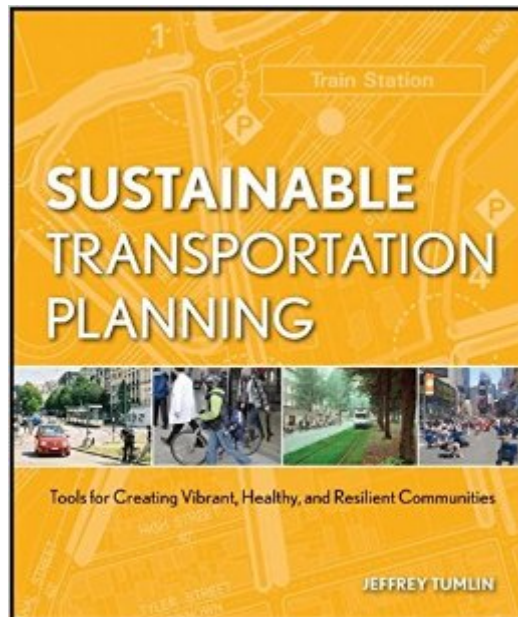


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# Sustainable Transportation Planning: Tools For Creating Vibrant, Healthy, And Resilient Communities



## Synopsis

"The Great American Dream of cruising down the parkway, zipping from here to there at any time has given way to a true nightmare that is destroying the environment, costing billions and deeply impacting our personal well-being. Getting from A to B has never been more difficult, expensive or miserable. It doesn't have to be this way. Jeffrey Tumlin's book Sustainable Transportation Planning offers easy-to-understand, clearly explained tips and techniques that will allow us to quite literally take back our roads. Essential reading for anyone who wants to drive our transportation system out of the gridlock." -Marianne Cusato, home designer and author of Get Your House Right: Architectural Elements to Use and Avoid

The book is full of useful ideas on nearly every page. Bill DiBenedetto of Triple Pundit As transportations-related disciplines of urban planning, architecture, landscape architecture, urban economics, and social policy have undergone major internal reform efforts in recent decades Written in clear, easy-to-follow language, this book provides planning practitioners with the tools they need to achieve their cities' economic development, social equity and ecological sustainability goals. Starting with detailed advice for improving each mode of transportation, the book offers guidance on balancing the needs of each mode against each other, whether on a downtown street, or a small town neighborhood, or a regional network.

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Jeffrey Tumlin's "Sustainable Transportation Planning" is a very serviceable introduction to the area

of transportation planning. He places this within the broader context of overall urban planning. The book's back cover states this work uses "clear, nontechnical language" which is mostly true. Jargon, especially abbreviations, are necessary evils for works like this. Thus, the book does gently introduce the reader to new terminology and establishes a vocabulary for future study in this field. Overall, the vocabulary is directed towards people who may never have studied urban planning or transportation at all. The lavish illustrations and graphs are a strength of this book, serving to illuminate the text. This book primarily establishes the framework of the entire field of transportation planning. The book's sections serve as nice leaping off points for discussion. Chapter 10, "Parking," is a good example of the author setting the table, then leaving it to the reader to do further research in deciding which of his "Top Ten Parking Management Strategies" are most important. The issues are stated, but only addressed shallowly. Rather than a traditional bibliography, chapter 15's "For More Information" serves the same purpose. Most of the listed sources are online, usually federal government based (e.g., the Environmental Protection Agency) and appear to be spot on. Additionally, the endnotes section, divided up by chapter, is also an excellent resource for further research. I take one star off (out of 5) primarily for the disappointing "Case Studies" sprinkled throughout the work. These are usually just single paragraphs stating little useful information. "Case Study: San Diego Trolley" (p.

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