

The Contribution Of Reformulating Environmental Architecture Redevelopment In Reducing The Negative Environmental Impacts Of Railway Stations

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Abstract: The United Nations Panel on Climate Change's multiple environmental assessments emphasized the importance of addressing effective circumstances for reducing the impact of worldwide warming and carbon emissions and adapting to climate change. This requires the solidarity of existing railway stations' architectural and urban development to reimage the sense of place, respect climate response, and reduce the negative environmental impact. Case study: Beni Suef railway station, where the methodology is based on the development of the present station in terms of the architectural concept, environmental impact, and energy conservation as the biophilic perspective to improve customer satisfaction and station performance.

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1-Introduction

The national climate change approach reflected the strategy of dealing with the negative effects of worldwide warming to enhance client fulfillment, accomplish environmentally friendly progress, improve revenue, protect resources, and promote ecosystems. This necessitates encouraging participation from all sectors of society, including non-profit, social, and volunteer entities. Because transportation and energy are the two largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, alternative energy sources are emphasized [1]. Egypt's Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Resources adopted multiple actions to increase the investment in renewable energy to 42% of total electricity generation by 2035 [2]. The Egyptian government is working to improve rail station efficiency, expand public transit systems, including trains, activate carbon capture techniques, develop the goods train network, make optimal use of available clean energy resources, and encourage the switch to a green economy as well. New and existing buildings and communities must adhere to strict sustainability standards to reduce local electricity use while maintaining environmentally friendly conditions. Furthermore, global energy licenses must be activated at the architectural and urban scales [3]. Enforce national and international green coding and promote regional manufacturing of energy-efficient devices, mostly solar thermal energy conversion systems, piezoelectric floors, and photovoltaics. Building civil society agencies to measure carbon emissions from different entities and provide appropriate support to institutions that reduce carbon emissions Establishing automated systems, particularly in railway stations, and employing the most advanced and effective environmental methods to rationalize electricity use, increase efficiency, and increase productivity [4]. Figure 1 depicts the interconnections between the 2030 targets for sustainable development over climate action and the National Society's Climate Change Methodology, representing the standards required to reduce harmful environmental impacts and emissions in the railway station sector.



Fig.1: The Interconnections between Sustainable Development and the Climate Change Methodology [2]

2- Green Railway Stations

The world's consideration is focused on enhancing the efficiency of railway stations and mitigating their environmental impacts, as well as implementing green solutions to increase cost efficiency and improve passenger safety and well-being. Increasing investment and improving railway performance. One of the era's challenges is the increasing emissions of CO2 and energy consumption, particularly by the railway sector, which requires solutions to boost energy efficiency and productivity and reduce the carbon footprint. One-fourth of CO2 emissions in the transport sector and 7% of total emissions are driven by urban transport. As the 27th session of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change reported, Egypt believes in enhancing reliance on green means of transportation. Because of this, environmentally friendly, integrated architectural solutions to eliminate the production of carbon and improve the standard of living in urban areas are crucial. The sustainability rating system is the most widely used for reviewing transportation systems, particularly railway stations, which include passenger terminals, warehouses, service buildings, and facilities. The assessment includes all energy, water, and waste use rates, all of which affect users' lives and the environment, to find green solutions to reduce the environmental footprint. It is recommended that efficiency in railway stations involve the following: lighting Control (10–30%), exchange of wasteful lighting (10–40%), HVAC control through temperature control devices (10–20%), envelope insulation (10–30%), environmental techniques (20%), plus energy-efficient heat pumps (A+) up to 30% The appliance has an energy efficiency rating of A+ and a control range of 10–40%. In addition, activate investment and privileges for shops and kiosks to achieve 20% reductions in energy consumption [5]. Recently, the global architectural trend has shifted towards reducing negative environmental impacts, especially in railway stations, by adhering to the basic concepts of environmentally friendly building design, reducing energy use and carbon emissions, and implementing

