People plus Technology: New Approaches to Sustainable Mobility

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The contributors to this issue interpret mobility as a complex system of social, institutional and technical factors. And technical factors are not just valve heads, catalytic converters and other technologies meant to reduce the environmental impact of mobility without any change of social practices; they also include road surface textures, street layouts, pedestrian precincts, bicycle lanes, speed bumps, underpasses, building designs and all other urban artefacts with an intended or unintended impact on our mobility choices. This issue investigates what can be seen, learned and done when we interpret the challenge of sustainable mobility from this vantage point. The answers do not come as cookbook style advice, but certainly increase our awareness of options that mainstream technical or social ‘fixes’ tend to overlook.

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