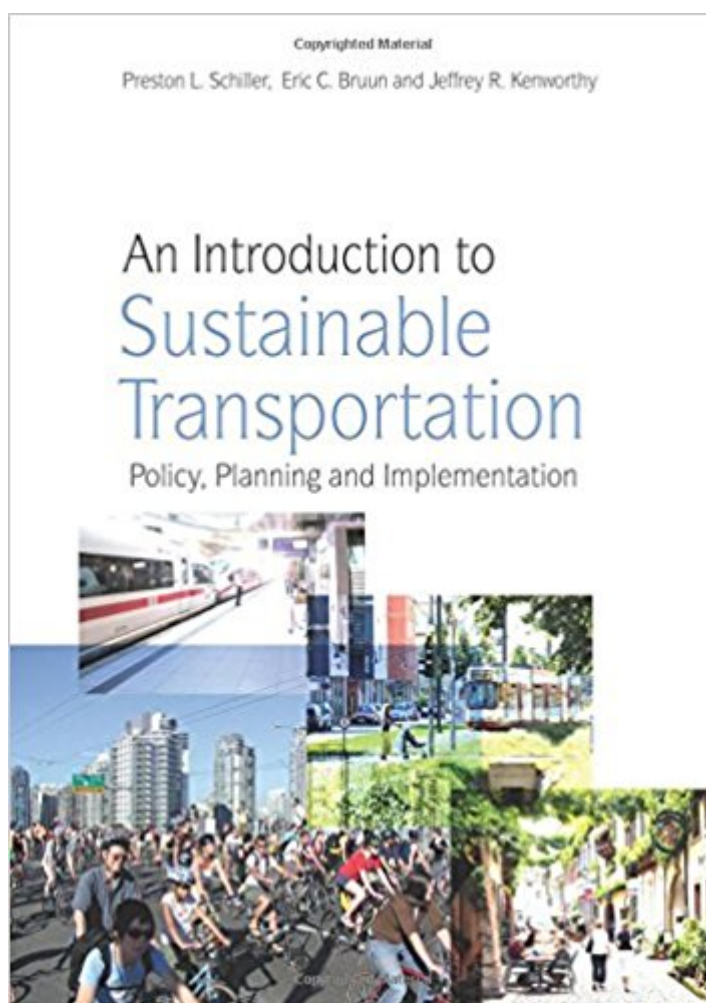


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An Introduction To Sustainable Transportation: Policy, Planning And Implementation



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An Introduction to Sustainable Transportation: Policy, Planning, and Implementation is authoritative and comprehensive. This book presents the historical context for urban and regional transportation planning, along with a compelling argument for reform of unsustainable, automobile-dependent

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