productive architectural approaches towards promoting a green economy and sustainability. The United Nations Programme's international climate change reports point to mitigating the consequences of warming climates in the short to medium term (until 2030) and indicate that the buildings and transport sectors contribute the most to the increase in global greenhouse gas emissions over the coming decades, which requires reducing them to about half of the current levels [6]. While reducing pollution, noise, and vibration levels at railway stations by greening the surrounding area, particularly those parallel to the railways. Use sound-absorbing materials, devices for train movement, and glass curtains [7]. Our country occupies the 27th place in the world ranking regarding energy pollutants responsible for global warming and generating carbon dioxide, accounting for 0.75% of the world's pollutants and nearly two tonnes of greenhouse gases per person. Figure 2 shows Egypt's greenhouse gas pollutants and the expected production from the electrical power industry. Where electricity accounts for approximately forty percent of total greenhouse gas emissions, followed by twenty percent for transport, fifteen percent for manufacturing facilities, five percent for building processes, and twenty percent for other categories [8].



Fig.2: Emission rates of different sectors in Egypt of greenhouse gases [8]

Accordingly, the world's attention is directed toward alternative architectural environmental solutions to mitigate negative environmental impacts environmental issues must be considered when planning, designing, implementing, and operating economic growth and expansion projects. The architectural concepts currently required contribute to reforming railways and public buildings by enhancing the use of sunlight and fresh air, applying electric floors, green walls and roofs, recycling water and materials, green spaces, and photovoltaic panels.

3-Station comfort for users

Railway station design factors include spaces designed to accommodate the maximum capacity; separation of arrivals and departures; setting up information centers; reducing overlapping flows of passenger circulations; removing obstacles from passengers' paths; separating services for employees and passengers; and using electronic tickets. The Ideal design of the passenger sidewalk cross-section (pavement edge - walkway - waiting area). Conversely, the average for every person inside the station is 1.5 m2 throughout peak hours. Table 1 shows the average per person in railway station spaces [9].



The architectural challenge experienced to create passenger, visitor, and employee comfort, as well as a sense of public and functional spaces, including the station building and services, reflected an entire sensory journey [10]. The customers' architectural satisfaction factors in railway stations include reliability, comfort (environmental and psychological), and experience.

4-Sustainable technical solutions

Architecture concepts have recently evolved to become more than just buildings, intending to achieve integrated construction of environmental systems. Two concepts represent architectural solutions: the first is improving the use of energy and achieving interior green quality. This concept is distinguished by a high degree of immediate closure. The other concept is passive environmental technique maximization, which enhances station performance and lowers energy consumption. In our current time, the combination of the two concepts is the best for climate response between the internal and external environments for a sustainable environmental re-imagining of train stations. On the other hand, green architectural solutions include an integrated design that capitalizes on and isolates external climatic effects, representing the successful exchange between the station's outer envelope and the internal station system. Figure (3) depicts the interactions across the various levels of environmental architectural solutions. The pyramid's base represents the broader level, which includes orientation, design concept, design standards, zoning, and circulations throughout indoor and outdoor environments. The next level includes passive environmental techniques and energy-saving methodologies that use climatic data to promote environmental effectiveness, visitor comfort, and energy investments. The higher level is energy-saving technologies like natural daylight and natural ventilation, including piezoelectric floors, green walls, and ceilings; recycling of water and materials; green spaces; and photovoltaic panels. While overall performance. And finally green power. [11]



Fig.3. levels of Environmental and Architectural Solution Interactions

Design strategies in a dry, hot climate depend on each of the following: preventing the heat of solar radiation through isolation of the building envelope, openings, shading, and walls of thermal mass; ventilation and natural lighting by studying openings, courtyards, air ducts, and solar chimneys; and complementary equipment to treat heat and humidity problems, including fans, air conditioning, and heating [11]. Energy generators, including photovoltaic, thermal collectors, and piezoelectric tiles as shown in Table 2.

