at the city-level to estimate the impact of a metro rail project at both city level and the metro rail catchment area. Independent variables and dependent variable used for HPM's are discussed in the next two sections.

4.2.1 Dependent Variable

This study uses average sale price of property in Bangalore as a dependent variable for both the cross sectional data HPM and panel data HPM. Cross sectional data comprised of 898 property samples for a single period (June, 2016 in this case). Panel data comprised of 458 property samples for eight time periods between December, 2012 to June, 2016, thus total observations for panel data was 3,664 (458x8) and is important for understanding the impact of metro on property prices over the years.

4.2.2 Independent Variables

Independent variables mentioned in the literature review were expanded based on the availability of data and due to the absence of existing empirical studies on factors influencing real estate price in Indian cities to check their impact.

The literature review (Table 1) suggested that independent variables should include city specific, structural, neighborhood and locational variables. Independent variables influencing property price (dependent variable) were considered based on property variables, neighborhood/ socio-economic variables, accessibility variables and metro rail specific variables, as listed in Table 2. City specific independent variables like lake and airport were also included. A total of 22 independent variables were considered in this study but only statistically significant variables were included in both the cross sectional data HPM and panel data HPM.

Additional dummy variables for panel data HPM were included along with the 22 independent variables – eight dummy variable for property prices in December 2012; July 2013; January 2014; July 2014; January 2015; July 2015; January 2016; and July 2016.

⁵ Each property sample consists of about 350 apartments of varying size and type, which suggests that individual samples hold a substantial quantum for analysis.

Table 2: Independent Variables

Property variables	Neighborhood/ socio-economic variables	Accessibility variables	Metro rail specific variables
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developer grade 2. Project possession/ completion date 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Literacy rate 2. Rented properties 3. Mix of residential and commercial properties (mixed land use) 4. Car ownership 	<p>Distance from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Metro station 2. CBD 3. Bus stop 4. Park 5. Inter-city railway station 6. Activity centre 7. Educational centre 8. Arterial road 9. Hospital 10. Lake 11. Airport 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nearest metro station operational year 2. Nearest metro station operational status (dummy variable) 3. Properties within 0.5 km distance from metro station (dummy variable) 4. Properties within 0.5 km to 1 km distance from metro station (dummy variable) 5. Properties within 1 km to 1.5 km distance from metro station (dummy variable)

Independent variables like ‘distance from airport’ are self-explanatory, however some of them are not and are explained below:

- **Neighborhood/ socio-economic variables** are at ward level as that is how the data we obtained from Census of India, 2011.
- **Developer grade** is a qualitative value-related estimate of housing and neighborhood quality. Developer grade data was collected from real estate companies. Grading is performed as good, average and bad, and was based on the following parameters:
 - Social and physical infrastructure in the neighbourhood
 - Amenities provided by developers within the property
 - Income level of neighbourhood
 - Construction quality of building
 - Absorption rate of the developers’ previous projects
 - Project completion record history
 - Delay/expected delay
- **Nearest metro station operational year:** This variable was included to estimate the impact of metro rail over the years. Input data for this variable is the ‘number of years’ from the year the metro rail operations started or are expected to be started at the nearest metro station from the property. The maximum value of this variable is ‘4.7 years’ and minimum is ‘4 years’.
- **Nearest metro station operational status (operational/ under-construction) (dummy variable):** This dummy variable was included to estimate the change in metro rail status from ‘under-construction’ to ‘operational’ at the nearest metro station from the property. As the stations of Bangalore Metro were opened in 2011, 2014, 2015 and 2016, this variable captures the impact of metro rail’s pivotal stage of becoming operational on land market.

Four functional forms (linear, log-linear, linear-log and log-log) were tested for both the HPM's. This investigation into the different functional forms of the HPM was necessary as the studies presented in Table 1 used differing functional forms of HPM each and a guidance for best suited form could not be established.

