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Along the way you'll find fascinating stories, remarkable people, amazing scenery, and time capsules from the past

See one of the most impressive "edge cities" in America rise along the West Loop. (page 286)



Read about the neighborhood that lost a few houses to the freeway, but was later wiped off the map by real estate developers. (page 173)



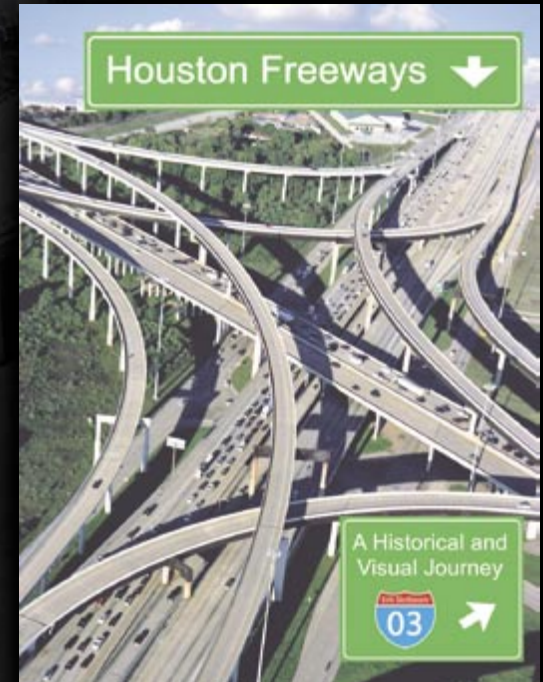
See Houston's freeways turn into a chain of lakes during Tropical Storm Allison. (page 110)



About the Author

Erik Slotboom was born and raised in Sharpstown, Houston's prototypical freeway suburbia of the 1950s and 1960s. He worked as a mechanical engineer in Houston's energy industry and was a software developer in Austin's high-tech industry prior to writing *Houston Freeways*.

Read about the most dramatic incident in race relations in Houston, and the freeway that had the final word. (page 185)



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Perhaps no city has been as heavily influenced by the freeway as Houston—not even Los Angeles. Houston’s widespread use of freeway frontage roads has created a distinctive style of freeway that has been extraordinarily powerful in shaping the city.

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“Houston Freeways, a Historical and Visual Journey is an enriching and telling account of the development of transportation corridors in Harris County. Erik Slotboom’s in-depth and precise examination of the toll road system is enlightening and informative. With literary astuteness and alacrity, Slotboom’s intense and candid portrayal charts the advancement of transportation issues in the greater Houston area and establishes a foundation upon which future progress can be made.”

—State Senator Jon Lindsay
Harris County Judge 1975-1994
Creator of the Harris County Toll Road Authority