Dry, Hot Climate	Passive Technique	Envelope		Types of Equipment
Strategies		Opaque	Transparent	
Block Radiant Gain	Shading Devices	Thermal Mass- Sunshade Screen - High Reflectivity Finishing	Screen Panels	
Natural Lighting	Skylights		Light Shelf– Light Pipes- Reflectors	
Natural Ventilation	Wind Catchers- Solar Chimney			
Complementary Equipment				Fans- Air-conditioning -sensing control systems
Energy Generators				Photovoltaic - Solar Collectors- Piezoelectric Tiles

The integrated design of railway stations fulfills the contemporary functional and environmental requirements, including block design, facade formation, passive technologies, energy production, and environmental impact assessment. Architectural environmental solutions include activating natural light and fresh air, electric piezo floors, green walls, and roofs, water and material recycling, green areas, and solar energy systems.

5. Research Methodology

Egypt is moving towards improving the performance of the railway sector, which requires architectural solutions to become more sustainable, energy-producing, and with less emissions.

Where Upper Egypt's passenger transport relies heavily on the railway sector. The Beni Suef train station is the main entrance to Upper Egypt and a future link between Upper Egypt and the new capital. The evaluation of transportation projects, particularly railway stations, is based on the efficiency of social impacts, which are intended to enhance user comfort, the satisfaction of surrounding communities using station lands and site selection, and increase user and employee satisfaction rates. While the financial performance of the project, such as feasibility, life cycle cost, and return on investment. Furthermore, the long-term environmental impacts of ventilation quality and emission reductions, dust, waste, exhaust, carbon footprint, and noise effects necessitate the installation of sound barriers at the station [12]. The analysis of the following figure (4) of the environment surrounding the Beni Suef railway station, where the presence of the Egypt Youth Fair, public commercial areas, and an empty electric kiosk next to the railway station represents a bad environmental, social, and economic impact. Environmental, economic, and social degradation is a major threat due to extremely negative effects with serious long-term consequences. This necessarily requires the investigation of comprehensive management strategies to find environmental solutions with economic returns. Towards a framework for sustainable railway stations, which requires long-term investments to meet recent climate challenges through socioeconomic development, environmentally friendly response, and development cooperation.



Fig.4. Beni Suef Rail Station Surrounding Context

Sustainable railways face numerous challenges, including low-carbon and sustainable fuels, climate-conscious transportation networks, net-zero transportation paths, sustainable infrastructure materials, urban mobility and goods movement, positive impacts on the surrounding community, life-cycle assessment and costs, and efficiency analysis. Material flow and natural resource use, waste recycling, and pollutant reduction are a range of environmental issues. The environmental condition change per capita, poor air quality, nuisance noise, land usage, and resource use efficiency must all be considered [13]. The analytical research is addressed in three stages, as shown in the following Fig. 5.



Fig.5. Research Methodology Stages

6. Discussion and Results

Beni Suef station was chosen in the applied study due to the use of the researchers since 2009 when traveling by train to the present time. As a result, the need for environmental architectural solutions became the requirement that travelers demanded. Table (3) represent Beni Suef Station parameters.

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Building type	Railway Station Offices	110 40 50
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Glazing	Clear Glazing, SHGC: 0.76, U Value: 5.84	
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Table 3: Beni Suef Station Simulation parameters.

The analytical research methodology is addressed in three stages: First compare the station's current situation with Egyptian Energy Code, including building walls, roofs, and openings. Second, Design Builder Outputs evaluation stage leads to architecture environmental solutions. The third stage is enhancing modification, which includes the station envelope, main hall, waiting areas, and walkways.

<u>6-1 Station Building Compare with Egyptian Energy Code (R-U Values)</u>: The comparison of the station's current status variables with the Egyptian Energy Code as follows Table 4:

Table 4: E	valuation of Beni Suel Station	Currenting is taken according to th	le Egyptian Energy Code	
Comparison	Evaluation of Beni Suef Sta	tion'Currentnt Status accordi	ng to Egyptian Energy Code	
Beni Suef Station Envelope Layers Cross– Section (Current Case)	External Wall Main Entrance Uner surface Duer surface 2000mm fluct work Ourse 2000mm fluct work Ourse 2000mm fluct work Ourse 2000mm From - polyupeRvane et Other: Conner Surd Stroket	External Wall Offices	Main Hall Roof Cross-Sec.	
U-value	0.836 W/m2-K	1.765 W/m2-K	0.853 W/m2-K	
Egyptian Code	1.6 m² °C/W	1.5 m 2 °C/W	3.4 m ² °C/W	
Analysis	The Egyptian Energy Code's thermal resistance requirements for non-residential buildings with no air conditioning located in the North Upper Egypt region are related to 3.4 m2 °C/W (roof), 1.5 m2 °C/W (north facade), and 1.6 m2 °C/W (south facade). Where Heat Transfer Coefficient Converter = W/m2-K = m 2 °C/W [17]. The main entrance façade and roof are out of code (red highlighted).			
Beni Suef	Walkways Roof Cross-Sec.	Offices Roof C	Offices Roof Cross-Section	
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Table 4: Evaluation of Beni Suef Station'Currentnt Status according to the Egyptian Energy Code

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	Inner surface	Inner suloce			
U-value	0.423 W/m ² -K	0.853 W/m2-K			
Egyptian Code	3.4 m 2 °C/W	3.4 m 2 °C/W			
Analysis	By comparing the layers of thewalkway and office roofs (red highlighted), it was found that				
•	they were out of the Egyptian Energy Code's thermal resistance requirements for non-				
	residential buildings with no air conditioning located in the North Upper Egypt region.				
	Main Entrance Openings	Offices Openings			
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	Nucl UV Light	Nucl VI Light			
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U-value	Single Clear Glazing – Poorly Filled	Single Clear Glazing – Poorly Flued			
	5.894 W/m2-K	5.894 W/m ² -K			
SHGC	50%8	60% N			
Analysis	The Energy Code for Buildings recommender	s that the percentage of openings in facades be no			
	more than 50% in the north and no more than	n 30% in the south. The maximum solar heat gain			
	coefficient SHCG is not allowed, while the percentage of solar glass SGR must not be less				
	than 90%, as the percentage of openings in the northern and southern facades exceeds 30%.				
	Since the slots are countersunk Which reduces solar gain as well as the difficulty of adjusting				
	the types of treated glass for cost. But it is necessary to activate the control of opening and				
	closing due to visitors' complaints about the low ventilation rates when closing windows all				
	the time				
	ine time.				

<u>6-2 Design Builder Outputs</u>: The software simulation tool Design Builder (DB), type 7.2, with an interface to the simulation program Energy Plus (E+), type 8.2.0.024, was chosen. The simulation tool E+ was preferred because it is widely used within the scientific community for thermal and energy performance calculations. It is also thought to be more user-friendly and better suited for creating reasonable simulation models with remarkably accurate architecture models. Calculate the total fuel amounts (electricity, internal gains, CO2 emissions mass, fabric, and ventilation) as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Amounts of Fuel (Electricity, Internal Gains, CO2 Emissions Mass, Fabric, and Ventilation



Analysis: Average Value = 18140.8 kWh = Fuel Totals-Electricity kWh. The high rates of energy consumption (yellow highlighted) are caused throughout the year by heat gain in the reception hall, ticket windows, and office rooms. Despite the size of the southern wall cross-section, the constant shuttering of the windows caused thermal discomfort due to a lack of natural ventilation and fresh air flow. In terms of office rooms, the window area does not correspond to the office room area. The station's roof layers are incompatible with the code requirements, resulting in increased heat gain and a sense of thermal discomfort. As well as increasing consumption rates for the use of inefficient artificial lighting.



Analysis: The high rates of heat gain (red highlighted) in most of the year are due to the non-use of windows as a source of lighting and natural ventilation and the disproportionate space of the openings for the different spaces, especially the office. As well as the lack of treatment of the roof and the full use of non-energy-saving artificial lighting (blue highlighted).