5. Bangalore Case Study Results

5.1 Comparing Panel and Cross Sectional HPM's

Statistical software (SPSS 22) was used for estimating both HPM's. 'Enter OLS' method was used in SPSS to delineate statistically significant independent variables by multiple iterations and estimate the best fitted model with up to 95% confidence level. The analysis results in Table 3 shows that both cross sectional and panel data are statistically significant. As other emerging cities rarely have property price panel data, Bangalore results suggest that cross sectional data may well be good enough for the city to assess its value capture potential.

Table 3: Model summary and ANOVA⁶ for statistically significant variables

Model	Model Summary			ANOVA	
	Function	Adjusted R ²	Std. Error of the Estimate	F	Significance
Cross Sectional HPM	Linear	0.45	2230.77	67.19	0.000
	Linear-Log	0.49	2147.62	86.63	0.000
	Log-Linear	0.5	0.28	65.83	0.000
	Log-Log	0.54	0.27	105.13	0.000
Panel Data HPM	Log-Linear	0.64	0.239	325.997	0.000

Table 3 shows that the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) for cross sectional HPM for the linear, log-linear, linear-log and log-log functional forms displayed varying levels of success in modelling property price and all four functions are not random up to 99.99%. For panel data HPM, only the log-linear functional form was statistically significant for the desired independent variables and not random up to 99.99%.

The log-log functional form of the cross sectional HPM explain the highest variation⁷ (54%) in the dependent variable and the log-linear functional form of the panel data HPM explain 64% of the variation in the dependent variable, thus these were selected for further analysis.

5.2 Results from Cross Sectional HPM

⁶ Analysis of variance

⁷ An R-square comparison is meaningful as the dependent variable is the same for the models.

Table 4 shows the cross sectional HPM results for the impact of statistically significant independent variables on Bangalore's property price with descriptive statistics. All metro rail related variables were statistically significant in the model and suggest an upward trend of property prices due to metro rail accessibility. It shows 35.8% value uplift in properties located within 500 m catchment of a metro station and 19.3% value uplift in properties located within 500 m to 1 km catchment of a metro station. Value uplift in properties located within 1 km to 2 km catchment of a metro station is 13.9%. These value uplift trends in properties based on proximity to metro station are similar to that of global cities cases represented in Table 1.

Table 4: OLS Log-Log HPM of Property in Bangalore (2016)

Independent Variables	Mean	Std. Deviation	% of total no. of parcels in catchment	Coefficients	Significance	% increase in mean property price with a unit in independent variables
(Constant)				9.91	0.000	
Nearest metro station operational year	2.4	2.4		-0.02	0.029	
Nearest metro station operational status *	0.7	0.5		0.11	0.008	10.90%
Properties between 0.5 km to 1 km from metro station *	0	0.1	2.10%	0.19	0.012	19.30%
Properties within 0.5 km from metro station *	0	0.2	3.30%	0.36	0.000	35.80%
Properties between 1 km to 2 km from metro station *	0.1	0.2	5.50%	0.14	0.005	13.90%
LN Distance from metro station (km)	1.8	0.9		0.08	0.004	
LN Distance from CBD (km)	2.4	0.5		-0.55	0.000	
LN Distance from bus stop (km)	-0.9	1		-0.03	0.006	
LN Distance from park (km)	-0.3	1.3		-0.03	0.000	
LN Distance from airport (km)	3.2	0.4		-0.12	0.000	

Notes:

1. LN - Log
2. * - Dummy variable

The results of cross sectional HPM suggests that change in metro rail's operational status from under-construction to operational raises the property price by 10.9% across the city. This increase reflects a significant citywide land market response to the availability of new rail transit and the substantial capital investment it brings in the city. Also, the policy to increase FAR along the catchment area after the operation of metro rail could be playing a major role to this increase. This signifies that operation of metro rail is an agglomeration (urban) event that can increase economic productivity of the whole city. Panel data model also shows similar impact at across the city.

Other metro specific variable suggests property values decreases by 1.7% across the city with each passing year after the commencement metro rail the value uplift due to metro rail in property values. On the contrary this variable has positive impact in the panel data HPM which is a stronger model than the cross sectional one.

