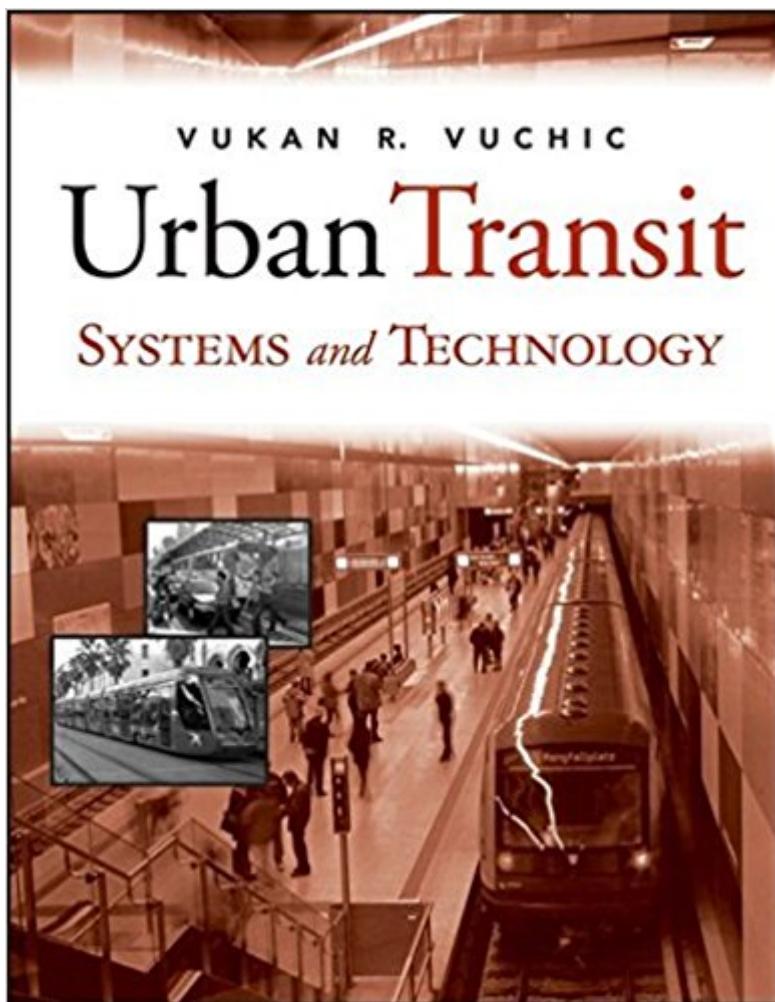


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# Urban Transit Systems And Technology



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Equations could be presented in an easier to follow format. Most of the book is in SI units as well. Formatting of tables and exhibits is really hard to follow, and at some times, not able to follow at all. There is a lot of good information and theory here, but the entire text could benefit from an overhaul.

Comprehensive, clear, and very useful for everyone who works on urban transportation problems. It's very good idea to read this book in relation and before "Transport in a livable cities" - "program" book by Vuchik. There are a lot of theory, which you need to understand until you will be able to apply major ideas of prof. Vuchik. Yesterday was on his lecture in Moscow - he is both nice lecturer

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