Analysis: Increasing the loss and gain of heat values, consequently consuming more energy and dropping customer and employee satisfaction due to the absence of thermal comfort. The aforementioned is due to a lack of natural ventilation sources that enable the movement of fresh and renewable inner air around standard levels. Even though



<u>6-3 Architecture Environmental Solutions</u>: Towards integrated architectural and environmental solutions for the station building and its services to reduce the harmful effects on neighboring areas and the entire station, the contributions of the Egyptian sectors to the production of carbon emissions showed that the energy and transportation sectors are the most contributing, accounting for about 62% of the total emissions [18]. Whereas it is globally proposed to shift architectural orientation towards biophilic principles to achieve each of the following goals: customer and employee comfort, a sense

of station place, reducing greenhouse gas emission levels, and engaging energy efficiency for a station with energyproducing human resources. Figure 6 represents the proposed architectural solutions to experiment with their efficiency, representing environmentally friendly technologies towards enhancing the environmental and architectural efficiency and sustainability of the Beni Suef train station.



Fig.6. The Proposed Environmental

Architectural Solutions

The approach to improving the station's performance includes adopting environmentally friendly architectural approaches in three phases: first, improving the current circumstances through the addition of an envelope and artificial lighting systems to achieve user convenience and reduce energy consumption rates. second, generation of electricity by applying piezoelectric floor tiles in walkways to capture passengers' power and following circulation pathways within the station to produce electricity. Third, applying passive ventilation techniques to improve the internal environment of the ticket and reception hall due to passenger complaints about low ventilation rates and high temperatures.

Stage 1: Enhancing the current condition by improving envelope performance by using a green roof (U-Value=0.375 W/m2-K), an internal brick cavity (U-Value=0.739 W/m2-K), and LED lighting to increase user convenience and reduce energy consumption rates. Table 6 shows the results of integrating modifications of a green roof, internal brick cavity, and LED lighting.



Table 6: The simulation study of Modifications (green roof, internal brick cavity, and LED lighting).



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Stage 2: Apply piezoelectric floor tiles in walkways to capture passenger power and follow circulation pathways within the station to generate electricity, as shown in Table 7.





<u>Analysis:</u> Site and Source Energy - The total amount of site and source energy consumed. The net electricity from the utility is used to calculate the electric contribution. The conversion factors used by the site are those entered by the user. These are recorded in the data for Environmental Impact Factors and Fuel Factors.

Saving Electricity & Minimizing Zone Sensible Cooling kWh- After Applying Piezo Tiles(only Ainimize Zone Sensible Coolin Consumption 9.517 kWh Lighting Equipment Occupancy Solar Gain sible cooling Before: Electricity: 47107 kWh Before: Zone Sensible Cooling: 33790 kWh After: Zone Sensible Cooling: 24273 kWh After: Electricity:35745 kWh The results showed that the rates of energy consumption decreased by minimizing zone sensible cooling consumption by 9,517 kWh, which led to the saving of 11,362 kWh of electricity. The Site and Source of Power- The Base Case - Asphalt PiezoTiles Power per Total Building Area Power per Conditioned The site and Source of Power Total Power [kWh] [kWh/m²] Building Area [kWh/m²] Total Site Power 788911.99 311.66 311.66 Net Site Power 788911.99 234.70 311.66 Total Source Power 1436194.72 433.35 567.36 he Base Case The Site and Source Piezo Tiles of Power Total Site Power 594100.79 234.70 234.70

Total Source Power Analysis:

Net Site Power

It was recommended Combining the piezo units with floors, bumps, train rails, station waiting areas, pedestrian sidewalks, parking garages, and tunnels was recommended architects integrate energy conservation and production systems with environmental architectural treatments towards reducing energy consumption and preserving the environment. The total energy produced was approximately 27,166.75 KWh/day/1000 = 27.17 MWh/day[21].

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Stage 3: Applying passive ventilation techniques, the importance of ventilation systems is to achieve both thermal comfort and air regeneration. There are many passive ventilation strategies, including the difference in air density creating buoyancy ventilation, also known as solar chimney system ventilation, as well as controlling window opening and closing systems and designing wind towers to renew the air and cool the interior space. The results of a design model simulation were simulated in Designer Builder on a hot summer day, August 15th, which is today the hottest month of the year.





mass integrated into thesolar chimney. At noon, solar radiation is absorbed through the solar chimney wall, while fresh air enters through wind traps when cold air is available, as well as controlling the opening and closing of windows to create an air current that reduces heat and renews the air as well. The variation in ventilation rates allows the possibility of air regeneration and self-cooling.

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