



Thursday, October 7

3:30 to 5 pm

NEW LOCATION:

Fleming Library of the American Baptist
Seminary of the West
2614 Dwight Way
(at Bowditch, catty-corner to the southeast corner of
People's Park).
Follow the signs into the courtyard.

How Will Obama's 'Livability' Policies Transform American Cities? Presented by Randal O'Toole Cato Institute

President Obama and transportation Secretary Ray LaHood say that their "livability" policies—including high-speed rail, an emphasis on urban transit, and supportive land-use policies—will have a "transformative" effect on American cities, saving people money by making goods and services more accessible while reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

In fact, these policies will only make cities more expensive and more congested. Instead of these policies, the federal government should promote a user-fee-driven transportation system that gives people freedom to choose how they get around while insuring they pay the full costs of their choices.

Randal O'Toole is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and author of "Gridlock: Why We're Stuck in Traffic and What to Do About It." O'Toole has also written numerous papers on transportation and land-use policy and is the author of the "Antiplanner" blog.

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