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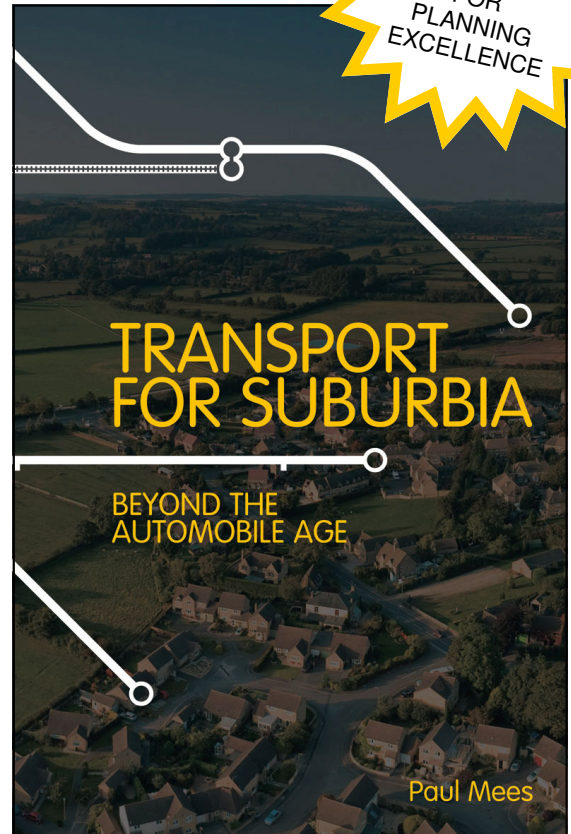


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Winner of the 'Scholarship, Research and Teaching' category in PIA Victoria's 2010 Awards for Planning Excellence, *Transport for Suburbia* cogently and wittily argues that the dominant 'compact city' mindset amongst planners underplays the importance of planning for public transport networks in sustainable city planning, not least in Melbourne. Drawing on a multitude of local and overseas case studies, Paul Mees systematically builds his argument, admonishing politicians, traffic engineers and land use planners alike for their failure of vision, political will and plain common sense.

Mees, in effect, gives a twist to the key message of Planning 101: land use and public transport planning are inseparable. The book's final sentence reads: "Before we can provide public transport solutions for suburbia, we must stop telling ourselves that the task is impossible." Let us hope this message gets through to the powers that be.

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