



## ABSTRACTS

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*Traditionally a small town or city begins as a mono-centric settlement. Typically it has a market street or squares as the central hub for public life and for different activities. As the city continues to grow it begins to add other sub centers to serve the neighborhood further away from the traditional Central Business Districts (CBDs) or Downtowns and that transforms mono-centric cities to polycentric cities. Thus, once city becomes a polycentric it no longer stays ubiquitous. Each area of the city is different in character, use, density, nature. Due to their character and functionality some areas of the city are highly occupied with intense activities while other areas have to depend upon those highly engaged areas for their necessity. Such highly occupied areas with high intense activities can work as major activity centers where people can easily work, live and play in a walkable distance and they don't need to take many auto trips for their needs. To accommodate cities' future growth and to make cities smarter and planned here in this paper such highly intense activity centers have been identified under 3 categories from three second tier cities i.e. Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Pune through people's perception. For the identification by taking these cities' citizen's perception; one matrix has been developed for different-different typologies of Activity Centers. Typologies of these Activity Centers are classified according to their scale and characteristics i.e. Regional Activity Center (RAC), Sub-City Activity Center (SCAC) & Neighborhood Activity Centers (NAC). After identification and classification of different areas as Activity Centers; brief guidelines have been given that how such Activity centers should get planned through legislative framework and through Development Control Regulations (DCRs). If such types of approach for other polycentric cities also taken into consideration it might act as an alternative tool for land-use zoning system and ultimately that's how these centers helps to makes cities smarter, environmental-friendly, improve traffic congestion issues. Real motto to identify and create activity center is to reduce sprawl and to accommodate future generation growth into well planned clusters where one can easily satisfy their needs in a convenient location and people can easily avoid auto trips for their employment, residences, leisure and any other activities and they can find everything only at one place.*

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