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Preface to "Investigation and Analysis of Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis," Omid Saeedi Master's Thesis

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In this insightful and comprehensive master's thesis, Omid Saeidi, describes efficient urban transport as a "gift." His research of factors that affect public transport efficiency and use can help researchers, practitioners and residents make that gift available in cities around the world.

High quality public transport provides many benefits compared with private automobile travel. It reduces vehicle ownership costs, requires far less road space and almost no parking, and so greatly reduces traffic and parking congestion and associated infrastructure costs. It uses less energy and produces less pollution per trip. Public transport encourages more compact, multi-modal development where residents own fewer vehicles, drive less and rely more on walking, bicycling and public transit. These benefits are large and dispersed; all urban residents benefit from high-quality public transport, including motorists who experience less traffic and parking congestion, accident risk and pollution exposure.

Many communities are missing out on these benefits. Although public transit is not suitable for all trips, it is the best option for many personal trip on major urban corridors. Yet, residents use automobiles for many trips that could be made more efficiently by public transit. Omid Saeidi's master's thesis "Investigation and Analysis of Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis," investigates why this occurs and what can be done to make public transport more efficient and attractive so communities can take advantages of its potential gifts. This research focuses on condition in the Ahvaz Metropolis, but the results are transferable to other urban regions.

This study is unique and important because it is broad in scope. Saeidi analyses many factors that affect the attractiveness of public transport travel, including not only system planning and service quality, but also factors related to land use development and neighborhood design, cultural and social issues, economics, and the quality of related modes such as walking, bicycling and taxi travel. He identifies and evaluates specific barriers to public transport travel, which provides practical guidance to policy makers and planners concerning ways to improve and encourage public transit use.

He devotes particular attention to factors that are often overlooked, such as harassment of women, social and psychological attitudes, and economic incentives. He emphasizes the need for strategic planning to ensure that all decisions are coordinated, including those related to public transport service quality, land use development, the quality of walking and bicycling, the supply and design of public parking, transportation regulations, urban aesthetics, and the implementation of new technologies.

The scope of this work is truly astounding. By my estimate, Saeidi considers approximately 300 individual factors that can affect public transit travel in a particular community, ranging from political-managerial barriers such as "Weaknesses in written rules (between travelers, employees and vice versa" to natural factors such as "Land subsidence." He uses transportation and land use data to quantify how various factors affect residents travel behavior.

In addition to its breath, this study contains tremendous depth, including extensive statistical analysis of travel activity by various groups and locations, with numerous graphs and maps.

Based on this analysis the study identified 36 key barriers to public transport travel in the Ahvaz urban region. Although at first this many seem to be a criticism of urban planners and public transport operators, it is actually good news because this research provides guidance for improving public transport services, integrating it better into communities, and providing incentives to encourage its use.

Saeidi provides numerus practical recommendations, ranging from implementation of new information and payment technologies, to more transit-oriented planning. He offers 21 specific suggestions for increasing public transport ridership, plus nine specific suggestions for further research. Many of his recommendations have modest costs and could repay their investment through long-term savings and ridership gains.

This is an important and timely issue. Most cities around the world experience severe traffic problems and seek practical solutions, many of which involve shifting travel from automobile to public transport. As a result, practitioners – planners, engineers, policy analysts and policy makers – want practical guidance for improving public transport, encouraging its use and integrating it into communities. Saeidi's thesis provides comprehensive information and a model for future research on these subjects. In total, this thesis consists of 350 pages in six chapters, and has resulted in seven journal articles published or under review. This is an impressive and useful scholarship.

Well done, Omid Saeedi!

Investigation and Analysis of Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis

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An overview of the thesis

This thesis consists of 350 pages in six chapters: the first chapter covers the overview of the thesis, the second chapter includes theoretical framework, the third chapter illustrates the study area, the fourth chapter discusses research methodology, the fifth chapter consists of data analysis and the research findings, and the sixth chapter includes conclusions and suggestions for further study. the questionnaires are also attached in the appendix section. In this study, quality barriers with spatial differences in the study area were mapped, and a total of 186 maps were prepared for each of the barriers with spatial differences that were interpreted regionally in an article extracted from the thesis. Seven articles were extracted from the thesis that have been either in press or published in the Iranian scientific journals or are in the process of reviewing:

Table A: Articles extracted from the thesis (Investigation and Analysis of Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis)

Title	Publisher (Journal)	Status
Investigating and Analyzing Morphological Barriers Affecting Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis	Geography and Environmental Planning (University of Isfahan)	Published
Investigating and Analyzing the Barriers to Making Inter-City Transport Intelligent in Ahvaz Metropolis	Geography and Regional- Urban Planning (Sistan and Balouchestan University)	Published
Investigating and Analyzing the Political-Managerial Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis	Journal of Research on Transport (Ministry of Road)	Accepted
Geographical Analysis of Psychological Barriers of Not Using Public Transport in Ahvaz Metropolis	Research on Urban Planning and Geography (University of Tehran)	Published
Investigating and Analyzing the Sociocultural Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis	Journal of Urban Ecology (Payam Noor University, Tehran Branch)	Accepted
Investigation and Analysis of Land Use Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis	Journal of Space Planning (Tarbiat Modarres University)	Accepted
Investigation and Analysis of Barriers to Development of Public Transport System in Ahvaz Metropolis: Physical Barriers of Vehicles in Focus	Journal of Urban Planning and Research (Azad University, Marvdasht Branch)	Accepted

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Abstract

Where public transport is developed, transport-related damages are more than 80 % lower and also result in reducing travel time, which in some cases is estimated to reduce travel time by more than 50 %. In contrast, in many developing countries, the public transport system is inefficient, causing economic development and underdevelopment of urban public transport, contributing to a lot of inefficiencies. Identifying, analyzing, and measuring the effects of these barriers in recent decades have led to the evolution of intercity transport in some countries. It is therefore necessary to understand the effects of such factors on urban public transport. The present study aims to investigate and analyze the barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis. The study employed a practical-theoretical and descriptive-analytical research method. The research data were collected through documentary, library, survey, and interviewing with people and experts of public transport. The statistical population of the study consisted of residents of eight districts of Ahyaz metropolis. The sample size was estimated to include 400 participants selected by the proportionate stratified random sampling method in such a way that they were selected based on weight proportion and in each district, with regard to the population. In order to rank the barriers in each of investigated dimensions, a questionnaire of experts was developed which was distributed among 15 academic and executive experts of Ahvaz city using snowball sampling method. The present research analysis method was quantitative and used to rank the barriers using the ARAS, TOPSIS, DEMATEL and ANP models. Also, the Kriging interpolation method has been used in ARC GIS software to map the barriers whose spatial differences are evident in the city. The results show that a total of 286 barriers in 9 categories are effective in underdevelopment of public transport in Ahwaz city which for political-managerial barriers at national.

Statement of the problem

In Iran, one of the most important challenges facing metropolises is the issue of inland transport. Despite the importance of this system in the Iranian cities, there is no strategic planning to guide the development of this system. No sufficient strategic planning for urban transport systems, in addition to duplicating joint investment in the society's infrastructure, has created numerous problems in connecting subsystems to one another, causing these systems to be incompatible and incompatible with one another.

In this regard, urban public transport system in all Iranian cities has development barriers that are different in each city compared to other cities due to the sociocultural and environmental diversity of the cities. This has a growing trend to achieve public transport development. It has challenged the need to identify and analyze these barriers and to provide appropriate solutions to these barriers in order to achieve citizens' comfort, one of the most important goals of urban planning.

Therefore, all barriers to public transport development need to be extracted in order to bring urban public transport closer to development. In addition to what has been stated, the public transport system as one of the main options to mitigate the adverse effects of the increasing population growth, increasing rural migration to cities, and increasing environmental pollution. If this system suffers any disruption, it can affects adversely human life.

In Iranian metropolitan areas, it is also important to study and analyze the barriers to the development of public transport within the city in order to realize the welfare of the citizens as the main goal of Iranian urban planners. Ahvaz metropolis is no exception. As one of the main Iranian metropolises, Ahvaz has always faced barriers to public transport development since the advent of the system in the city. It is a damage that is almost transparent to officials, planners, and executives. Nowadays, the barriers to inter-city public transport development in Ahvaz are caused not only by human-made factors such as economic, political-managerial, socio-cultural, psychological, institutional, infrastructural, land-use, land-use, urban hazards, and morphological conditions of Ahvaz, but by improper environmental conditions such as human-made and natural pollutions. If these barriers are not to be mitigated and, they both reduce the weight of public transport development criteria and raises citizens' dissatisfaction, lack of welfare, and comfort. Consequently, it may causes political struggles at the regional and national levels.

In short, the necessity of this research stems from the fact that Ahvaz metropolis is industrialized, the urban shape dispersed, the lack of open and pleasant urban spaces, the horizontal expansion of the city, the widespread and widespread exhausted textures, the migrant population, the population imbalance, Inappropriate zoning of land, elevation and condensation, as well as lack of proper sewage and air pollution, both internal and external, or factors such as lack of management integrity and interference by informal institutions in management and inadequate access and management. Ethnic differences and curls Along with the urban violations, the regiment has portrayed Ahvaz as a workshop on urban problems. Failure to regulate intercity public transport as one of the key urban issues will not only compound these problems, but will also elude scientific elites, defensive migration, and increase visual contamination and, as a result, drive urbanization. Also, according to the Ahvaz Metropolitan Second Five Year Development Plan (2018-2020) in the transport sector, one of the most important transport strategies in Ahvaz is identifying the barriers to the development of its various dimensions, which makes the necessity of doing this research doubled.

Research objectives

The main objectives

Investigation and Analysis of Barriers to Public Transport Development in Ahvaz Metropolis.

Operational Objectives

Explaining and analyzing the political-managerial barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analyzing the economic barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analyzing the socio-cultural barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analyzing the socio-cultural barriers of women in using public transport in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analyzing the socio-cultural barriers of the vulnerable (elderly, children and physical-disabled people) in the use of public transport in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analyzing the psychological barriers of not using public transport in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analysis of urban morphology barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analysis of barriers to public transport development land use in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and Analyzing Barriers to Public Transport Intelligence in Ahvaz metropolis;

Explaining and analyzing the physical barriers of public transport vehicles in Ahvaz metropolis; and

Explaining and analyzing urban hazards affecting underdevelopment of public transport in Ahvaz metropolis.

Research Methodology

The present study employed a practical-theoretical research method, descriptive-analytical research analysis, and survey design. The research data was collected through documentary, library, survey techniques and interviewing with citizens and transport experts. The research procedure is illustrated in Figure (1).

