Safe Passages
Highways, Wildlife, and Habitat Connectivity

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Safe Passages brings together in a single volume the latest information on the emerging science of road ecology as it relates to mitigating interactions between roads and wildlife. This practical handbook of tools and examples is designed to assist individuals and organizations thinking about or working toward reducing road-wildlife impacts. The book provides:

- an overview of the importance of habitat connectivity with regard to roads
- current planning approaches and technologies for mitigating the impacts of highways on both terrestrial and aquatic species
- different facets of public participation in highway-wildlife connectivity mitigation projects
- case studies from partnerships across North America that highlight successful on-the-ground implementation of ecological and engineering solutions
- recent innovative highway-wildlife mitigation developments

Detailed case studies span a range of scales, from site-specific wildlife crossing structures, to statewide planning for habitat connectivity, to national legislation. Contributors explore the cooperative efforts that are emerging as a result of diverse organizations—including transportation agencies, land and wildlife management agencies, and nongovernmental organizations—finding common ground to tackle important road ecology issues and problems. Safe Passages is an important new resource for local-, state-, and national-level managers and policymakers working on road-wildlife issues, and will appeal to a broad audience including scientists, agency personnel, planners, land managers, transportation consultants, students, conservation organizations, policymakers, and citizens engaged in road-wildlife mitigation projects.

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