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This image is of Princes Street in the 1960s, and shows the heavy traffic conditions experienced by pedestrians in the centre of Edinburgh at this time.



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Walking until relatively recently has been a neglected mode of transport both in terms of policy development and recognition of its importance. This paper firstly explores how national UK post-war urban transport policy handled the growing need to plan for pedestrians; and, secondly how these ideas were translated into practice in the City of Edinburgh over the period 1930 to 1990. The paper argues that policy in Edinburgh during this period was consistently influenced by a vision of the city shaped to the movement needs of the car. Using case studies of pedestrian provision drawn from within the city centre the paper provides a history of transport planning where improvements to the pedestrian environment were often seen as a challenge to the existing orthodoxy of maintaining and improving vehicle movement.



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