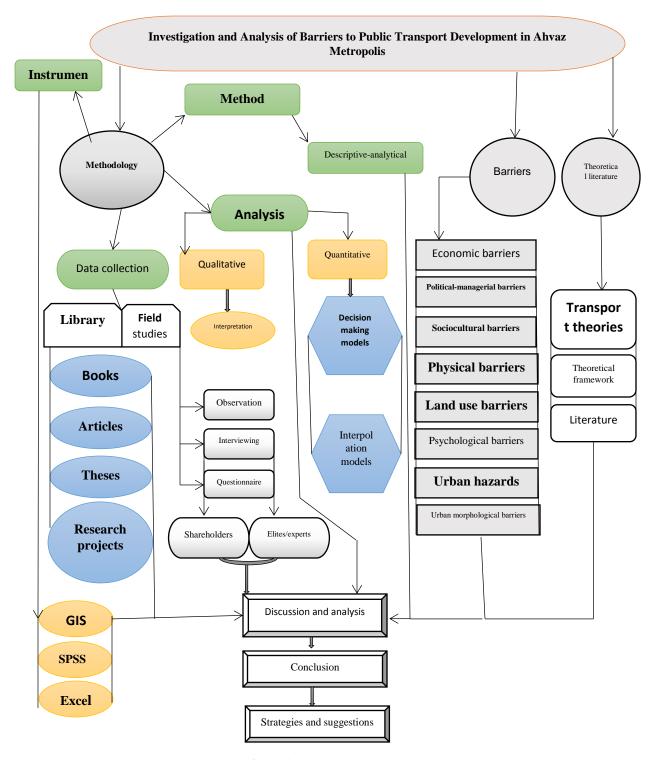


Figure 1: research procedure

In this thesis, nine main indicators were identified as the main barriers to development of inter-city public transport, each having sub-indices, and a total of 286 sub-indicators were identified as barriers to inter-city public transport development in different dimensions. Table (1) illustrates political-managerial barriers, Table (2) economic barriers; in Table (3) sociocultural barriers; Table (4) sub-psychological barriers to public transport use, Table (5) urban morphological barriers; Table (6) vehicle barriers, Table (7) land use

barriers, Table 8 barriers to making public transport intelligent, and Table 9 shows urban hazards affecting the underdevelopment of public transport in Ahvaz.

Table 1: political-managerial barriers to public transport development at different levels

Manageri al levels	Code	Political-managerial barriers	References
	Aa1	Weaknesses in written rules (between travelers,	Soltani and Fallah Mshadi,)
		employees and vice versa)	(2016, 32
	Aa2	Administrative bureaucracy	(Berechman, 2018, 128)
	Aa3	Centralized planning in the country	(Ziyari, 2013, 33)
	Aa4	Lack of urban management integrity	(Montoro, 2018, 1)
	Aa5	Informal institutions' interferences	(Safaiepour et al., 2017)
	Aa6	The national media's disregard for public transport	(Majumdar, 2017, 123)
_	Aa7	The reluctance of multinational corporations to invest	(Ahmadi & Jafari, 2013, 23)
National	Aa8	Poor long-term planning of upstream national documents	Field Studies (Interviewing)
Z Z	Aa9	Weaknesses caused by the transparency of plans	(Soleimani et al., 2017, 66)
	Aa10	Lack of meritocracy in the selection of managers	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Aa11	Improper organization of insurance affairs	(Khazaei et al., 2018, 9)
	Aa12	People's cynicism about how to manage different dimensions in the country	(Soleimani et al., 1986, 66)
	Aa13	Political support of managers	(Araei et al., 2017, 26)
	Aa14	Managers' disregard for political economy	(Ostadi Jafari, 2013, 23)
	Aa15	Ignoring people's demands	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Aa16	Upstream managers' low motivation	(Homayounfar et al., 1977, 65)
	Aa17	Management instability in the country	(Rana et al., 2018, 4)
	Ab1	The lack of indigenous projects in Khuzestan Province's programs	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab2	Poor organizational culture in the province	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab3	Disregard for ethnic, cultural, etc. differences	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab4	Provincial media's disregard for public transport	Field Studies (Observation)
lait	Ab5	Non-alignment of provincial plans with upstream documents	Field Studies (Interviewing)
Provincial	Ab6	Lack of attention to people's participation in urban planning	Field Studies (Interviewing)
<u>4</u>	Ab7	Improper allocation of resources to provincial cities	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab8	Managers' non-acceptance of changes in themselves	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab9	Not paying attention to the historical values and cultural heritage of the provincial cities	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab10	provincial managers' low motivation	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ab11	Political support of provincial managers	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ac1	Land rent issue of transport projects	(Hosseini Cheshme Makani, 2016, 102)
	Ac2	Managers focus on propagandist projects	Field Studies (Interviewing)
4	Ac3	Weakness in collecting statistics and information	(Shahi, 2014, 7)
emen	Ac4	Long-term delay in launching projects	Hosseini Cheshme Makani,) (2016, 97
Urban management	Ac5	Poor balance between supply and demand	Hosseini Cheshme Makani,) (2016, 100
u	Ac6	Uncertainty in travel scheduling	(Tores, 2018, 843)
.pa	Ac7	Ethnic views on urban violations	Field Studies (Interviewing)
ŭ	Ac8	Information rent	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ac9	Ethnic-linguistic discrimination in the provision of transport services	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ac10	Not paying attention to the first principle of post- establishment improvement	(Sorour & Amini, 2014)

Manageri al levels	Code	Political-managerial barriers	References
	Ac11 Little attention to education in the city		(Imani et al., 2016, 91)
	Ac12	Insufficient transparency in the implementation of transport projects	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ac13	Not paying attention to prioritizing programs	Comprehensive Transport Plan,) (2016, 11
	Ac14	Interference between different tasks	(Wang et al. 2017, 307)
	Ac15	Lack of specialists and lack of job-to-employee relationship	(Dortoumi et al., 2017, 94)
	Ac16	Inappropriate allocation of resources to various transport sectors	Comprehensive Transport Plan,) (2016, 11
	Ac17	Managers' lawlessness	(Masoudnia, 2014, 139)
	Ac18	Weaknesses in the information system	Hosseini Cheshme Makani,) (2016, 102
	Ac19	Lack of attention to ethnic-cultural differences in service delivery	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ac20 Poor monitoring Ac21 Lack of attention to vulnerable people in planning		.(Rahman et al., 2017, 325)
			(Rahnema & Joshaghani, 2017, 1)
	Ac22	Weaknesses in zoning (compact zoning and land uses)	(Wang et al. 2017, 307)
ts	Ad1	Lack of publicity in the maintenance of infrastructure and facilities	Field Studies (Interviewing)
Urban districts	Ad2	Not paying attention to neighborhood differences in planning	Field Studies (Interviewing)
, i	Ad3	Lack of attention to neighborhood sustainability	Field Studies (Interviewing)
Urba	Ad4	Ethnic-cultural discrimination in urban neighborhood services	Field Studies (Interviewing)
	Ad5	The lack of a neighborhood-based planning system	Field Studies (Interviewing)

Table 2: economic barriers to public transport development

Code	Sub indicators	References
B1	Resistance to public spending	(Duncan etal, 2016:145)
		(Nalld et al, 2017:14)
B2	Uncertainty in pricing	(GU,2018:94)
		(Cavallaro,2018:85)
		(Rudolph et al., 2015: 138)
В3	Inappropriate budget allocation	Rudolph et al., 2015: 94)
		(Bokohaya et al, 2018)
		(Alkheder et al, 2018:313)
B4	The growth of private vehicle ownership	(Guldson,2018:3)
B5	Shortage of funds and credits	(International forum transport OESD,2018:8))
B6	Inappropriate resource allocation	(International forum transport OESD,2018:8)
B7	Low government subsidies	(International forum transport OESD,2018:8)
B8	Global economic crises	(Alonso et all,2018:1)
В9	Lack of competing companies	(Rana et al ,2018:5)
		(Bosch et al, 2018:76)
B10	High depreciation of infrastructure	(Goodarzi et al., 2018: 65)
	and facilities	(Noravesh et al., 2016: 294)
		(Alkheder et al, 2018: 1)
B11	High maintenance costs	(Bosch et al, 2018:76)
		(Oldekezer et al, 2018:319)
		(Goodarzi et al., 2018: 65)
B12	No outsourcing	(Chen,2013)
		(Ishizaka and blakeston,2012:1)
B13	Shortage of low interest loans	(Abolhassani, 2011: 2)
B14	Economic sanctions	(Pahlavi et al., 1192: 114)
		(Oldekezer et al,2018:319)

Code	Sub indicators	References
B15	Global fluctuations in the economy	(Rana et al, 2018:5)
		(Zali & Ashrafi, 2013: 2)
		(Abbas Tabar et al. 2017, 117)
B16	Lack of self-sufficiency in the	(Pahlavi et al., 2013: 114)
	preparation of some sections	(Oldekezer et al,2018:319)
B17	Poor cost and benefit principle	(Majdzadeh Tabatabai, 2015: 131)
B18	Not being market-oriented	(Comprehensive Transport Plan, 2016, 5)
	-	(Fitelson and Cohen Belakston, 2018:65)

Table 3: sociocultural barriers to public transport development

Code	sociocultural barriers to public transport development	References
Ca1	Vehicle-centered lifestyle	(Guglielmetti et al., 2018 :566) Asadi and Movahedi Kalibar,) (2017: 119
Ca2	Resistance to paying public costs	(Duncan et al., 2016: 70) (Nalld et al., 2017: 145)
Ca3	Low awareness of the negative consequences of a personal vehicles	Sadat Ayatollah Shirazi and) (Birjandi, 2017: 275
Ca4	Poor social capital	(Nour Alivand et al., 2015, 90)
Ca5	Negative attitudes toward the poor (disabled, elderly, etc.)	Gorgi Azandaraini and Nazarpour,) 1397: 137) (Bjerkan and vstedal, 2018: 1)
Ca6	Gender segregation	(Minton and Clark, 2018: 25)
Ca7	Poor social participation	(Mousavi & Mubaraki, 2017: 257)
Ca8	Weak awareness of home delivery services	Field studies (interviewing)
Ca9	Struggles over fares	Field studies (observation)
Ca10	Negative attitude to public transport	(Luiu, 2018)
Ca11	Irregularities on getting on and off fleets and passages	Field studies (observation)
Ca12	Inappropriate behaviors of other travelers	Field studies (observation)
Ca13	Feeling overwhelmed with fleets and transport centers	(Zali and Birjandi, 2018: 7) (Vaezi, 2018: 131)
Ca14	Non-payment of rent before arriving at destination	Field studies (observation)
Ca15	Celebrations in the passages	Field studies (observation)
Ca16	Weakness in taking responsibility for public property	(Inanlo Cholakhlu & Soheili, 2016: 166) (Saffari Nia, 2015: 304, Volume I)
Ca17	Lack of public monitoring norms	(Araei et al., 2017: 125)
Ca18	Failure in observance of citizenship rights	Soltani and Fallah Menshadi, 2016:) (31
Ca19	Lack of NGOs in promotion and development	(Araei et al., 2017: 125)
Ca20	Reduction in observing traffic norms	(Masoudnia, 2014: 147)
Ca21	Poor citizens' demands for transport services	Field studies (observation)
Ca22	Penetration of begging people in public transport centers	Field studies (interviewing)
Ca23	Drivers' inappropriate behaviors	(Kim et al., 2016: 77)
Ca24	Citizens environmental behaviors	Field studies (interviewing)
Ca25	Sense of low social dignity	Field studies (interviewing)
Ca26	No support of children's travel	(Amanpour et al., 2013: 115)
Ca27	Weak enforcement of traffic laws	(Masoudnia, 2014: 147)

