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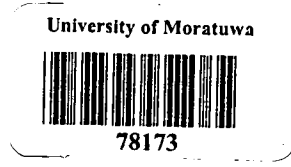


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ABSTRACT

A city; the utmost goal of human built environment is to offer pleasure to its inhabitants. The cohesiveness of its element always be a dramatic event for the inhabitant to make meaningful relationship, to evoke long last memories and experiences. Yet unfortunately such a city we missed a lot in contemporary context. Adverse factors generating more and more lost spaces day by day in our cities. Cohesive city form fragmented into individual segment and generating the chaotic effects visually and perceptually.

The urban edge is a main elementary constituent that defines the spatial boundaries of the cities that also in struggle of lost spaces, yet with enomorous potential. Therefore positive transformation through the realizing of potential of such edges is extremely important in order to achieve a spatial urban form. Thus the study is focused on exploration of those spatial elements; the edges of the city, for a meaningful city life.



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