

Technical Advisory – Updated Market Access Input Form

In response to user feedback and to avoid conflicting inputs to the market access calculations, we have restricted the Market Access inputs to a single mode at a time. The reported percentage changes in access measures (in the Market Access Impacts reports under Tracing/Validation) will now be easier to interpret and explain to non-technical stakeholders, though they should not have an effect for projects for which Market Access inputs were previously entered correctly.

Use the new drop-down menu to select the mode for which you wish to provide inputs. (Options are Bus, Car, Rail-Freight, Rail-Transit, and Truck)

The screenshot shows the 'Market Area Access' section of the software interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for PROJECT, MODES, TIMING, REGIONS, ALTERNATIVES, COSTS, TRAVEL, ACCESS, and RESULTS. Below this, there are sub-tabs for Market Area Access, Contingent Development, and Zone-to-Zone. A 'Selected Mode' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and set to 'Car'. Next to it is an 'Expanded Access' dropdown menu set to 'Within Study Region'. There are buttons for 'Terminals Selection' and 'Save'. Below these is a 'Cancel Changes' button. The main part of the form is a table with the following structure:

Alternative	Mode	Local Market	Same-Day Market	Average Travel Time to Terminal (via local surface mode)					
				Rail Freight Terminal	Rail Passenger Terminal	Airport Terminal	International Air Gateway	Marine Freight Terminal	Terminal Access Int Border
Base	Car	0	0		0	0	0		0
Project	Car	0	0		0	0	0		0

If you select another mode, you may enter data, but the system will only use the mode that is showing on the screen when computing results.

For example, if you enter market access inputs for Cars, and then using the drop-down menu select Trucks, the system will ignore the inputs for Cars and use the inputs for Trucks. To use the inputs for Cars you will need to select Cars from the drop-down menu.