Women's sociocultural barriers to using public transport

Mode				
of transp ort	Row Sociocultural items		References	
	Da ₁	Taunting	(Riahi & Khachaki, 2016: 78)	
	Da_2	Theft	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Da ₃	Chasing	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Da4	Sexism look	(Johnson,2017:36)	
	Da5	Inappropriate beeps	(Riahi & Khachaki, 2016: 78)	
ng	Da6	Accumulation of evil individuals	(Zali et al. 2015: 123)	
Walking	Da7	Jostling	Sadeghi & Ziaei Nikdel, 2015: 56)	
Wa	Da8	Whistling	(Riahi & Khachaki, 2016: 78)	
	Da9	Inappropriate gestures	(Jehangir Bharucha, 2018:102)	
	Da10	Noisily swerving and braking with cars	(Riahi & Khachaki, 2016: 78)	
	Da11	Asking women's phone numbers	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Da12	Aggressive factors	(Riahi & Khachaki, 2016: 78)	
	Db1	Weakness in claiming something	Field studies (observation)	
	Db2	Spatial inequality	(Sun et al., 2018: 2)	
Ise	Db3	Non-assignment of seats to pregnant women	(Sayyedi: 2018: 123-124)	
Bus use	Db4	Problems with freight	Field studies (interviewing)	
Bı	Db5	Men's sexual looks	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Db6	Drivers' inappropriate behaviors	(Luiu, 2018)	
	Dc1	Sexism look	Field studies (interviewing)	
5	Dc2	No commonness of cycling among women	Field studies (observation)	
clin	Dc3	Mocking and scoffing	Field studies (interviewing)	
Cycling	Dc4	Relatives'/families' disapproval	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Dc5	Social unacceptance	(Asgari & Rahimi, 2017	
	Dc6	Social norms	(Sorour & Amini: 2013: 267)	
	Dd1	No observation of appropriate distance	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Dd2	No assignment of front seat	(Jamali & Shayegan: 2011: 95)	
Taxi use	Dd3	Setting the mirror to the women's faces	Field studies (observation)	
Тах	Dd4	Drivers' touch of women's hands when they are paying taxi fares	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Dd5	Drivers' pointless conversations	Field studies (interviewing)	
	Dd6	Other travelers' sexism look	Field studies (interviewing)	

Vulnerable classes' sociocultural barriers to using public transport

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Ce1	No seat assignment	Field studies (interviewing)		
Ce2	Drivers' impatience when dealing with them	(Kim et al,2016:77)		
Ce3	People's humiliating looks	Gorgi Azandariani and)		
		(Nazarpour, 2018: 137		
Ce4	Emotional abuse	(Sorour & Amini, 2013)		
		(Kanterand and Rosen hal,2018:1)		
Ce5	Noise and bustle	Field studies (observation)		

Ce6	Receiving fares from children	Field studies (interviewing)		
Ce7	Lack of understanding by fellow citizens when	(Sheikh Esmaili, 2016:17)		
	dealing with this class			
Ce8	The staff's lack of familiarity with servicing this	miliarity with servicing this (Luiu,2018)		
	class			
Ce9	Not helping these classes when using modes of	Field studies (interviewing)		
	transport	Field studies (interviewing)		
Ce10	No support of children's travels	ravels (Amanpour et al., 2013: 115)		

Table 4: Psychological barriers to using public transport

Psychological factors	Code	Barriers	References
	Da1	Social anxiety	(Huang et al., 2018: 145)
	Da2	Fear of community judgment	(Damarchali, 2017: 271)
× ×	Da3	Post-traumatic injuries	(Khodadadi et al., 2013: 2) (Gharib et al., 2018: 1)
tor	Da4	Claustrofobia	Field studies (interviewing)
y fac	Da5	Health obsession	Field studies (interviewing)
Anxiety factors	Da6	Aggressive obsessions	(Riyahi & Khachaki, 2016:70)
4	Da7	Sexual obsessions	(Raisi et al., 2015: 101)
	Da8	Sense of insecurity	(Cfu and Juan, 2017: 70) (Pour Ahmad et al, 2018: 650)
	Da9	Fear of infectious diseases	Field studies (interviewing)
	Db1	Isolation	Field studies (interviewing)
	Db2	Megalomania	Field studies (interviewing)
ors	Db3	Social alienation	(Shatrian et al., 2017: 111)
Personality factors	Db4	Low self-esteem	Masoudnia and Chenani) (Nasab, 2016: 85
onality	DB5	Indolence and negligence	Ebrahim Hajir and Ebrahim) (Hajir, 2017
Perso	Db6	Hastiness	Nowruzi and Kouhi Esfahani,) (2013: 124
	Db7	Feeling uncomfortable	Field studies (interviewing)
Cognitive	Dc1	No mindfulness	(Ghaffari et al., 2016: in press)
factors	Dc2	Memory weakness	Imanzadeh and Hamrahzadeh,) (2017: 432
Impulse control	Dd1	Aggression	Shrabtian and Imani, 2018:) (167
factors	Dd2	Impatience	(Galsgow et al., 2018: 318)
	Dd3	Restlessness	Askari Nodushan &) (Sabaghchi, 2018: 39

Table 5: Morphological barriers to public transport development

Morphological barriers	code	Items	References
Urban scattering	Ea1	Open and unused lands	(Alonso et al,2018:1) (Bouzgarrou,2019:72)
Undesirable urban	Eb1	Advertising Posters	
landscape	Eb2	Winding markets	
	Eb3	Failure to organize jobs	
	Eb4	Blockage caused by false jobs	(Gemma etal,2018:2)

Morphological barriers	code	Items	References
	Eb5	The irregularities of transport	(Razzeghi et al., 2017: 64)
	Eb6	modes Inadequate environmental	
	EDO	health status	
	Eb7	Urban furniture irregularities	
	Eb8	Improper placement of	
		facilities	
Scattered Industrial Facilities	Ec1	Existence of large industries (steel)	Field studies (observation)
	Ec2	Installations in four directions of the city	
Karun river crossing	Ed1	Number of bridges	Field studies (observation)
High urban distress	Ee1	Narrowness of passages	
	Ee2	Distress of main urban arteries	(Firouzi et al., 2016: in press)
	Ee3	Organizational digging	(Amanpour et al, 2017: 59)
	Ee4	High frequency of suburbs	
Horizontal expansion of	Ef1	Low-rise buildings	(Maleki et al., 2018: 184)
the city	Ef2	Exogenous development	
National railroad crossing	Eg1	North-South roadblocks	Field Studies (observation)
Inappropriate density zoning	Eh1	No population balance	(Shakouei, 2011: 244)
Inappropriate land use	Ei1	No balance in fuel stations	(Shakouei, 2011: 244)
zoning	Ei2	Educational land uses	
	Ei3	Healthcare land uses	
	Ei4	Green space land uses	
	Ei5	Religious land uses	
	Ei6	Commercial land uses	
	Ei7	Residential land uses	
	Ei8	Sports land use	
Vehicle-oriented	Eg1	Lack of special bus lines	(Guererra,2018:11)
urbanization	Eg2	Lack of public parking lots	
T	Eg3	Lack of cycling routes	
Extensive oil facilities	EK1	Administrative buildings	Field studies (Interviewing)
	EK2	Oil Ring Fence	
Existence of military	EK3 El1	Oil rigs Military barracks	(Arvin et al, 2016: 58)
land uses	EH	Willitary barracks	(7 ii viii ct ai, 2010. 30)

Table 6: physical barriers to public transport development

Code	physical barriers to public transport development	References
F1	Shortage of fleets	Field Studies (observation)
F2	Exterior distress of existing fleet	Field Studies (observation)
F3	Poor heating and cooling system	Field Studies (observation)
F4	Poor quality of indoor hygiene	Field Studies (observation)
F5	Low safety	Field Studies (observation)
F6	Poor diversity in the transport fleet	Field Studies (observation)
F7	Poor quality of seats	Field Studies (observation)
F8	Poor quality of curtains and	Field Studies (observation)
	awnings	
F9	Incompatibility with the poor	Field Studies (observation)

Table 7: physical barriers to public transport development

Land uses	Cod	Barriers	References
	e		
	Ga1	Improper access	(Badri Asl, 2016: 86)
	Ga2	Poor health of stations	Field studies (observation)
	Ga3	Incompatible location	(Pourmohammadi & Badri Asl, 2017: 53)
Suc	Ga4	Poor heating and cooling system	Field studies (observation)
Stations	Ga5	Lack of lighting	(Goodarzi et al., 2016: 105)
St	Ga6	Weaknesses in comfort (seats, buckets, etc.)	Field studies (observation)
	Ga7	Station distress	Field studies (Interviewing)
	Ga8	Lack of ticket sales booths	Field studies (observation)
	Ga9	Lack of road sign boards	Field studies (observation)
	Gb1	Low width of passages	Field studies (observation)
8	Gb2	Improper coverage	Field studies (Interviewing)
erić	Gb3	Lack of special lines	Field studies (observation)
ır	Gb4	Existence of building materials	Field studies (Interviewing)
ä	Gb5	Organizational digging	Field studies (Interviewing)
rbs	Gb6	Inappropriate material	Field studies (Interviewing)
Main urban arteries	Gb7	No proportion to the poor	(National Road and Transport Organization, 2: 2015)
2	Gb8	Distress of existing passages	Field studies (observation)
	Gb9	Poor lighting	Field studies (observation)
	Gc1	Incompatible location	Field studies (observation)
<u>s</u>	Gc2	Poor internal and external architecture	Field studies (observation)
na	Gc3	Lack of health services	Field studies (observation)
.	Gc4	Lack of pleasant and lively spaces	(Sadeghi & Ahmadi, 2017: 564)
te	Gc5	Low area/high per capita use	Field studies (Interviewing)
Urban terminals	Gc6	Lack of ticket sales booths	Field studies (observation)
ring.	Gc7	Poor heating and cooling system	Field studies (observation)
	Gc8	Lack of delis and attention- attracting services	Field studies (observation)
	Gc9	Lack of road sign boards	(Safarzadeh and Mazloum, 2015: 98)
	Gd1	Farness from crowded streets	(Goodarzi & Gorjianzadeh, 2016)
	Gd2	Farness from sports centers	(Goodarzi & Gorjianzadeh, 2016)
Ş	Gd3	Farness from educational centers	(Goodarzi & Gorjianzadeh, 2016)
g Jc	Gd4	Farness from green spaces	(Goodarzi & Gorjianzadeh, 2016)
king lots	Gd5	No mechanization	(Shahi, 2014: 91)
Park	Gd6	Not being boarding	(Ebrahimi Jam & Ahmadian, 2013: 54)
Ъ	Gd7	Improper facilities	(Afandizadeh & Rahimi: 2011)
	Gd8	Low capacity	Field studies (observation)
	Gd9	Farness from healthcare centers	(Goodarzi & Gorjianzadeh, 2016)
50	Ge1	Incompatibility	(Mohammadi and Rezaei, 2012: 117)
Fuel stations	Ge2	Low safety	(Mohammadi and Rezaei, 2012: 117)
Fuel s	Ge3	Low comfort	Mohammadi Deh Cheshmehet al.,) (2018
	Ge4	Poor efficiency	(Rahnema and Farghani, 2008: 82)
	Ge5	Poor access to main passages	(Alavi et al., 2016: 14)

