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This book investigates the link between institutions and public policies
 with specific reference to transport. It opens by examining the main
 arguments for the establishment of metropolitan transport authorities.
 The potential impacts of institutional change on the policy efficiency of
 institutions are then examined. Key problems for institutional designers
 are identified, showing how they can hamper the achievement of
 desired policy outcomes through institutional solutions. Two in-depth
 case studies on institutional change in metropolitan transport (in
 London and Barcelona) are presented with a view to testing the
 aforementioned hypotheses and providing insights into the ways in
 which the two transport institutions were reformed. The concluding
 chapter identifies lessons for institutional designers and highlights the
 policy results that may be expected from the constitution of
 metropolitan transport authorities.

