

The effects of inner-city highways on the present urban structure

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During the last two decades the policy of inner-city highway development has been adopted in order to improve urban transportation. This is while the inner-city highways are used in cities with low population density and high reliance on private transportation. Usually the cities with high population density rely on public transportation systems and hence develop appropriate networks and infrastructures.

On the other hand, development of urban highways within densely

developed urban fabrics devastate the present urban structure and its hierarchy of neighborhoods and urban regions, which have evolved hard throughout time in physical – functional terms. Devastation of urban structure would decrease the social relations as well the urban structure and neighborhood concepts. In developing appropriate urban transportation policies, urban structure, as well as the size and density of the city must be considered, in order to minimize any functional, especially social damages to urban life.