	Land uses	Cod e	Barriers	References
ľ		Ge6	Low frequency	Field studies (observation)

Table 7: Barriers to making public transport intelligent

(Rana,2018:5)	Problems with internet networks	H1
Field studies (observation)	Incompatible location of intelligent installations	H2
Field studies (observation)	Improper access to intelligent transport	Н3
Field studies (observation)	Lack of intelligent technical facilities	H4
Field studies (observation)	Distress of existing facilities	Н5
Field studies (observation)	Lack of centralized training facilities	Н6
Field studies (observation)	Physical security weaknesses	H7
Field studies (observation)	Physical Weaknesses in Safety	Н8
Field studies (observation)	Weakness of diversity of intelligent installations	Н9
(Rana,2018:5)	Problems repairing intelligent systems	H10

Table 9: Urban hazards affecting the underdevelopment of public transport in Ahvaz

Dimensions of hazards	Sub-indicators of hazards	Code	Barriers	References
	Urban	Ia1	Mass strife	(Afshani, 2015: 79)
Human	movements			(Schafer, 2018: 1) (Nikpour et al., 2015: 129)
		Ia2	Strikes	(Mohammadi Deh Cheshmeh and
		Ia3	Illegal	Alizadeh, 2016: 146)
			demonstrations	(Domaradzka ,2018 :607)
				(Kostka et al ,2017 :368)
				(Mohammadi Deh Cheshmehet al., 2018(
	Hazards of	Ib1	Fire)Hassanpour et al., 2016)
	technology	Ib2	Accidents	(Kalsi et al,2018:148)
		Ib3	Hazards of	(simah tav,2017: 318)
			components and	Field Studies (Interviewing)
			materials	
	Social damages	Ic1	Vandalism)Mohammadi Deh Cheshmehet al., 2013:
		Ic2	Traffic rules violations	78(
Natural	Hydrology	Id1	Inundation of the	Field Studies (Interviewing)
			Karun River	
		Id2	Pollution of the	
			Karun River	
		Id3	Reduction in the debi	
			of the Karun River	

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		Ic2	Traffic rules	78(
			violations	
		Id4	High levels of	
		Id5	underground water Flooded passages	
	Climate	Ie1	Flood	Field Studies (observation)
		Ie2	Increase in air temperature	(Khosravi et al., 2014: 57(
	Pollutions	If1	Dust	(Fattahi, 2017: 311) (Shi etal., 2018: 248)
				(Lipfert, 2017: 87)
		If2	Noise pollution	Field Studies (observation)
		If3	Industrial pollution	
		If4	Visual pollution	
		If5	Acid rains	(Kazemian et al., 2016: 105)
	Geology	Ij1	Earthquake	(Zarghami et al., 2016: 77-95)
		Ij2	Landslide	Field Studies (Interviewing)
		lj3	Land subsidence	Field Studies (Interviewing)

Summary of results

As we have considered several operational objectives in the thesis, a summary of the results of these objectives is given below:

Explaining and analyzing managerial political barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis

Regardless of the shortcomings in modern urban management policies, the historical roots of the forms and institutions in cities for urban management in developing countries require to be properly understood and emphasized. In the urban public transport management sector, these shortcomings are also evident. In Iran, in addition to the barriers of urban public transport management, political aspects are also involved in underdevelopment, so that some of these barriers are outside the realm of urban management chart, and are rooted in political issues and unofficial relationships. Under such circumstances analysis of these barriers

at different management levels is one of the essentials of transport planning. Since these barriers are not remedied in the short term, these barriers need to be identified in terms of the importance of effectiveness and affectedness, and then to prioritize each of the political-managerial barriers at national, provincial, urban levels and the level of eight districts of the city.

Transport casualties are more than 80% lower in countries in which public transport is developed, leading to reduction in the length of travel time estimated as high as 50% in some cases. In contrast, in many developing countries the public transport system is inefficient. There are many barriers involved in this inefficiency, one of which is political-managerial barriers. But for reasons, largely political and managerial, it has challenged the achievement of some of these goals. The barriers outside the organizational structure are urban management rooted in national policies and unofficial relationships serving as political barriers to urban public transportation.

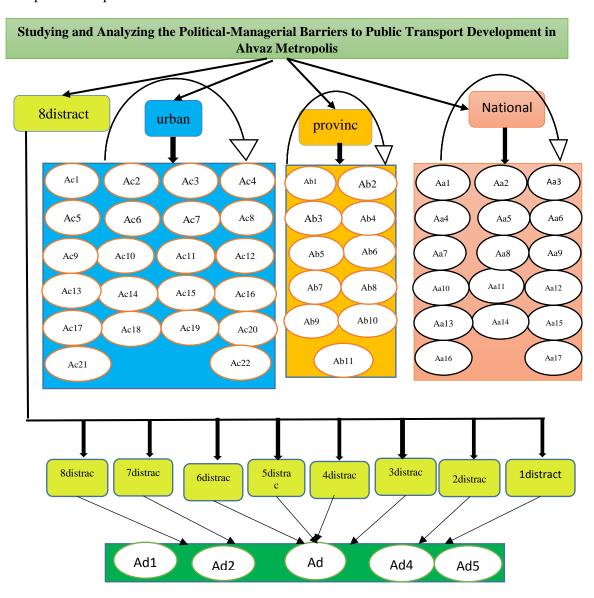


Figure 2: the networking process of political-managerial barriers to public transport in Ahvaz metropolis

The results displayed that the political-managerial barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz can be divided into four categories: political-managerial barriers at national level (17 factors), provincial level (11 factors), urban management level (22 factors) and the level of eight district of Ahvaz Municipality (5 factors). To this end, the DEMATEL technique was used to identify the four influential and effective management levels. The technique final results indicated that the effectiveness and affectedness of the political-managerial barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz varied across national, provincial and urban levels. Accordingly, Iranian management instability was the most effective political-managerial barrier, and the poor codified laws was the most affected barrier at the national level. At the provincial level, too, managers' reliance on upstream political support is the most effective barrier to effective barriers, and the absence of indigenous plans in the province's plans is the main affected barriers. The issue of land rent from transport projects is the most affected factors, and the most effective barriers for managers' non-observance of the law is the most effective barrier at the urban management levels. At the level of management of the eight districts of Ahvaz, the results of the analysis also varied. In District 1, neglecting neighborhood differences in terms of planning is the most effective factor, and lack of propagation for preserving and maintaining the infrastructures was the least effective factor. Ethnic-linguistic discrimination was the most effective factor and poor neighborhood planning, and poor planning in neighborhoods was the most affectedness factor in urban neighborhood service provision. In District 2 of Ahvaz, is the most effective factor lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining infrastructures was the most affected factor, and ethnic-linguistic discrimination was the most effective factor in urban neighborhood services. In District 3 of Ahvaz, the order of effectiveness and affectedness is the same as District 2. In District 4 of Ahvaz metropolis, lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining infrastructures is the most affectedness factor, and poor neighborhood planning is the most effective barrier to urban transport development, in addition, in district 5 of Ahvaz metropolis, poor neighborhood planning and lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining the infrastructures are the most effective and affected factors, respectively. In District 6, the effectiveness and affectedness degrees are reverse compared to District 5. In Area 7, neglecting neighborhood differences in terms of planning and ethnic-linguistic discrimination in service provision to urban neighborhoods has the least effectiveness, and lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining infrastructures has the least affectedness.

Finally, in District 8 of Ahvaz, neglecting the differences between neighborhoods in terms of planning and lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining the infrastructures are the most effective and affected factors, respectively. The ANP model was employed to determine the highest and the least effective political-managerial barriers to public transport. Its results showed that at the national level, centralized planning, at the provincial level, the poor organizational culture, at the urban management level, long-term delays in project implementation are the most important barriers to public transport development. moreover, at the level of eight districts of Ahvaz metropolis, in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, respectively, neglecting neighborhood differences in terms of planning, lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining infrastructures, neglecting neighborhood sustainability, lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining Infrastructure, lack of propagation in preserving and maintaining Infrastructure, neglecting neighborhood differences in terms of planning and neglecting neighborhood differences in terms of planning are the most important barriers to public transport development of Ahvaz metropolis.

Explaining and analyzing the economic barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis;

The economic barriers are different in terms of each dimension of vehicles, land use, and making intelligence, as shown in the figure below.

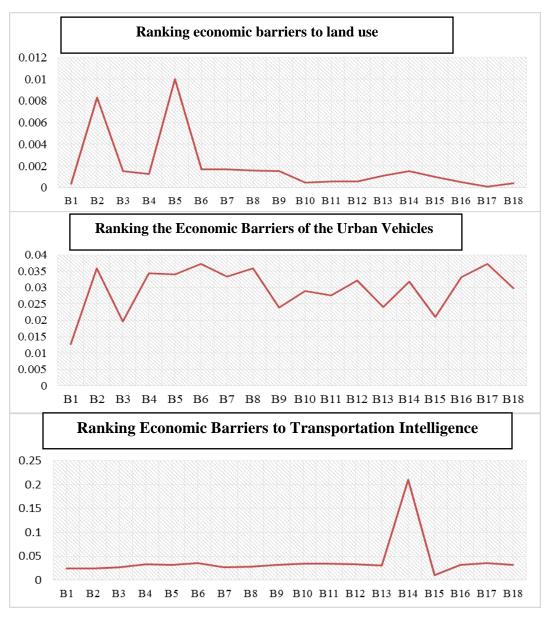




Figure 3. Ranking economic barriers to public transport in Ahvaz metropolis

But in general, it can be said that the lack of (B5) (B2) and (B4) credits are respectively the economic barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz, which illustrates Figure 3 of this ranking.

