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Journal Name:	South Asian Journal of Social Studies and Economics
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Title of the Manuscript:	Evaluation of the Impact of the Regional Road Grant Program (PHJD) on Accessibility and Land Use Changes in Humbang Hasundutan Regency
Type of the Article	Scientific research article written after empirical and quantitative observation of a specific case study

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The object, the objective and the method give this article both its scientific and practical significance. On a scientific level, the object is specific: The Regional Road Grant Program (PHJD), a strategic government initiative, aimed at improving regional accessibility through the development and maintenance of road infrastructure. The objective of the study is clearly based on case studies and well-tested methodological tools: The study aimed to examine the impact of PHJD on accessibility, land use changes, and socio-economic dynamics in Humbang Hasundutan Regency; It equally employs spatial analysis using overlay maps of land use from 2018 and 2023, primary surveys, and paired sample t-tests to measure travel time changes before and after the program. On a practical level, the rigorous evaluation of this government project is important because it makes it possible to consolidate the achievements of its contribution to sustainable development and to find viable solutions to the limits of public action.	Thanks for the comments..
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive.	Thanks for the comments..
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	Yes, the manuscript is scientifically correct.	Thanks for the valuable comments..
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The bibliographic references are sufficient but not really recent: only seven (7) out of nineteen (19) of those cited by the author date from 2020 to 2024. However, this is not a fault. We observe that the studies that the author uses span a long period of time, from 1933 to 2023. This reference to the long term shows that the study takes into account all the finding of other studies to better understand recent facts before reporting on them.	Noted and revised

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	This article is written with technical and methodological aspects that are not within everyone's reach. But the English used in the presentation and the commentary of the data and results allows a synoptic reading of the text. Finally, this constitutes a real advantage in the popularizing of the results and recommendations of this study.	
Optional/General comments	This scientific article poses the question of the State in action. From a specific case, the author evaluates what the State has decided to do in the road infrastructure sector to impact socio-economic development. This evaluation makes it possible to judge the effectiveness of the public action undertaken by the State on the one hand and on the other hand, to highlight the challenges that it should also face. The author would benefit from improving the quality of the photos or simply replacing them with graphics that are more visually appealing. The best point of this study was the diachronic comparison between before and after because it is this which gave all its practical significance to this article.	Thanks for the comments

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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