

Reviewers' comments on
Transport Revolutions: Moving People and Freight without Oil
by Richard Gilbert and Anthony Perl

"Gilbert and Perl challenge the wishful thinking that underpins transport planning all around the world in a way that is impossible to ignore. This book should be on the desk of every transport minister's chief policy adviser."

JOHN ADAMS, Emeritus Professor of Geography, University College London

"A terrific book! Gilbert and Perl paint a vivid picture of oil depletion, high energy prices, and environmental challenges. They present the case for revolutionary change in transportation over the next two decades, from widespread conversion to renewable energy sources for ground transport to the decline of energy-inflexible air transport as a mode of travel. Gilbert and Perl spell out the policy options that are before us and illuminate the consequences of the paths we may choose. Whether or not the reader agrees with their analysis, this is a book that deserves to be read, debated, and recommended to others concerned about the economic, environmental, and social wellbeing of our small planet."

ELIZABETH DEAKIN, Professor of City Planning and Director, Transportation Center, University of California

"*Transport Revolutions* provides a unique and valuable perspective on the future of transport, particularly in the U.S. and China. Scholars and others who read this book will find it very illuminating."

FENGQI ZHOU, Research Professor and Director, Center for Ecological Economy and Sustainable Development, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

"This remarkably timely, optimistic, and practical book is about transitioning painlessly in two stages to an oil-depleted world, so that 50 years from now people and goods can still move around freely. It focuses incisively on the essential first step -- an interim period (in itself the next 'transport revolution') where electric motors can kick in to take up the slack as the oil starts to drain away. Gilbert and Perl have assembled, digested, and integrated a staggering amount of information, and they describe the revolutions ahead in clear, readable, non-jargony prose."

TONY HISS, writer; author of The Experience of Place: A New Way of Looking at and Dealing With our Radically Changing Cities and Countryside; visiting scholar, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University

"Gilbert and Perl correctly assume that oil depletion and the whole issue of energy sustainability will likely prove to have a much more immediate impact on our modern society than climate change. Their analysis of solutions to the transportation dilemmas facing us, in an era of diminished hydrocarbon availability, is absolutely fundamental reading for all of us but particularly for policy-makers who can make a difference. If policy-makers ignore this book it is at our peril."

DAVE HUGHES, Senior Geoscientist and Energy Analyst, Geological Survey of Canada; Team Leader, Unconventional Gas, Canadian Gas Potential Committee

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