Explaining and analyzing the socio-cultural barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis;

Given the importance of cultural and social issues in transport planning, this study explores the social cultural barriers in each of the segments of society (women, children, the elderly and the physically disabled) and in each of the current transport modes (bus and taxi uses, cycling, and walking) in Ahvaz have been explored, for example the results of women's cultural and social barriers:

In this study, 30 items were analyzed in four public transport modes in Ahvaz. These barriers were categorized as sociocultural barriers to walking (12 factors), taxi transport (6 factors), bus transport (6 factors), and cycling (6 factors). In the following paragraphs, how these barriers affect public transport is investigated.

Cycling culture, as one of the ways to achieve green transportation, still has no place in underdeveloped countries, especially among Iranian women. Although there is no prohibition on women's cycling in civil law, but there are social and cultural issues. That has prevented women from using bicycles. Women are less likely to use bicycles because of the lack of cycling culture, lack of proper cycling paths, uncommonness of cycling in Iranian society, inappropriateness of cycling, humiliating views on cyclers, and relatives'/families' disapproval.

In metropolis like Ahvaz, where some of the streets are crowded with evil people, women face numerous barriers while walking. These types of harassment range from beeping to verbal and non-verbal sexual harassments. Strangers' harassments include both verbal and nonverbal behaviors. In Ahvaz, there are many women who are victims of street harassments or abuses. Verbal and physical harassments, braking, carswerving, rubbing, jerking, whistling, inappropriate gestures, and asking for girls' and asking women's phone numbers are examples of women's barriers to walking. According to interviewees, most victims of these harassments escape or relocate to get out of the harasser's access or at least not to hear their voices quickly as possible. There are few women who protest or raise their voices when facing street harassments. Among the most common street harassments is taunting girls and women. Taunting can be abusive, may be a misconception or much worse mockery, sexual description of women's appearance. However, girls need to be taunted because of their features. According to interviews with four women, the authors found that women were exposed to inappropriate and annoying words while walking. Outside the age range,

clothing, height, age, job type, marital status, etc., most women were confronted by taunting. Walking women said that they were accustomed to it. Others stated that they were abused. As long as the sidewalks are filled with such sentences, one cannot expect women to walk comfortably without stress. This causes women to use a personal car for daily activities, even on short trips. Such barriers are usually not palpable that we can eliminate or change in the short term. These issues are rooted in culture of using public places. This is the issue that solves only with education; urbanism education that defines the urban lifestyles is the only way to save ourselves from such problems.

Research shows that women travel by bus more often than men. However, there are numerous sociocultural barriers that reduce the tendency of women of Ahvaz to use buses. Gender segregation due to delayed arrival and getting off is one of the social barriers to the development of public transport in Iran because not only getting on and off of the buses waste passengers' time, but also leads to increase traffics in the main passages, as there is no special bus routes in Ahvaz and buses use routes common for all other vehicles. Alongside gender segregation, there is also a spatial inequality in buses relative to women's status. This low space creates more problems especially for pregnant women because they need to sit on seats due to their physical conditions, but these seats may be saturated by other younger and non-pregnant women who, if they do not wish to give up their seats, the sociocultural barrier becomes more visible. Another barrier reducing women's acceptance of public transport is the difficulty with carrying stuff and supplies. Women who want to shop, especially in the city's commercial centers, find it difficult to travel in this way, given the low bus space and the amount of stuff they have. In addition to drivers' perceived malice and inappropriate behaviors, these are women's sociocultural barriers to use the buses in Ahvaz.

Another mode of public transport in Ahvaz that deals with transportation of citizens and stuff is taxi driving. In this mode of transport, there are numerous sociocultural barriers. It has been observed that in taxis when a woman is seated in the back seat and a male passenger is seated next to her, the male passenger may not observe the distance and have a sexual look at the woman. So she is forced to stick herself to the taxi door for shame and prudence utile she will reach her destination. These men's behaviors engender insecurity for women traveling alone in the city. At this point, when there is only one woman sitting in a cab based on the values in Iran, the logic is to give the front seat to the woman, but some people are reluctant to give the front seat to the women. This is another cultural barrier to be investigated. Other sociocultural barriers to using taxis are setting the taxi mirror towards women's faces. This factor, besides starting pointless conversations with women, make taxis insecure for women. Another women's barrier to using public transport may be drivers' touch of women's hands when they are paying taxi fares.

After explaining these barriers and understanding how they affect public transport, we now need to analyze them in the study area. To this end, questionnaires were distributed among 400 women living in eight districts of Ahvaz (Figure 2).

As shown in Figure (4), 69% of the participants are married. In terms of age, 50% of them were 16 to 25 years old. Moreover, a low percentage of them were women aged 56 years and above, accounting for 3% of the sample. In terms of employment, 47% of them were students, and only 4% were self-employed. In terms of education, the lowest percentage of participants held elementary education (6%), and the highest percentage of them held in bachelor's degree (47%). This difference is also seen in the way public transport is used. Of the four current public transport modes, 47% of the sample used buses, 2% bicycles, 42% taxis, and 9% walking.

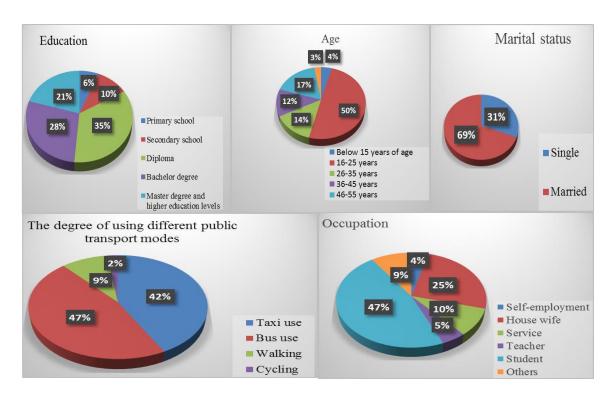


Fig. 4: women's demographic characteristics and their degree of use of four public transport modes

Since public transport in Ahvaz has four modes of bus driving, taxi driving, walking, and cycling, and the barriers vary in each age group of women and in their mode of transport (group or individual modes), there is a need to investigate the sociocultural barriers in the four modes in order to prioritize the effectiveness of each public transport mode and determine which sociocultural barriers in which age group prevail in each of public transport mode. The significance of this prioritization is that because urban organizations are not able to address these barriers altogether, cross-sectional elimination of these barriers is adopted. So, we prioritize these barriers in terms of effectiveness. To prioritize these barriers, the ARAS model is used, the results of which are shown in Table (10) and its effects on age groups is displayed in in Figure (5).

Table 10. Final results of the ARAS mode

Items			Age gr	oup			Mode o	of transport		
	Under 15	16-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	Above 56	Group	Individual	Total utility	Final
Weight of criteria	0.385	0.865	0.798	0.668	0.436	0.265	0.236	0.365		weight
Hypothetical ideal	0.0027	0.0360	0.0322	0.0271	0.0238	0.001	0.0121	0.0190	0.1541	
Da ₁	0.0122	0.0360	0.0280	0.0260	0.0134	0.0012	0.0089	0.0190	0.1445	0.9334
Da ₂	0.0292	0.0287	0.0309	0.0268	0.0236	0.0036	0.0090	0.0189	0.1707	0.1030
Da ₃	0.0122	0.0329	0.0323	0.0218	0.0098	0.0203	0.0090	0.0153	0.1535	0.9921
Da ₄	0.0100	0.0359	0.0307	0.0237	0.0101	0.0049	0.0109	0.0194	0.1455	0.9404

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Da ₆	0.0098	0.0124	0.0094	0.0124	00066	0.0073	0.0056	0.0131	0.0766	0.4952
Da ₇	0.0174	0.0351	0.0309	0.0274	0.0162	0.0053	0.0057	0.0130	0.1510	0.9755
Da ₈	0.0174	0.0329	0.0292	0.0223	0.0161	0.0091	0.0046	0.0044	0.1360	0.8788
Da ₉	0.0086	0.0329	0.0267	0.0261	0.0200	0.0069	0.0080	0.0077	0.1367	0.8830
Da ₁₀	0.0261	0.0283	0.0270	0.0235	0.0145	0.0135	0.0072	0.0082	0.1482	0.9578
Da ₁₁	0.0100	0.0347	0.0302	0.0102	0.0000	0.0140	0.0080	0.0118	0.1189	0.7684
Da ₁₂	0.0269	0.0141	0.0253	0.0234	0.0183	0.0000	0.0080	0.0056	0.1215	0.7853
Db ₁	0.0074	0.0090	0.0085	0.0075	0.0061	0.0118	0.0034	0.0049	0.0586	0.3784
Db ₂	0.0122	0.0360	0.0280	0.0260	00134	0.0055	0.0080	0.0190	0.1479	0.9558
Db ₃	0.0292	0.0287	0.0309	0.0268	0.0236	0.0036	0.0090	0.0189	0.1707	1.1030
Db ₄	0.0122	0.0329	0.0323	0.0201	0.0098	0.0203	0.0090	0.0153	0.1519	0.9813
Db ₅	0.0100	0.0359	0.0307	0.0274	0.0146	0.0049	0.0109	0.0194	0.1538	0.9936
Db ₆	0.0174	0.0324	0.0309	0.0223	0.0129	0.0014	0.0080	0.0082	0.1334	0.8621
Dc ₁	0.0098	0.0124	0.0094	0.0124	0.0066	0.0073	0.0056	0.0131	0.0766	0.4952
Dc ₂	0.0174	0.0351	0.0309	0.0274	0.0162	0.0053	0.0057	0.0130	0.1510	0.9755
Dc ₃	0.0074	0.0193	0.0264	0.0262	0.0225	0.0091	0.0105	0.0115	0.1329	0.8587
Dc ₄	0.0017	0.0181	0.0208	0.0218	0.0190	0.0219	0.0000	0.0000	0.1033	0.6675
Dc ₅	0.0027	0.0117	0.0142	0.0198	0.0190	0.0175	0.0034	0.0176	0.01061	0.6858
Dc ₆	0.0101	0.0178	0.0181	0.0224	0.0224	0.0215	0.0105	0.0107	0.1335	0.8623
Dd ₁	0.0007	0.0359	0.0302	0.0237	0.0132	0.0220	0.0004	0.0000	0.1259	0.8135
Dd ₂	0.0074	0.0090	0.0085	0.0075	0.0061	0.0063	0.0034	0.0049	0.0531	0.3428
Dd ₃	0.0091	0.0353	0.0306	0.0174	0.0129	0.0055	0.0114	0.0113	0.1335	0.8627
Dd ₄	0.0091	0.0347	0.0266	0.0223	0.0132	0.0075	0.0079	0.0066	0.1279	0.8266
Dd ₅	0.0194	0.0359	0.0309	0.0239	0.0120	0.0016	0.0122	0.0153	0.1513	0.9773
Dd ₆	0.0024	0.0329	0.0264	0.0199	0.0070	0.0030	0.0120	0.0116	0.1150	0.7431

