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Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is increasingly being discussed as an affordable way for cities to build sustainable rapid transit infrastructure. This is the first book to examine the opportunities presented by BRT along with the significant challenges cities face in the implementation of successful systems. The difficulties can be myriad: new institutional relationships have to be developed among governments, operators, and the public; projects have to be designed and implemented to handle large passenger flows in the most efficient manner possible; and these changes are not taking place on a blank slate, but within existing transportation systems, political and cultural contexts, and urban development patterns. Addressing these challenges from an international perspective and across a range of disciplines, from urban planning to public policy and economics, contributors offer technical solutions to specific problems and identify what still needs to be done to realize their vision of global sustainable transport.

“This is a must-read for those who wish to invest the time, intellectual energy, and building of political will required for BRT to help foster more sustainable cities.”

—Fred Salvucci,

former Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation

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