
An Assessment of Shahriar's Position and Function in the Tehran Metropolitan Network

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Abstract

In today's world, most urban planners and experts are trying to, employing appropriate strategies, resolve such problems as extreme centralization and regional disparities. Paying attention to the development and strengthening of central cities and recognizing their capabilities and potential could solve many problems. Viewed hence, cognizant of the central cities capabilities and potential and formulating the corollary objectives and planning, this study is an attempt to highlight the necessity of calling attention to these cities in order to regularize urban areas in question. As an applied, developmental study, the method is descriptive. Elaborating on the role and importance of central cities in urban network, library and archival study is drawn on to investigate the current potential of and challenges to Shahriar Country as a middle city, and to outline, referring to expert view, its goals and ways to achieve them. To examine the subject in question, Meta- SWOT software program is used. Examining the situation and identifying and designating the city capabilities and potential and its regional competitors as well, it was found that Shahriar of more proper distance than metropolises of Tehran and Alborz is the most important advantage of the city; appropriate communication infrastructures and affordable housing are also of the highest strategic fit. On the other hand, the parameters including improvement and coordination of higher order projects and an increase of private sector investment have the highest influence, and more proper distance than Tehran and Alborz and the business environment development in the county are of the highest degree of necessity.

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