5.3 Results from Panel Data HPM

Table 5 shows the panel data HPM results for the impact of statistically significant independent variables on Bangalore's property price with descriptive statistics. The statistical significance of property values from 2013 to 2016 shows that the model was strong. Metro rail-related time-variant variables, 'operational year of metro rail' and 'metro rail operational status', were statistically significant and capture the impact of metro rail over the years.

Table 5: OLS Log-Linear HPM of Property Price in Bangalore (2012 to 2016)

Independent Variables	Mean	Std. Deviation	% of total no. of parcels in catchment	Coefficients	Significance	% increase in mean property price with a unit in independent variables
(Constant)				10.293	0.045	
Developer's grade	2.93	0.33		-0.53	0.014	-53.00%
Possession (in years)	0	2.01		-0.016	0.003	-1.60%
Nearest metro station operational year	0.6	2.58		0.018	0.004	1.80%

Independent Variables	Mean	Std. Deviation	% of total no. of parcels in catchment	Coefficients	Significance	% increase in mean property price with a unit in independent variables
Metro rail operational status *	0.57	0.5		0.045	0.019	4.50%
Properties between 0.5 km to 1 km from metro station *	0.02	0.15	2.60%	0.253	0.027	25.30%
Properties within 0.5 km from metro station *	0.03	0.16	2.40%	0.107	0.027	10.70%
Properties between 1 km to 2 km from metro station *	0.03	0.17	3.10%	0.081	0.025	8.10%
July 2013 *	0.13	0.33		0.055	0.016	5.50%
January 2014 *	0.13	0.33		0.134	0.017	13.40%
July 2014 *	0.13	0.33		0.148	0.017	14.80%
January 2015 *	0.13	0.33		0.184	0.018	18.40%
July 2015 *	0.13	0.33		0.186	0.019	18.60%
January 2016 *	0.13	0.33		0.219	0.021	21.90%
June 2016 *	0.13	0.33		0.212	0.022	21.20%
Distance from CBD	11.76	4.64		-0.051	0.002	-5.10%
Distance from bus stop	0.72	0.88		-0.048	0.006	-4.80%
Distance from park	1.29	1.52		-0.024	0.004	-2.40%
Distance from inter-city railway station	9.32	5.06		0.022	0.002	2.20%
Distance from airport	25.58	8.43		-0.005	0.001	-0.50%
Distance from education	1.04	1.43		0.051	0.005	5.10%

Note:

1. *Dummy variable

Model shows an upward trend of property prices due to metro rail related variables. It suggests 10.7% value uplift in properties located within 500 m catchment of a metro station and 8.1% value uplift in properties located within 1 km to 2 km. The value uplift in properties located within 500 m to 1 km catchment of a metro station is 25.3% value uplift in properties – higher than the properties with greater accessibility to metro stations. The difference is attributable to noise levels, vibrations due to high speed rail and prolonged construction related inconvenience due to delay in construction and other reasons discussed in the next section.

At city level, change in metro rail's operational status from under-construction to operational raises the property price by 4.5%. This increase reflects a significant citywide land market response to the availability of new rail transit and the substantial capital investment it brings in the city. Also, the policy to increase FAR along the catchment area after the operation of metro rail could be playing a major role to this increase. This signifies that operation of metro rail is an agglomeration (urban) event that can increase economic productivity of the whole city. Other metro specific variable suggests 1.8% value uplift in properties with each passing year after the metro rail became operational.

The analysis shows that developer grade is a significant variable as it yields 53% appreciation in property prices with improvement in grade. This underscores the importance of quality of development, facilities in the property, neighbourhood and other property specific parameters. Whilst a year's delay in possession of a property reduces its price by 1.6% -- in practical terms, the property owner loses rental value with delay in possession.

6. Discussion

Although the cross sectional data and the panel data HPM's cannot be directly compared due to different independent variables used in the models, both models displayed metro rail specific variables as statistically significant and generally reflected similar trends. As the panel data HPM is a stronger model and shows the impact of metro on property prices over the years, it has been used to assess the significance of WTP and draw conclusions in the study. In the next two sub-sections, we attempt to explain the panel data HPM results that are summarized in Figure 2 for the rail catchment area and across the whole city.

