

Abstract

This study is the pre-assessment of the impacts of rail rapid transit. Hypothesis of this study is that RRT is going to have impacts on land use as well as socio-economic conditions of the people. Lahore Metropolitan area is the study site and it is further divided into 1-3kms of extension to the east and west of the transit route. Under this study we selected six types of land use i.e. residential, commercial, educational, hospitals, industrial and main roads. The sample size was 900 and data is collected through questionnaire surveys, as all study is based on community judgment.

RRT will have impact on land use pattern of the study area and socio-economic well-being of the people. Construction and availability of train will improve the transport facilities as people will switch from old to modern means of conveyance. Moreover, the construction of elevated route will affect the privacy of residential areas. People who have experienced travel on metro bus expect more quality, accessibility, affordability and time safety from the transit train. Data collected and analysis done attests the problem statement. However, people associate this project with political agendas, but somehow they are ready to enjoy a modern mode of conveyance.