

Preface

This book on road traffic congestion in cities and suburbs describes congestion problems and shows how they can be relieved. The first part (Chaps. 1–3) shows how congestion reflects transportation technologies and settlement patterns. The second part (Chaps. 4–13) describes the causes, characteristics, and consequences of congestion. The third part (Chaps. 14–23) presents various relief strategies—including supply adaptation and demand mitigation—for nonrecurring and recurring congestion. The last part (Chap. 24) gives general guidelines for congestion relief and provides a general outlook for the future.

The book will be useful for a wide audience—including students, practitioners and researchers in a variety of professional endeavors: traffic engineers, transportation planners, public transport specialists, city planners, public administrators, and private enterprises that depend on transportation for their activities.

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