English Abstract (extended)

Multiyear urban programs are part of the overall framework of city planning and managing. These kind of programs are working as the means of linking the long term urban development plans and municipality annual budget. Coherent linkage between different kinds of urban plans guarantees the successful outcomes. In Iran, according to the Urban Development and Renovation Law, article 15 (approved in 1969), all municipalities have to prepare a five year plan for conducting the development and renovation operations in accordance to the city master plan. Based on these explanations, this paper tries to explore the necessities and different methods of mid-term city programs in the world and Iran with focus on case of Tehran Municipality. The article demonstrates that preparing mid-term program for municipality of Tehran with reference to Capital Investment Program approach can be appropriate for Tehran. This kind of plan can make linkage between newly approved city master plan and annual budget and illustrate a clear image of Tehran Municipality in future, besides the financial resources of capital projects.

Urban development plans in Iran are basically known by city comprehensive and detailed plans, which are spatial-physical, long term plans. On the other side, we have municipality annual budget authority with a financial-economic, short-term essence. What is being neglected in the planning system of Iran, is a multiyear (midterm) plan with the ability to translate main strategies of urban development plans (spatial-structural) into the annual budget projects. This paper after reviewing the successful international experiences related to multiyear (midterm) planning in other municipalities in the world, describe a pattern of multiyear (midterm) action plan which was implemented in Tehran's municipality since 2011 till 2013. Consequently, the main purpose of this paper is to fill the linkage gap between long-term and short-term urban development plans through describing a recently executed multiyear (midterm) Action Plan of Municipality of Tehran.

This paper includes two major parts: A) Conceptual part; conducting an analysis of theoretical aspects of multiyear (midterm) planning and action planning in municipalities and finally presenting a framework on how to implement such planning methods in Municipality of Tehran. B) Field part; implementing the pattern, resulted from previous part in Municipality of Tehran and describing practically the main processes and outcomes of the action planning. Documentary research, secondary analysis and library and internet resources, are methods which are being used in the first part. Focus groups, content analysis of planning partial documents and financial resource estimate methods are being covered in the second part.