

AN ANALYSIS OF PREVAILING URBAN PLANNING PRACTICES AND ALTERNATE PLANNING STRATEGIES FOR GREATER DHAKA REGION

SUJAUL ISLAM KHAN & AYASHA SIDDIQUA

Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology,
Tejgaon, Dhaka

ABSTRACT

Top down planning practices, failure to protect ecologically sensitive areas, disconnect between land use and transportation planning, ignoring the informal city and affordable housing are products of the prevailing planning practice which is essentially is biased towards the needs of the privileged class.

This paper aims to critically analyze the appropriateness of the prevailing key urban planning strategies and practices which produced the Masterplan for Dhaka 1959, Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan 1995-2015 and the Strategic Transport Plan 2005 (STP). It will also propose appropriate strategies for urban planning which will address the issues which are critical to greater Dhaka Region with special focus on urban congestion, informal urbanization, affordable housing and urban dispersal.

KEYWORDS: *Urban Congestion, Urban Dispersal, Affordable Housing, Informal Urbanization*