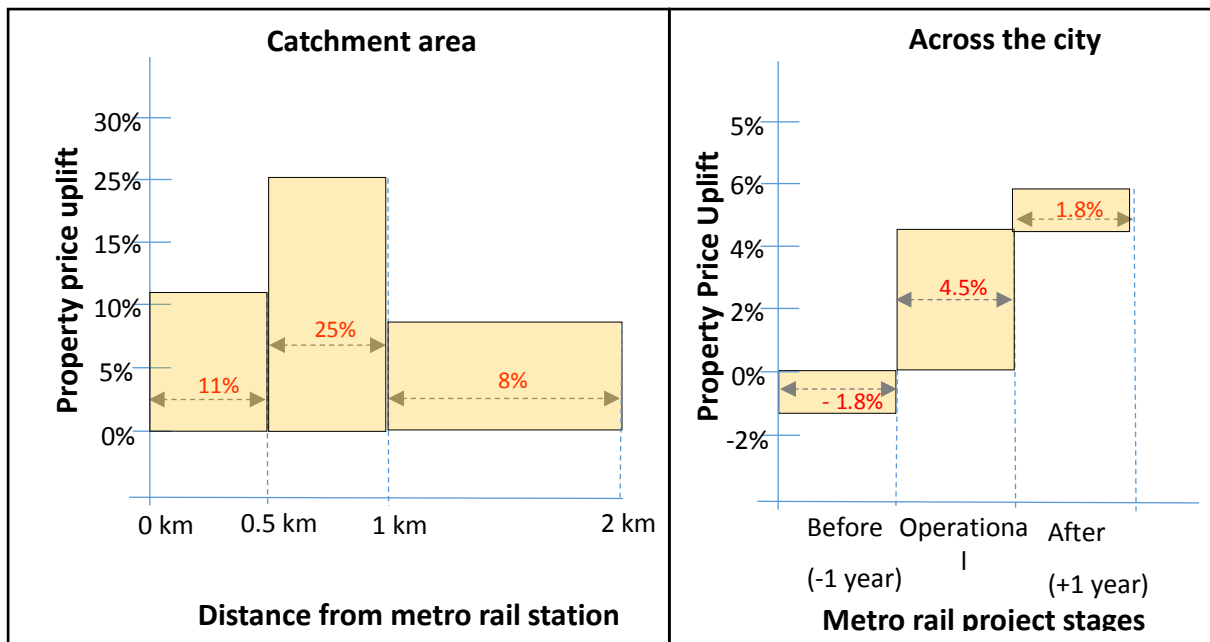


Figure 2: Impact of metro rail on property price

6.1 Property Price Impact – Metro Rail Catchment Area

Bangalore’s panel data HPM shows that the impact of metro rail in the catchment areas goes beyond the traditional influence zone of 500 m. The property value increase (25%) in properties located within the 500 m to 1 km catchment is higher than the value (11%) in properties located within 500 m from a metro station. This redefines the generally acceptable theory of increasing of land value with the proximity to urban rail which was also shown in the studies on Perth, Australia (McIntosh, Trubka & Newman, 2014) and Helsinki, Finland (Laakso, 1992).

The generic reasons of the decreasing land value in the catchment area can be due to the negative externalities for residential land market adjacent to the high intensity stations – higher noise levels, vibrations due to high-speed rail, prolonged construction and intense traffic flow as most of the rail stations are located on the arterial roads. These negative externalities can be applicable to most of the cities. Specific reasons for the case of Bangalore seems to be – the construction prolonged for over 2 years than planned; due to absence of policies to guide any land use change before or during implementation of metro rail, the metro rail triggers gradual commercialization prior to its operation commencement (Singh & Sharma, 2012). The land use change is mostly unplanned and piecemeal, while it further attracts informal and hawking activity in the vicinity of metro stations. The phenomenon is peculiar to emerging cities. Also, the 500 m to 1,000 m station catchment is well served by paratransit modes like auto rickshaw/ taxi/ cycle rickshaw which enables easy access beyond walking and cycling, though these modes creates highly crowded conditions in the immediate surrounding of the stations. Thus the land value increases in the immediate surroundings of the metro rail but the higher values are found just beyond these very crowded areas. These reasons may impact the

residential property buyer willingness to reside in 500 m to 1,000 m catchment area over residing within 500 m catchment. This also help explain the 8% increase out to the 1-2 km catchment.

