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Dr. Changshan Wu, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA

This textbook, written by three well-known transport geographers, is a good example of the vitality and vibrancy of contemporary work in transport geography, especially in terms of its relevance to directly related subfields such as economic geography.

Andrew R. Goetz, University of Denver, USA and the Journal of Economic Geography

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