The END of Traffic; the FUTURE of Transport; the ROLE of Cycling

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Transportation Center
Chambers Hall- Lower Level
600 Foster, Evanston

Abstract: Given recent technological advances, combined with trends towards less personal travel, a transport future in cities is unfolding that is dramatically different from what most governments and industry trade groups have been planning for. To prepare for this change, cities and states need to start gracefully abandoning excess lanes, converting the space to serve changing needs and preferences. In these discussions, bicycling’s role is uncertain and sometimes problematic. What is known about cycling’s potential and path forward? What elements of cycling’s case have more traction as transport infrastructure struggles to reinvent itself?


BIO: Kevin J. Krizek is Professor and Director of the Environmental Design Program at the University of Colorado-Boulder. He also serves as the visiting professor of “Cycling in Changing Urban Regions” at Radboud University in the Netherlands. He was a 2013 fellow of the Leopold Leadership Program and was awarded a 2014 U.S.-Italy Fulbright Scholarship focusing on sustainable travel. From 2006-2012, he chaired TRB’s Committee on Telecommunications and Travel, is a former member of Land Development and Travel Behavior and Values, and currently serves on the Bicycle Transport committee.

Krizek’s research and teaching interests focus on how cities are transforming themselves to advance transport needs for the next century. His work has helped shape national policies on land use/transportation and advance local and regional planning efforts that further sustainable infrastructure (e.g., the Design for Health project—US American Planning Association’s National Planning Excellence Award for Best Practice; Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program—product of US Federal Transportation Legislation; several NCHRP projects). His most recent co-authored book, The End of Traffic and the Future of Transport, provides a refreshing framework to think more broadly about transport, congestion, and accessibility. Krizek earned a Ph.D. in Urban Design and Planning and M.S.C.E. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his undergraduate degree in engineering is from Northwestern University.