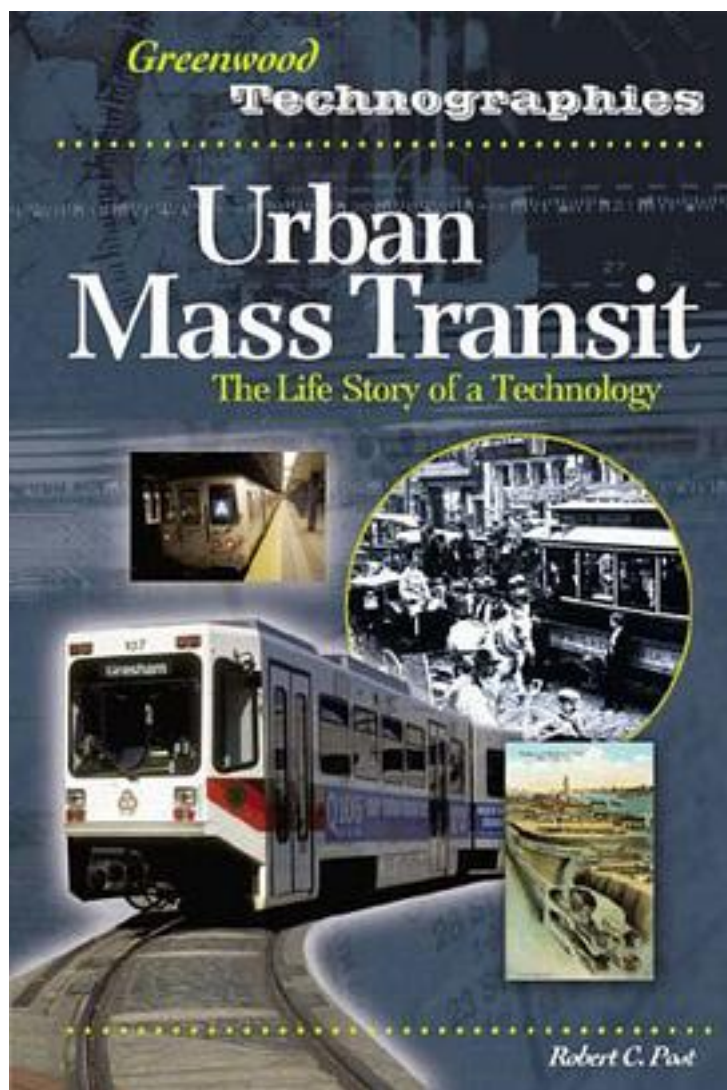


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This volume in the "Greenwood Technographies" series covers urban mass transit - that is, the technologies that allow cities to move large numbers of people around. Just a few hundred years ago, the size of cities was limited by the time it took people to move from one part of the city to another. The development of successive technologies has forever altered the urban landscape. From horse-drawn omnibuses to subways to current light rail, this volume highlights the technological and social struggles that have accompanied urbanisation and the need for efficient and cost-effective means of local transportation. "Urban Mass Transit" follows the story of transportation in cities through all stages of its history. Topics covered include: urbanisation and transit by horsepower; the introduction of mechanical power to run cable railways; electrification and the ascendance of the tram; the rise of the motor vehicle and the decline of the tram; rapid transit and the revival of mass transportation. The volume includes a timeline, a glossary, and a bibliography of resources useful for further research.

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