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Infrastructure bills are in permanent increase due to the continuous deterioration with time, and the presence of a gap between the infrastructure rehabilitation needs and the available fund. Accordingly, a fund allocation model became necessary to be created to face this everlasting problem. Many budget allocation models were created, but all these efforts failed to face the fast deterioration rates for infrastructure assets due to neglecting the effect of some factors that accelerate the deterioration rates beyond the expected. The research purpose is to develop a new fund allocation optimization model which maximizes the assets overall physical conditions and with the presence of funding constrains taking in consideration the effect of normal deterioration rates and the vulnerability factors effect by using Markov Chains stochastic deterioration modeling.



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#### **Abstract**

Infrastructure assets are one of the essential assets in any community for its sustainability and livability. Like any asset, infrastructure ones deteriorate with time, thus their bills are in continuous increase. Due to the massive needs for many assets to be intervened after deterioration with the presence of budget constraints, decision makers may take many rehabilitation decisions that may be effective and maybe not. Many efforts were made in order to help those who take the rehabilitation decisions to select the best and effective assets to be rehabilitated, however, most of these decisions weren't effective because most of these efforts didn't consider the fast deterioration of infrastructure assets due to its vulnerability to external factors. Accordingly, a fundallocation optimization model that maximizes the physical performance of infrastructure, while considering budget constraints and infrastructure vulnerability factors using stochastic modeling is proposed in this research. Before developing the model, the vulnerability factors were previously selected knowing the degree of influence for each one, after that model will calculate the vulnerability index for each asset as differs from an asset to another. The vulnerability index is then used in the stochastic deterioration model using Makrov chain in order to develop the yearly expected condition index for each asset under the vulnerability effect. To measure the performance of the model, it is applied to a road network as one type of infrastructure. Thus, the unexpected factors that accelerates road deterioration by increasing its vulnerability were captured using this study, including excessive traffic loading, neighboring disturbance, climate change, etc. Applying the model and comparing it against the existing models, results demonstrated rationality behind the generated funding decisions using the proposed model, and the cumbersome consequences of ignoring vulnerability. Thus, the model can help policymakers make realistic funding decisions to maintain infrastructure performance.