This decreasing land value in the catchment area of Bangalore Metro also extend Luca Bertolini model on 'node' and 'place' by finding a decreasing land valuation without proper planning within the urban rail catchment (Bertolini & Spit, 2005). He suggested that real estate value is likely to be generated more from the place than the node, although both are important but people choose to live in places, not nodes.

6.2 Property Price Impact – City Level

The metro rail specific variables 'operational year of metro rail' and 'metro rail operational status' in the city level HPM have revealed substantial agglomeration benefits of the metro rail even out to 29 km radius from metro stations⁸. The 4.5% increase in property price across the whole city⁹ due to the opening of the metro is a very strong economic impact for an infrastructure – this city level increase was suggested in the urban rent and demand theories discussed in this paper. This is rarely measured in any HPM study on urban rail impacts and has significant policy implications.

The extent of the impact, across the whole city, is not generally understood by some economists and agencies who do not see property uplift from rail as a general economic benefit but only as a local catchment area benefit shifting economic value from one area to another. This research shows that urban rail value uplift covers the whole city. It may suggest that other value uplift studies could examine the extent to which the whole city benefits however it may be that it is too small to measure in a developed city.

It is perhaps easy to understand why there would be such an economic impact in an emerging city, such as Bangalore for the following reasons:

- a) **Investment:** The substantial capital investment metro rail projects bring in the city helps to accelerate economic activity of a city and such investment is highly significant in Bangalore.

The cost of Phase 1 of Bangalore Metro is USD 2,068 million (BMRCL, 2016), about two times (USD 1,005 million) the size of the municipal budget of Bangalore (Nag, 2015). Such investment can be hypothesized to have a larger economic impact than has been seen in developed cities due to its proportional investment impact. Transportation being the engine of the urban economy tends to have much more accumulated impact as a sector since it has relevance to all the existing

⁸ The mean distance from metro to properties was 7.8 km and 75% were located within 10 km

⁹ Uplift in the capital value of Bangalore's property market is 2.5% (Compounded Annual Growth Rate) from 2012 to 2016 (LJ Hookers, 2017).

industries and inhabitants of the city. Recalling the location theories, metro rail projects (transportation) can be seen to be playing an elemental role in shaping a city's demand.

- b) **Travel Time:** Significant economic growth potential is being blocked by large scale traffic congestion in most dense, emerging cities like Bangalore; hence a metro rail can unlock significantly greater economic opportunity through this improvement in accessibility. The difference in accessibility between emerging cities and developed cities means that far greater agglomeration benefits can be obtained due to the proportionally bigger accessibility gains. Newman & Kenworthy (2015) show that the ratio of transit speeds to traffic speeds of global cities are highest in Asian cities (0.86) as compared to developed cities (0.69) due to very low traffic speeds. The developed cities still have higher traffic speed and lower infrastructure deficits as compared to emerging cities so as new urban rail projects are built in emerging cities there are dramatic accessibility benefits.

In Bangalore the dramatic population growth in recent times (42% over the last decade of 2001-2011) resulting in 9 million trips every day (2015) has reduced travel speeds from 18 kph in 2008 to 11 kph in 2015 (survey of 375 km of major road network by the Bangalore Development Authority, 2017). In the city center it was lower than 10 kph in 2011 (Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation, 2011). The Bangalore Metro's average speed is 34 kph (BMRCL, 2017) and its existing network is connecting the CBD (with south-north and north-south rail corridor) and its planned extension will connect all major economic centers of Bangalore. The travel speed is important for a growing city like Bangalore which has an average trip length of about 10 km (in 2015) that has increased from 9 km (in 2011) (Bangalore Development Authority, 2017; Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation, 2011).