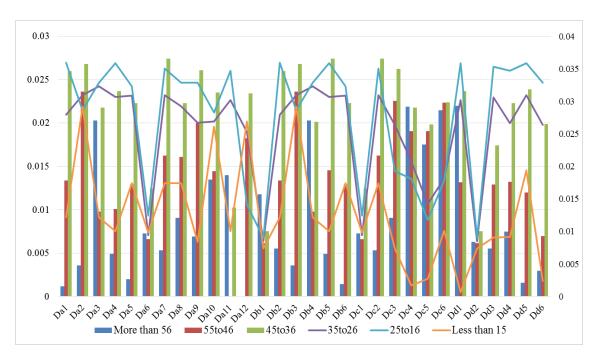


Figure 5. Effects of sociocultural barriers on the use of public transport in terms of age

As illustrated in Figure (3), for women aged under 15 years, (Da2) is the most effective sociocultural barrier on walking, but it is the least effective barrier for women 56 years and above. For women aged 16 to 25 years, the most effective sociocultural barriers are taunting (Da1) and sexism look (Da4). This difference is also evident for women aged 26 to 35, with women of this age group being the most likely to be chased (Da3). But for women aged 36 to 45, deliberate jogs by evil people (Da6) have the most and least effects on walking, respectively.

In the women aged 45 to 56 years, evil people's aggregation (Da6) is the least effective barrier to women's walking. Analysis of women's sociocultural barriers to bus use shows that the most effective barriers are men's sexual views (Db1), problems with carrying supplies and stuff (Db5), inappropriate drivers' behaviors (Db6), and space inequality (Db1) in the age groups below 15 years, 16 to 25 years, 26 to 35 years, 36 to 45 years, 46 to 55 years and 56 years and above, respectively. Analyzing women's sociocultural barriers to cycling also shows that for women aged 56 years and above, ridicule (Dc3); for women 46 to 55 years, social disapproval (Dc5) and sexism look (Dc1) were the least and the most effective barriers. Also ridicule (Dc3) was found to be the most effective barrier for women aged 36 to 45 years. Women of Ahvaz, aged 26 to 35 years, also believe that sexism look (Dc1) and social considerations (Dc6) have the most and least effective sociocultural barriers, respectively. In this regard, sexism look (Dc1) is the most important obstacle for women under 16 who are most likely to use bicycles. There is a difference in the ranking of sociocultural barriers to taxi use by age in the territory under study, such that, according to this mode of transport, from small to large, non-transfer of front seats (Dd2) is the same for all; But the gendered looks factor by other travelers (Dd6) is more for women aged 16 to 25 years than other age groups. Drivers' touch of women's hands when they are paying fares (Dd4) is more for women aged 16 to 25 than those aged 36-45 years. Assignment of front seat to women (Dd2) is the same for women aged 36 to 45 and 26 to 35 years. Ultimately, no observation of distance (Dd1) is lower for women aged 15 years and below.

These barriers are also different in terms of women traveling individually or in groups. This difference is illustrated in Fig. 6, showing that sexism looks (Da4), men's sexual looks (Db5), relatives'/families'

disapproval (Dc4), and drivers' pointless conversations (Dd5) are the most effective barriers to walking, bus use, cycling and taxi use, respectively.

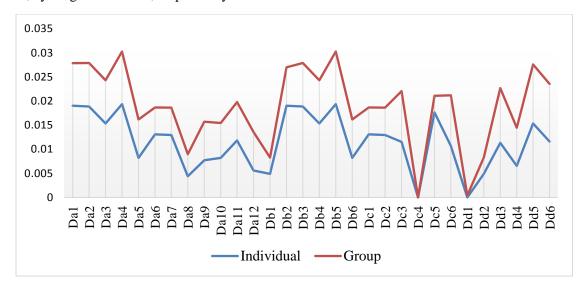


Figure 6. Ranking of women's sociocultural barriers to using public transport in terms of individual and group trips

After analyzing the sociocultural barriers of women in terms of age groups and individual or group trip patterns, these barriers need to be ranked in order to determine what barriers women in Ahwaz face when using four modes of public transportation. Figure 7 illustrates these barriers

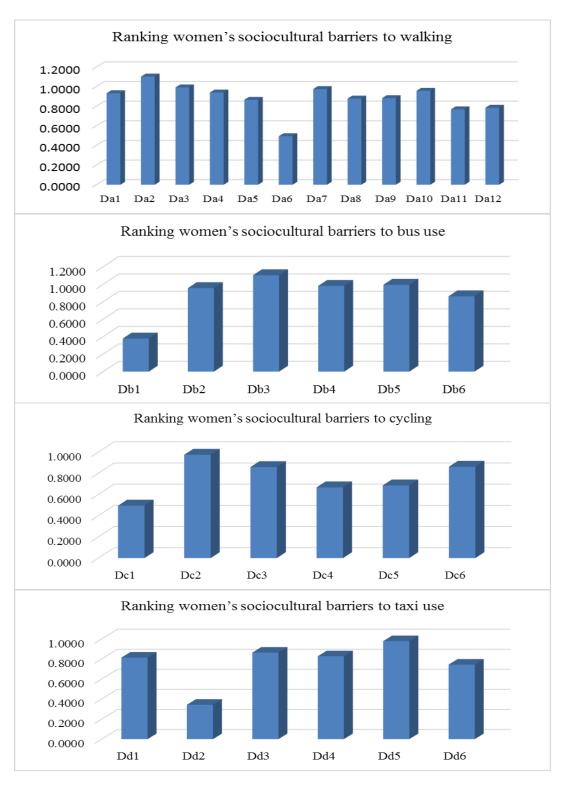


Figure 7: ranking women's sociocultural barriers to using four public transport modes in

After ranking women's sociocultural barriers in each of the public transport modes, their spatial differences should now be identified. To this end, zoning is needed. The Kriging interpolation method is used for zoning. This model's inputs are both raw data that are the citizens' views, and certain points in the city.

After collecting the necessary data, it is now necessary to identify the geographical analysis of each of the women's sociocultural barriers to using the public transport modes in Ahvaz. Figure 6 illustrates the overlay of the barriers to using the four public transport modes.

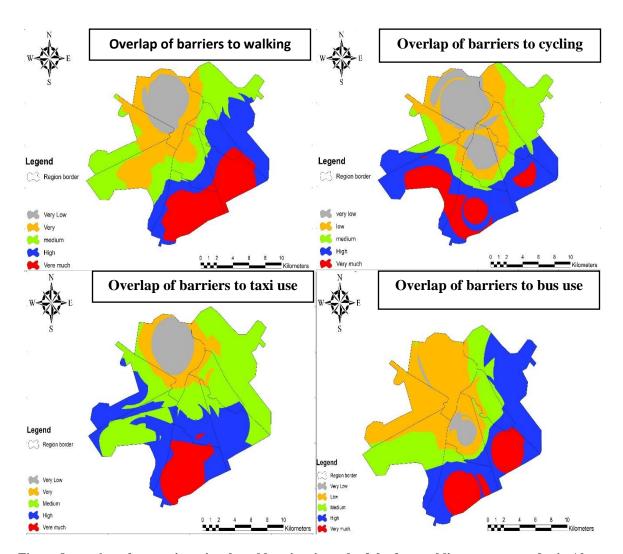


Figure 8: overlay of women's sociocultural barriers in each of the four public transport modes in Ahvaz

As illustrated in Fig. 8, the spatial differences of women's sociocultural barriers to using public transport in Ahvaz differ in the use of public transport modes. The overlay of women's sociocultural barriers during cycling indicates that the largest area of districts 1 and 2 is in the low range. But the largest area of district 3 is in the middle range. Also the southern areas of the city, such as districts 4, 6 and 8 are in the high and very high ranges. In other words, women sociocultural barriers to cycling in Ahwaz are such that the further one moves from south to north, the greater these barriers are.

Zoning women's sociocultural barriers to walking also shows that the further one moves from north to south and from east to west, these lower these barriers are. Regional analysis of these factors shows that district 4 is the most unfavorable range because over 90% of its area is in the high and very high ranges. District 2 is the most favorable because all its area is in the low and very low ranges. But, four low, medium, high, and very high ranges uniformly cover the area of the district 1. In addition, the overlay of women's

sociocultural barriers to bus use across Ahvaz is different, as the city' widest area is in the high range. This range is higher as one moves from south to north and west to east. A more detailed analysis of this determines that districts 4 and 8 are the least favorable and 3 are the most favorable zones.

This spatial difference in barriers to taxi use is also evident in the study area, as the highest urban area being in the middle range, the southern and western parts of the city being in the high and very high ranges. It covers the most barriers in the southernmost areas of city, i.e. district 4. District 2 is only less than 10% in the medium range, but more than 90 % of it in the very high range. After measuring the sociocultural barriers to the four public transport modes, it is now necessary to overlay all barriers to draw the final map of women's sociocultural barriers to using public transport (Figure 9).

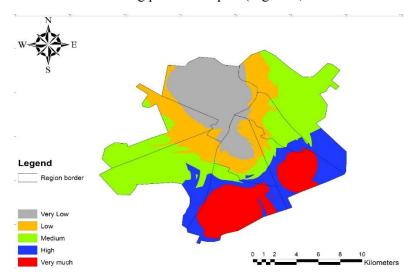


Figure 9: final overlay of women's sociocultural barriers to using public transport in

As illustrated in figure 7, most of the city's area is in the medium range and the lowest area is in the very high range. In other words, the more one moves from north to south, the greater the barriers are. A regional view of this map reveals that about 90% of districts 4 and 8 are in the high and very high ranges, and 30% of district 3 is in the high range. These areas are less favorable than other districts of Ahvaz, but district 2 is the most favorable zone because its entire area is in the low and very low ranges.

Explaining and analyzing the psychological barriers of not using public transport in Ahvaz metropolis;

Therefore, no use of public transport apart from infrastructure issues such as fleet depletion, fleet shortages, economic issues, socio-cultural barriers, environmental issues and the management weaknesses of psychological barriers are also effective in preventing public transport use because psychological barriers are also one of the barriers to the development of public transport. Understanding citizens' psychological factors via public transport can have important implications for urban transport policies as well as its promotion and management. The urban public transport system in all Iranian cities also has a number of psychological problems hindering not using. This issue varies in different cities due to the cultural, social and environmental diversity of Iranian cities and citizens' psychological characteristics.

