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Resilience is particularly relevant to the profound transition taking place in South Africa. Questions are raised about the nature and pace of spatial, social and economic transformation, and about the durability of these changes. Are South African cities tied into a narrow, exclusionary and unsustainable growth path at the risk of future disorder or disaster? Are they reducing their dependence on private transport, non-renewable energy sources and low density, highway-oriented development? Is any progress being made in relation to the structural causes of unemployment, poverty and inequality, including spatial segregation? The 2011 State of the Cities Report answers these questions and examines how cities can become drivers of all-round development for the nation.

