

BRIEF BIO FOR JOHN PUCHER

JOHN PUCHER is a professor in the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, New Jersey). Since earning a Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978, Pucher has conducted research on a wide range of topics in transport economics and finance, including numerous projects for the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Canadian government, and various European ministries of transport. For over two decades, he has examined differences in travel behavior, transport systems, and transport policies in Europe, Canada, and the USA.

Currently, Pucher's research focuses on walking and bicycling, and in particular, how American cities could learn from European policies to improve the safety, convenience, and feasibility of these non-motorized modes in the United States. Most recently, he has focused on the need for Americans to increase their walking and cycling for daily transportation as the best way to ensure adequate levels of physical exercise and enhance overall public health. From 2005 to 2006, Pucher will be a visiting professor at the University of Sydney's Institute of Transport Studies directing a research project that examines differences between Canada, Australia, and the USA in their travel behavior, transport systems and policies, and the impacts of transport on public health.