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ABSTRACT

Cities are dynamic ecosystems undergoing constant change due to rapid urbanization and changing interactions between their districts. This growth reconfigures urban linkages and opens avenues for growth while worsening problems such as lack of infrastructure facilities, foul living conditions, and insufficient basic services, considering the projections of a 60% increase in urban populations by 2050. To tackle these problems requires holistic sustainable planning approaches that focus on integrated communities, efficient transport, and strong public services.

The Urban Shell concept embodies transformation in the mode of urban design, given that cities are considered living things with neighborhoods as independent, modular units. These units represent a core substructure, which provides basic services and encourages community involvement with the promotion of ecological balance. Improving livability, reducing environmental impact, and favoring sustainable lifestyles in urban settings are facilitated through focusing strategies on transit-oriented and transect-based approaches in this Urban Shell concept. According to case studies, it has the capacity to mold future cities that are resilient, inclusive, and equipped to adapt to urban densification.