The combined effect of low traffic speed and increasing trip length affects travel time reliability (Taylor, 2013). A significant factor metro rail adds over other modes is the reliability to reach destination on time – a major factor in workforce travel behaviour (Carrion & Levinson, 2012) and hence in generating accessibility benefits.

A study done by a cab aggregator, OLA (2015, as cited in Rao, 2015), showed that average traffic speed in all major Indian cities is about 19 kph and the average travel time is 34.8 minutes to reach workplace. This would explain why Indian cities are demanding and implementing metro rail projects that have a reliable average speed of 35 kph. Delhi, where transport has the largest share of road land use among all major Indian cities, witnessed traffic speeds of 20 kph in 2013 and is constructing the biggest metro rail system in India (MoUD, 2013). A study on mode choice modelling of private and public modes in Delhi showed that travel time is more significant than travel cost and other factors according to both modes users (Sharma, 2011).

6.3 Willingness to Pay (WTP)

WTP for metro rail transit is calculated by multiplying the catchment hedonic price and the average property value. WTP with respect to proximity to metro stations in Bangalore is shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Willingness to Pay for Bangalore Metro

Proximity to Metro Station	Property Value Uplift (Panel Data HPM)	WTP per sq. m.
At 0 – 0.5 km	11%	INR 5,016 (USD 75)
At 0.5 – 1 km	25%	INR 11,862 (USD 172)
At 1 – 2 km	8%	INR 3,800 (USD 54)
At whole city	4.5%	INR 1,033 (USD 32)

The WTP for change in metro rail’s operational status across the whole city in the panel data HPM sample of 458 property results in an aggregate WTP of USD 360 million¹⁰, whilst the total cost of Phase 1 of the Bangalore Metro is about USD 2,068 million (BMRCL, 2016). This is substantial value creation.

6.4 Policy Implications

Based on this study the following policy implications are suggested:

1. Bangalore shows that metro rail can not only uplift value around stations but across the whole city. This would suggest metro rail has a major strategic role in any emerging city’s economy.
2. In order to fund metro rail systems, cities like Bangalore can venture into alternative financing via value capture mechanisms. There is clearly value uplift happening. The extent of value uplift can be used to determine value capture mechanisms:
 - a. The 11%, 25% and 8% value capture in the catchment areas (0 to 2 km) could have a Beneficiary Zoning Levy, and
 - b. The 4.5% value uplift across the whole city could be a Public Transport Levy on all new developments.
3. The reduced uplift values next to stations suggests more attention should be given to a Local Area Station Management Plan and Walkable Urban Design Plan to create more walkable spaces (Matan & Newman, 2016).
4. This study has shown that Bangalore’s existing policy to sell density zoning after the metro rail is operational proves to be financially correct as the uplift peaks (4.5%) during the opening of metro rail. Nevertheless, the policy to allow density zoning to properties within only 150 m (and proposed 500m) from operational metro station needs to be amended as the impact of metro rail is citywide.

¹⁰ Each apartment was about 70 sq.m. and each apartment project has about 350 apartments.

7. Conclusion

This study shows that urban rail has substantially increased property value in Bangalore. The impact of metro rail is beyond the traditional 500m and it to have reached right across the city. The increase in the whole city indicates a major agglomeration economic event resulting in substantial willingness to pay of USD 306 million. This increased willingness to pay in Bangalore now will demand changes in the policy and density zoning that will benefit land markets by pushing them to their highest value and best use. These benefits qualify to be recognized by the policy makers and be used to build urban rail as a maximizer for economic development. Although it is too late for this phase of the Bangalore Metro, other phases could plan to tap such an increase for funding. Other emerging cities can be given some confidence about using the value capture mechanisms as well to build or expand urban rail.

The findings of this study disrupts the traditional theory of increasing of land value with the proximity to urban rail. We have explained these findings based on theories and peculiar factors in Bangalore, and implications of these findings on urban policy have been discussed. The analysis of this study can help other emerging cities to quantify the impact of urban rail and help explain its findings as there are limited academic studies on emerging cities. Thus the analyses and the detailed literature review of this paper can benefit policymakers to make informed decisions on urban rail projects.

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