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The 'second wave of urbanization' is a core driver of change in the 21st century and follows the first wave of urbanization that took place in developed countries from 1750, lasted 200 years and resulted in the urbanization of 400 million people. By contrast, the second wave of urbanization is projected to see over 3 billion additional people living in cities in a time-span of just 80 years, bringing unprecedented challenges to city doorsteps. Cities are key leverage points in the quest for global sustainability due to their high levels of consumption, production and waste. The energy sector and carbon mitigation have to be at the center of any sustainable development strategy. Planning for energy efficiency includes context specific issues such as site selection, type of regional connections, transportation structure and type, the main street layout, as well as the prevailing orientation of new developments. It offers opportunities to enhance the quality of urban life by providing spatial solutions, designed for a healthy and comfortable-built environment with minimum energy consumption. The urban energy planning for cities should include -among others- the reduction of carbon emissions, planning for efficient spatial development, developing efficient and accessible public transport, and creating a sustainable and low-carbon energy vision for the future. Cities which implement urban energy plans reduce their vulnerability to energy scarcity and to energy price rises, they have less traffic congestion and lower energy input costs, they have cleaner air and their low-carbon economies can afford them a competitive economic edge globally. In response, this paper discusses cities' transition to urban energy efficiency planning and the role of infrastructures, with focus on transportation planning. The paper highlights the case of Egypt as an example of developing countries. The objectives of the paper are; firstly to identify the different strategies for urban transportation planning, and secondly to analyze the strategic urban planning process in Egypt for small cities. The paper presents a case study from Egypt, illustrating the preparation of a future urban strategic plan for a small Egyptian city. The case study shows how innovative solutions can lead to urban energy planning with focus on transportation.

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