In this paper, the psychological barriers to not using four public transport modes were measured and prioritized. This prioritization is significant because the relevant organizations are not capable of removing these barriers in one place and they need to be addressed in a cross-sectional method at different points of time, so they need to be prioritized. These barriers were then zoned across the city. The final zoning results showed that the psychological barriers to not using public transport in Zone 1 are very high because more than 85% of the area is in this range. Zone 2 has the least psychological barriers to not using public

transportation because most of its zones are in the low and very low range. Zone 3 also has the most psychological barriers to public transport use after Zone 1, as more than 90% of it is in the very high range and less than 5% is in the very low range. In addition, about 15% of Zone 4 is in the mid-range and other zones are in the high range. The analysis in Zone 5 also indicates that the medium, high, and low ranges divide it into relatively equal parts. Overlapping psychological barriers to not using public transport in Zone 6 shows that the medium range is its lowest area, the difference is also seen in zone 7, because the high and medium range have the highest and the lowest area respectively. Make it up. Finally, Zone 8 is only in the medium range, with only three small zones comprising 10% of the total area, but 90% of it is in the high range.

In sum, this study proved that in not using public transport apart from infrastructure issues such as fleet burnout, fleet shortage, economic issues, socio-cultural barriers, environmental issues and management weaknesses, psychological barriers are also effective on not using public transport. Thus, psychological barriers are also one group of barriers to the public transport development, and these (psychological) barriers are the missing link of urban planning and management. These barriers also vary from place to place with respect to the natural environment, the human environment, and the psychological processes. This research privileged compared to other studies in terms of accurate, scientific and comprehensive identification, ranking, zoning and their application in measuring psychological barriers to not using four public transport modes in the city. So far, little research has been done in this area.

Explaining and analysis of urban morphology barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis

The public transport system is not sufficiently inefficient in developing countries, especially Iran. This inefficiency contributes to various inefficiencies such as economic, infrastructure, political, managerial and social-cultural barriers. Significant changes in urban morphology have been combined with spatial, socioeconomic, and organizational factors. Understanding such urban morphological factors on public transport is vital because sometime it is the form of a city that determines the mode of paths and passages, and especially accesses via natural elements and factors. Furthermore, in urban geological analysis, one of the factors affecting land use is in fact the road network structure and land use are the basic constituents of a city. Although it is difficult to provide definitive conclusions about the effect of the city shape on transportation because many indirect factors are also involved (such as vehicle speed or congestion), however, the morphology of the city can somehow affect transport performance. Thus, one group of the barriers to the development of public transport in particularly in metropolises are urban morphological barriers.

Research Findings: The results indicate that urban dispersion (Ea1) with the weight of 0.0322, the oil company buildings (Ek1) with the weight of 0.02089, and exogenous development (Ef2) of urban horizontal expansion with the weight of 0.0392 engender the highest morphological barriers to of public transport development in Ahvaz. Also imbalance of fuel supply stations (Ei1) with the weight of 0.0056, lack of special public transport lines (Eg1) with the weight of 0.0069, and population imbalance (Eh1) with the weight of 0.0093 impose the lowest morphological barriers affecting the of public transport development in Ahvaz.

It also confirmed that urban morphological barriers have different effects on each mode of public transport, and these effects can be rated in each mode of transport, so that for large scale industries such as steel (Ec1), the most effects on cycling are in industrial dispersed installations. There are numerous facilities in four parts of the city (Ec2) that have the lowest effects on taxi driving. In terms of unfavorable urban landscape, all of its items have the greatest effects on cycling and the lowest effects on taxi driving. But among these factors the irregularity of various modes of public transport (Eb5) is the greatest barrier to public transport

development. Urban sprawl has the greatest effect on walking, low-rise buildings (Ef1) have the most effects on cycling, and exogenous development (Ef2) has the most and least effects on bicycles and taxi driving, respectively. Among four urban decay measures, the total of these modes cause underdevelopment of cycling compared to other modes, but a closer look reveals that narrow passage widths (Ee1) have the greatest effects on cycling and the lowest effects on walking. However, decay of the major urban arteries (Ee2) has the lowest effects on the underdevelopment of taxi driving in Ahvaz. Moreover, the Karun River crossing Ahvaz had the greatest effects on the underdevelopment of cycling and then bus transportation. Inappropriate zoning of different land uses in Ahvaz is another barrier to public transport development. Its effects vary according to the type of land use and different modes of public transportation such as poor zoning of commercial land uses (Ei6) in the underdeveloped taxi driving system of Ahvaz. poor zoning of religious land uses (Ei5), poor zoning of green space land uses, (Ei4), poor zoning of sports centers (Ei8), poor zoning of health-care applications (Ei3), poor zoning of educational applications (Ei2) and lack of balance at fuel stations (Ei1), poor zoning of educational land uses (Ei2), and poor zoning of religious land uses (Ei5) has the greatest development barriers, and poor zoning of health care land uses (Ei3) has the lowest barriers to development affecting underdevelopment of bus driving. The effects of this irregular zoning on cycling and walking are also evident, as zoning pf commercial land uses (Ei6) and zoning of green space land uses (Ei4) are the greatest barriers to cycling and walking development in Ahvaz, respectively. The order of the effects of the existence of many military land uses is that in clean transport it has the most and in motor transport it has the lowest effects. The situation is the same in terms of the existence of large oil installations.

Zoning these barriers in the city confirms that in terms of the dispersed industrial installations northwest of the Ahvaz metropolis is quite favorable and its south is quite unfavorable. However, most of Ahvaz is in the medium range. West of Ahvaz city is considered to be completely unfavorable due to unfavorable landscape and the smallest urban area in south is completely unfavorable. In terms of urban sprawl, other than the fact that the most area of the city is in the completely unfavorable range, the more we move from west to east, it is more deteriorated. In terms of the effects of the oil installations that occupy a large part of the Ahwaz oilfield, the west of Ahvaz with the smallest area is in quite favorable range, but most of the city is in the medium range. Zoning land uses as one of the factors driving urban planning goals is also intertwined in Ahvaz so that the more we move from south to north, the more unfavorable it becomes. But in terms of poor condensation zoning, the city's smallest area is completely unfavorable and most of its areas are in the medium range. Also, in terms of vehicle-oriented urbanization, a small area of the west and another at the center are quite favorable, but most of the city is in the medium to slightly favorable range. The horizontal extension of the city is most moderate and the smallest in the spectrum is quite unfavorable, but its west is quite favorable. In terms of the effects of a national railroad crossing that has increased traffic jams at railroad points, the more we move from west to east the more unfavorable conditions are, but the more favorable conditions are in the south and southwest. In terms of distressed urban textures, this difference can also be seen in the city, with the largest city area being slightly favorable, but the most favorable zones are in the west and northeast of the city.

The significance of the research findings is that they are consistent with the strategies of the Second Five-Year Development Plan of Ahvaz. Because one of the strategies of this plan in the transport and traffic sector has been to identify barriers to transport development in different dimensions through which this study has investigated the morphological barriers of public transport development. Another significant point of this study is to categorize the effects of urban morphological barriers on different modes of public transport in Ahvaz. This classification can guide transportation policy makers to differentiate each public transport mode from the morphological barriers of each of the modes separately. This kind of classification makes one of the bus and taxi driving companies of the Municipality of Ahvaz be self-aware of the effects

of urban morphology on the transport fleet, and the road and urban organization be aware of these barriers to walking and cycling paths. Generally speaking, findings of the present study can be used by the municipality, housing and urban planning organization, military departments, oil companies, and small and large companies in order that they can cooperate and organize the morphology of Ahvaz and its public transport can take a step closer to development.

Explaining and analyzing the physical barriers of public transport vehicles in Ahvaz metropolis;

the public transport system plays a significant role in reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gases. By reducing private vehicles, vehicle congestion, and travel distances due to the use of public transport, millions of liters of gasoline can be stored and carbon dioxide emissions increased. However, in order to achieve these public transport objectives, it faces numerous economic, political, managerial, infrastructure, and other barriers. Public transport fleet in Ahvaz metropolis has a number of barriers that slow down the mode of public transport development. urban bus and taxi uses are two modes of motor travels in Ahvaz that need to be analyzed besides other infrastructural issues such as terminals, stations, urban arteries, parking lots, etc. The present paper aims to investigate and analyze the barriers to the development of the public transport system in Ahvaz metropolis with emphasis on the physical barriers of vehicles and assuming that the physical barriers of public transport vehicles vary across the city of Ahvaz. Answering the question what are the barriers to public transport in Ahwaz? And what is the distribution of these barriers across the city?, the present study is to evaluate and analyze these barriers and identify the significance factor of each one in order to prioritize these barriers in terms of effectiveness in Ahvaz transport planning and then zone each of these barriers at the city level and consequently zone Ahvaz as well.

The results indicated that poor quality of curtains and lack of shadows in fleet (Ge8), poor quality of internal health (Ge4) and low quality of seats (Ge7) are the most barriers and disproportionate to poor layers of society (Ge9), lack of fleet (Ge1) and existing fleet exhaustion (Ge2) are the bottom line of the Ahvaz public transport fleet barriers. In addition, these barriers in each bus and taxi fleet have a different effect size as the barriers of Ahvaz taxis are different from those of the buses. This difference is such a way that for taxi uses, lack of fleet (Ge1) and lack of fleet diversity (Ge8) were the highest barriers and existing fleet exhaustion (Ge2) is the lowest barrier to public transport development. But for bus fleet exhaustion (Ge2), weakness of cooling heating system (Ge3) and low safety (Ge5) are the most barriers, and proportionality with the poorest layers of society (Ge9), none of Ahvaz's public transport fleet enjoys diversity (Ge6). The zoning results also displayed that most of Ahwaz's zones are very inappropriate in terms of public transport fleet barriers. North of Ahvaz is more favorable than its south region, west of Ahvaz is more favorable than its east, and west and east of Ahvaz have higher dispersion of ranges than north and south. Districts 2, 4 and 7 are better off than other areas, but District 5 is more inappropriate than others.

