Preface

Urban form and transportation systems have a major impact on our lives. They can shape our social life, the activities we do, and in many respects affect our sense of happiness and well-being. With this book we aim to introduce different facets of transport and urban planning relevant to the developed world, and to provide an overview of scientific theories and concepts as well as practical guidance for urban and transport planners and managers. As such, we believe this book is relevant and useful both to academics and practitioners.

In this book we consider transport and urban planning from different perspectives, described and discussed in several parts:

- I. Overview and historical perspective
- II. Issues in the developed world
- III. Policy making and strategy
- IV. Appraisal and financing
- V. Planning and design
- VI. Management

These six parts only describe a subset of the many factors relevant to transport and urban planning. The choice and compilation demonstrate how wide the range of relevant topics is. Our selection is determined by the need to ensure coverage of the essential but is by no means meant nor claimed to be exhaustive.

The book benefits from the large number of internationally leading academics and reputable practitioners who have contributed their expertise by writing or co-authoring one or more chapters. We would like to thank all authors for their original contributions and for generously sharing their knowledge and ideas without receiving any financial reward. Although all contributions have been thoroughly reviewed by the editors, all content is of course attributed to the authors. At the start of this project, we benefited from the input of John Rose in setting out the scope of the book. We would like to thank John, and all others involved in creating this book, for their time willingly given to make this book a reality.

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