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Transportation Planning, Policy and Analysis

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In contrast to the time-honored history of European city planning, modern transport planning, as a rather rigorous approach to taming interaction among land use activities, has grown from planning practices in early 1950's American cities. Starting with urban transportation studies in Detroit and Chicago, and later in metropolitan areas, urban transportation planning has been developed to a seemingly agreed-on paradigm, the standard urban transportation planning packages. This book is intended to give concise overview about developing methodologies and applications of the modern transport planning in England. Taking into account that information about status of transport policy planning in England and other countries is not so easily accessible to concerned personnel, this book would be very useful in particular for informative purpose.

The author states that transport planning should be systems-analytic planning process, balancing viewpoints from operators, users and non-users of transport facilities. In the balancing process, the burden of transport planning becomes more of public policy decisions and evaluation. For illustrative purpose, a variety of case results are shown such as Belfast and London studies, South-east study, SELNEC study, Third London Airport feasibility study, Great Northern

suburban rail study and transport policy exercised by the British MOT.

The salient objective of the author seems to illustrate close interrelationship between transport policy and planning analysis. Policy area concerned comprise development strategy, administration, public transport, evaluation policy, environmental quality, and equity. However, with the restrained discussion of the volume, it is very difficult to follow or extract organized framework for their interrelationships as intended by the author. The author may rightly have expected the reader to exercise constructive effort of his own for full appreciation of complex interrelated process of transport policy planning.

Such extended development of this book might be facilitated based on the factual illustration in Britain under crude framework for modern planning process. For those persons who are interested in overviewing the status of transport planning in Britain and perspective toward transport policy planning, this book would meet the purpose with minimal amount of time.

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