Planning for Freight Flows – From the Perspective of the City and Regional Planners

Lecture Presentation By
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Abstract:
Examining the impacts and challenges associated with e-Commerce shipments on predicting traffic flows and designing appropriate urban infrastructure.

Presenter Bio:
Charles Edwards joined the NC Department of Transportation in March 2016 as the Director – Logistics Strategy. From January through May 2018 he served as Acting Director of the NCDOT Rail division. He was appointed Director of the NCDOT Office of Logistics and Freight in March 2018. His work includes freight logistics planning, working with planners on freight related issues, and developing logistics solutions for North Carolina companies. Edwards was previously the Executive Director of the North Carolina Center for Global Logistics.

Edwards began his career in the logistics industry as a truck driver. He was on the senior management team of the North Carolina-based airline that started United Parcel Service Airlines, helped introduce an innovative container to the international airline industry, managed a commercial airport, led the development of the world's largest air vehicle, and has been a senior advisor to public and private aviation and logistics projects in the United States, Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia and the United Arab Emirates.

He holds degrees from universities in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. He is a Professor of Practice in the Department of City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill.

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