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Preface

This book represents the culmination of the authors' many years of research on urban transport. Pucher began studying American transport policy in 1975, with emphasis on the efficiency and equity impacts of subsidies. Since 1984, his efforts have focused on comparative analysis of transport policies in Europe and North America. Lefèvre's interests have also been in comparative policy analysis but, in contrast to Pucher's economic focus, Lefèvre has concentrated on political and institutional issues. The two approaches complement each other. The book offered the authors an opportunity to update their previous analyses, extend them to more countries, and compare them with each other's different range of experiences. Thus, the authors were able to learn a great deal themselves in the process of writing this book.

The listed order of authorship was chosen at random and has no implication for the relative contributions of each author. Although the idea for the book and its approximate content was joint, each author focused his effort on the subject area of the book closest to his own interests and knowledge. Thus, Pucher wrote the four chapters on the USA, Canada, Germany and Eastern Europe. Lefèvre wrote the four chapters on Italy, France, Great Britain and The Netherlands. Overall, however, the book represents a genuine collaboration, with both authors involved in determining the structure of the book and individual chapters, data assembly and analysis, and policy evaluation.

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List of Acronyms

ATM	Azienda Trasporti Municipali
BR	British Rail
CETUR	Centre d'Etudes des Transports Urbains
CNT	Conto Nazionale dei Trasporti
DB	Deutsche Bundesbahn
DoE	Department of the Environment
DOT	Department of Transport
ECMT	European Conference of the Ministers of Transport
EU	European Union
FNM	Ferrovie Nord Milano
FNT	Fondo Nazionale dei Trasporti
FS	Ferrovie dello Stato
GART	Groupement des Autorités Responsables des Transports
GLC	Greater London Council
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
INRETS	Institut National de Recherche sur les Transports et leur Sécurité
INSEE	Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques
IRF	International Road Federation
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act, 1991
IVHS	Intelligent Vehicle Highway System
LBL	London Bus Ltd
LOTI	1982 Law on domestic transport
LRT	Light Rail Transit
NBC	National Bus Company
NS	Nederlandse Spoorwegen
NTS	National Travel Survey
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PDU	Plan de Déplacements Urbains
PTA	Passenger Transport Authority
PTC	Passenger Transport Company
PTE	Passenger Transport Executive
PTU	Périmètre de Transport Urbain
RATP	Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens
RIF	Région Ile de France
SBG	Scottish Bus Group

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TGV	Train à Grande Vitesse
TRRL	Transport and Road Research Laboratory
TSM	Traffic System Management
UITP	International Union of Public Transport
UTP	Union des Transports Publics
VAL	Véhicule Automatique Léger
VDV	Verband Deutscher Verkehrsunternehmen
VT	Versement Transport