Explaining and analysis of barriers to public transport development land use in Ahvaz metropolis

Collective mobility focuses on sharing trips, transport modes, and infrastructures. This can reduce the number of vehicles on roads. Thus, it is important to evaluate and measure transport subsystems. One of the most important of transport subsystems is urban transport as a key element of human and commodity transportation, playing an essential role in the viability of all communities and as a justified choice to avoid unintended urban problems such as road and traffic congestion as well as air pollution. Therefore, urban transport organization is one of the necessities of urban planning. However, transport itself is not such a challenge, but rather a gift. However, it will become a problem when its effects will cause dissatisfaction with the transport network and thereby reduce the quality of urban services. Political-managerial, environmental, physical, and socio-cultural barriers are involved in transportation challenges, most visible of which are physical barriers. These barriers vary in different Iranian cities according to their natural and

human geography, but in Ahvaz City they are effective on preventing Land use barriers to transportation apart from human, environmental, and climate issues. Also, according to Ahvaz Metropolis Second Five Year Development Plan in the field of transportation and traffic, one of the most important strategies of Ahvaz transportation and traffic development is to identify the barriers to transportation development in different dimensions, one of which is the physical barriers to transportation, doubling the significance of doing research in the field. Therefore, these barriers need to be identified and categorized in each public transport infrastructure and land use. The present study aims to investigate the physical barriers of interurban public transport in six dimensions of stations, urban arteries, urban terminals, urban public parking lots, fuel stations, and public transport urban fleet in the eight urban districts of Ahvaz and seek to answer the following question. What are the most important physical barriers to urban transport development of Ahvaz Metropolis? To this end, the study makes attempts to examine and analyze these barriers and identify the significance of each one in order to prioritize them in terms of effectiveness and weight in Ahvaz transportation planning and then zone each of these barriers in Ahvaz.

In sum, this study identified 36 key barriers to each of Ahvaz public transport land use for analyzing the Land use barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz. These barriers were for public transport stations (9 factors), urban arteries (9 factors), urban terminals (9 factors) and public parking lots (9 factors) This classification is such that it encompasses the different public transport modes in Ahvaz such as those used to measure the public transport stations of the bus and taxi stations. In measuring urban arteries, physical barriers to Ahwaz's various public transport modes such as walking as well as bus and taxi driving were considered. In assessing the barriers related to urban terminals in Ahvaz, eight existing terminals were evaluated. Due to the lack of accurate statistics on types of urban public parking lots such as mechanized and non-mechanized parking, flat or floored, marginal etc. public parking lots, barriers to urban parking lots are generally evaluated inadequate access, organizational carving, weakness of the heating and cooling system, avoidance of health centers, lack of fleet and incompatibility are the major barriers to stations, urban arteries, terminals, parking lots, urban transport fleets and fuel stations, respectively. In addition, zoning these barriers also depicts that most of Ahvaz's zones in terms of stations, urban arteries, urban terminals, parking lots, transport fleets and fuel stations were in the range of relatively inappropriate, relatively inappropriate, relatively inappropriate, relatively inappropriate, and moderately appropriate levels, respectively.

The present study employed barriers covering each of the six physical dimensions. We then need to rank these barriers to identify the most effective barriers to each of the six dimensions of physical barriers (stations, urban terminals, urban arteries, public parking lots, fuel stations, and transport fleets). The significance of this ranking is that the underlying organizations are not capable of removing all of them at a given time, and removing these berries over certain courses of time is important. To this end, we performed each of the barriers to the six dimensions separately. Until these criteria are met, the extent of the barriers to each of the physical dimensions will be identified; and public transport development planning was facilitated. Eliminating existing barriers is among public transport development strategies. The research findings can be generalized and employed by the Municipal Transport and Traffic Departments, the Urban Housing Agency, the Reconstruction and Renovation Organization, and other related agencies. Collecting and extracting multiple barriers to public transport in each of the applications and categorizing them as a package that informs the related organizations of the status quo one of the significance of the research findings which depict that the geographical distribution of these barriers in the study area is known.

Explaining and analyzing barriers to making public transport intelligent in Ahvaz

In Ahvaz metropolis, when it comes to transport, the traditional ways of running the transport business come to mind. The congestion of vehicles and passengers, the disruption of public transport, and the

tendency to use public transport on the one hand, and the lack of intelligent transport infrastructure and no intelligent transport infrastructure along with economic problems and barriers caused by urban managers are among the main barriers to using public transport. The intercity transport system in Ahvaz is in poor conditions. It lacks sufficient and efficient intelligent devices, for example. In some areas and even throughout the metropolis, there is no the simplest intelligent equipment such as video surveillance cameras, traffic flows cameras, variable message sign (VMS), making intersections intelligent, speed control cameras, Automated license plate readers (ALPRs) cameras, electronic public transport fleet fares payment, automatic vehicle location) (AVL), vehicle height detection and required alerts, and public parking lots information systems.

Reviewing the second five-year development plan of Ahvaz metropolis in the transport and traffic sector over time (2018-2022) proves that the plan is to increase fleet intelligence and productivity of communications networks and transport systems based on existing assets of 40%, while The favorable status of these indicators is 80% according to the same program and 50% is far from the intelligent transport indexes.

Barriers to transport intelligence also have different impact coefficients (physical field) such as inadequate access to intelligent equipment (3H) Internet network problems (1H) incompatible location of intelligent facilities (2H) and most effective factors (2H). 7H) The lack of centralized training facilities (8H) are the most influential physical barriers to intercity public transport Ahvaz.

Explaining and Analyzing Urban Hazards Affecting the Underdevelopment of Public Transport in Ahvaz

Among all types of contamination, dust is the most important, but visual contamination is less effective than other contaminants. Among the tectonic hazards, landslides and earthquakes in Ahvaz have the greatest impact on underdevelopment of public transport. This difference is observed in the hydrological hazards because the floods of the passages and the high groundwater levels are more than other obstacles. In this regard, pollution of the Karun River is the least important factor. Climate hazard analysis also shows that the increase in air temperature is greater than floods and acid rain.

Analyzing and interpreting the human hazards affecting the underdevelopment of public transport in Ahvaz metropolis also show that each of these hazards differs in different dimensions so that among the hazards caused by urban movements there are more mass strikes, strikes and non-destructive factors. Accidents, component hazards, and burning materials are the order of importance of technology-related hazards; and ultimately, the social damage diagram shows that vandalism is more effective than violating traffic laws and risky behaviors.

Solutions

- 1. Codifying written and transparent rules on public transport and its installation in urban passages (national level);
- 2. Applying meritocracy criteria in selecting managers (at the national level);
- 3. Allocating monetary and non-monetary resources to the provincial transport sector based on detailed budgeting forms (at the provincial level);

- 4. Creating a database and information that includes all factors affecting the public transport sector (at the urban management level);
- 5. Prevent unnecessary urban growth and fill the empty spaces of the city in order to facilitate public transport services (at the urban management level);
- 6. Increasing advertisement through digital billboards and billboards to enhance the culture of urbanism to maintain and maintain public transport infrastructure (at the level of urban areas);
- 7. Informing women of their citizenship rights on the basis of the crime of street harassment, because women who suffer abuse can complain about harassment and follow up on the case;
- 8. Establishing an organizational unit consisting of the Department of Psychology, Sociology and Urban Planning in municipalities to collect and measure the socio-cultural barriers of women in public transport use;
- 9. Creating a database for collecting women's socio-cultural information when using public transport;
- 10. Training and applying the variables of this research in the training programs of the relevant organizations to reduce the socio-cultural barriers of women using public transport, especially in the Taxi and Bus Driving Organization;
- 11. Comprehensively viewing each and every public transport land use when preparing and implementing urban plans;
- 12. Severe Judicial Conflicts under Article 687 of the Ta'zir Law of 1996 with Persons Damaging Public Transport Usage Facilities;
- 13. Establishing an organizational unit consisting of the Department of Urban Planning and Psychology in municipalities to collect and assess the psychological barriers to public transport use;
- 14. Creating a database for collecting citizens' psychological information when using public transport;
- 15. Fairly distributing public transport fleets in neighborhoods and urban areas commensurate with the population of each neighborhood and area;
- 16. Diversifying the public transport fleet, especially the taxi that is more diversified;
- 17. Establishing and maintaining public transport fleet cooling and heating system due to inappropriate climate of Ahvaz;
- 18. Teaching travel culture to citizens in keeping the fleet clean, especially bus curtains, seats and etc.;
- 19. Beautifying terminals, stations and other transport-related space for greater efficiency and thus capital flow to the relevant organizations;
- 20. Centralized training in the transport of important passengers, drivers and staff of the relevant organizations; and
- 21. Setting the fare rate in line with inflation indicators and in a specific strategy.

Suggestions for further research

As it turned out, there are many barriers preventing public transport development in Ahvaz. Figure 10 shows the sum of these barriers.

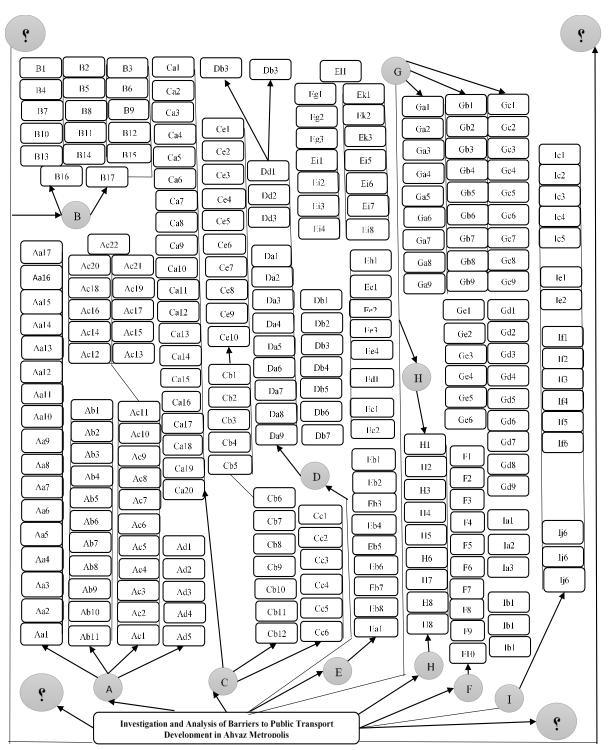


Figure 10. An overview of barriers to public transport development

As seen in the figure. 4, there are four corners of the question mark that indicate that despite the researchers' efforts, the barriers to public transport development still need to be further explored by other researchers. The following topics are therefore recommended to the following researchers:

- 1. Evaluating parents' awareness of the need for public transport fleet in metropolises and its application in children pedagogy (psychological barriers)
- 2. Measuring women's awareness of their citizenship rights when using public transport in metropolitan areas (sociocultural barriers)
- 3. Pathology of urban plans from the perspective of disregarding the barriers of public transport uses (political-managerial barriers)
- 4. Feasibility study of development of intercity water transport in the Karun river of Ahvaz metropolitan area (next to urban morphology barriers);
- 5. Investigating and analyzing barriers to water transport development in the Karun river of Ahvaz metropolis (urban morphology barriers);
- 6. Spatial analysis of the barriers to making bus lines intelligent in Ahvaz (barriers to making intelligent);
- 7. Spatial analysis of the barriers to making taxi driving intelligent in Ahvaz (barriers to making intelligent);
- 8. Spatial analysis of the barriers to making public transport intelligent in Ahvaz metropolis (barriers to making intelligent);
- 9. Spatial analysis of intelligent barriers to public transport development in Ahvaz metropolis (barriers to making intelligent)

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