

URBAN TRANSPORT WITHOUT THE HOT AIR

VOLUME 1: SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR UK CITIES



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DESCRIPTION

The UK population will reach 70 million by 2027. How will all these people get around? Is building more, wider roads really the solution? In this book, Steve Melia:

- dispels long-standing transport myths;
- looks at the successes of London and other UK and continental cities in providing 21st century transport;
- and suggests solutions for a sustainable future.

By drawing on the experience of London, Bristol, Cambridge and other European towns, we can have cleaner and more pleasant places to live, and a more sustainable economy. The book is accessibly written, and is a must-read for the interested lay person as well as those involved in transport and urban planning.

In Volume 2, (published 2016) Alan Cunningham considers the situation and solutions for the USA. Each volume can be read alone, or they can be read together to look at the wider global context.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dr Steve Melia lectures in transport and planning at the University of the West of England, Bristol. He has advised two government departments on how to achieve more sustainable transport and helped with the transport planning of the London Olympic Park. The ideas in this book began while cycling 5,000 miles across three summers and seven European countries, studying cities making progress on transport problems and improving the urban environment.

REVIEWS

"Like the whole "Without the Hot Air" series, *Urban Transport* is a sensible, sober, highly readable, most welcome addition to a vital debate."

Cory Doctorow, BoingBoing

"Reducing our dependence on motor traffic is not only good for the environment, it's good for us too – and this exciting, evidence-based analysis shows where and how it's already being done."

Caroline Lucas, Green Party

"Phil Goodwin's Foreword raises the question of how we should sequence the components of a sustainable transport policy, if unable to afford all at once. To this I would add the question how we can achieve better correspondence between housing and transport policies. The achievement of this book is to raise such matters in an accessible (and affordable!) format – and to cast significant light on where the answers might be found."

Local Transport Today Alan Wenban-Smith

"A fresh perspective on urban transport – and a good look at London's progress"

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