

Presentation of the Model for Co-evolution of Governance and the Development of Smart Transportation Technologies in Tehran Metropolis




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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "Urban transportation is also one of these projects that must be considered from various aspects." is vague. Specify the aspects (e.g., technological, environmental, financial) to clarify the analytical focus.

The use of multiple infrastructure failure cases (Channel Tunnel, Paris rail) is informative, but excessive detail distracts from the argument. Consider condensing or selecting the most relevant case.

The sentence "These interviews reached saturation after engaging 27 individuals..." would benefit from a reference to qualitative methodology standards or saturation theory to support this claim.

In "Some concepts derived from the interviews are repeated..."—clarify whether the repetition indicates thematic robustness or potential redundancy in coding.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The paragraph beginning with "In this regard, one of the topics that has transitioned..." introduces the concept of co-evolution, but lacks a clear linkage to the specific urban transportation context. Provide more concrete connections.

The manuscript alternates between "good governance," "organizational governance," and "smart governance." Clearly define each term early and use them consistently to avoid conceptual confusion.

The sampling technique is described as both "snowball and judgmental." Explain why a combination of these methods was chosen and how it impacted data saturation and diversity of perspectives.

The process of model validation via expert panels is mentioned briefly. Describe the process in more detail—e.g., Delphi rounds, inter-rater reliability, or consensus scoring.

It is unclear how the 35 themes were grouped into 11 categories. Provide theoretical or empirical justification for the grouping—perhaps linking them to a governance framework.

While informative, the visual representation in Figure 1 lacks clarity. The repetition of some elements in both financial and social clusters (e.g., "economic participation") may confuse the reader. Ensure unique placement or explain overlap.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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