

Multiple Goals, Priorities, and Assumptions in Transport Planning: Examining Environmental and Distributional Justice in the Transport Sector

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Transportation planning priorities and goals continue to change and adapt to new challenges. This talk presents a recent case study examining the equity of the distribution of benefits of a transport system. Between 1996 and 2006 Toronto saw important improvements and expansions in rail, subway, and highway infrastructure. At the same time, the region experienced rapid population growth as well as intra-regional migration and shifts in the locations of jobs. This study seeks to understand the distribution of the benefits offered by these transport improvements across space and socio-economic status and explores how a just distribution of regional accessibility can be defined, measured, and visualized.

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