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Hybrid AI and Big Data Solutions for Dynamic Urban Planning and Smart City Optimization

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ABSTRACT Urban planning faces complex challenges, including efficient resource allocation, traffic management, and infrastructure optimization. Traditional methods often fall short in addressing these multifaceted issues, leading to inefficiencies and suboptimal outcomes. This study introduces a novel approach by combining Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) with Simulated Annealing (SA) to tackle these challenges in urban planning. GNNs are employed to extract meaningful features and relationships from urban infrastructure and social networks, providing a detailed understanding of patterns and interactions. SA is then used to optimize resource allocation, traffic routing, and scheduling tasks based on the insights derived from GNNs. This hybrid methodology allows for an iterative refinement process, where updated features from GNNs continuously enhance the optimization performed by SA. Key findings of the study reveal significant improvements. Traffic congestion was reduced by 25%, and average travel times decreased by 18%. Resource allocation efficiency improved by 30%, with a 20% reduction in resource wastage. Infrastructure optimization metrics showed a 22% gain in cost efficiency and a 15% increase in accessibility. The combined GNN-SA approach proved effective in addressing urban planning inefficiencies and optimizing various aspects of smart city management. The contributions of this study include a robust framework for integrating advanced AI techniques to solve complex urban planning problems, offering a scalable and adaptable solution for modern smart cities. The results highlight the potential of hybrid AI approaches in enhancing urban planning and provide a foundation for future research and application in this field.

INDEX TERMS Graph neural networks (GNNs), simulated annealing (SA), urban planning optimization, smart city management, resource allocation, traffic management, infrastructure optimization.

I. INTRODUCTION

Urban environments are rapidly evolving, presenting both unprecedented opportunities and significant challenges for city planners and policymakers. The need for dynamic urban planning and smart city optimization has never been more critical as cities face increasing demands from growing populations, technological advancements, and environmental concerns. Dynamic urban planning refers to the ability to adapt and respond to changing urban conditions and requirements in real-time. This approach is essential for creating resilient and efficient cities that can effectively manage resources, infrastructure, and services [1]. Smart city optimization leverages advanced technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics, to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of urban systems. By integrating sensors, data collection mechanisms, and AI-driven analytics, smart cities aim to improve various aspects of urban life, such as traffic management, energy distribution, public safety, and environmental sustainability. The integration of these technologies enables cities to process vast amounts of data, derive actionable insights, and implement data-driven decision-making processes that address both current and future urban challenges [2]. Despite the advancements in technology, urban planning and smart city optimization face several challenges and inefficiencies. Cities generate vast amounts of data from various sources, including sensors, social media, and transportation systems. Integrating and managing this

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data effectively to derive meaningful insights remains a significant challenge [3]. The sheer volume and diversity of data can overwhelm traditional data processing methods, leading to inefficiencies in decision-making and resource allocation. Urban environments are dynamic and constantly evolving. Traditional planning methods often struggle to keep up with the rapid changes in urban conditions. The inability to adapt in real-time can result in suboptimal resource management, traffic congestion, and inefficient service delivery. Many existing AI and optimization solutions work well in controlled or smaller-scale environments but face difficulties when scaled up to larger, more complex urban systems. Ensuring that solutions can scale effectively while maintaining performance and accuracy is a critical challenge [4]. As cities become smarter and more interconnected, concerns about data privacy and security increase. Ensuring that personal and sensitive data is protected while still enabling effective data-driven decision-making is a significant concern. The development and implementation of smart city solutions often require collaboration across various disciplines, including urban planning, data science, engineering, and policy-making. Coordinating these diverse fields and integrating their insights into a cohesive strategy can be challenging. The objective of this study is to address these challenges by introducing an innovative approach that combines Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) with Simulated Annealing (SA). GNNs are a type of AI model designed to process and analyze graph-based data, making them well-suited for capturing complex relationships and patterns in urban infrastructure and social networks [5]. By leveraging GNNs, we can extract meaningful features and insights from urban data, which can then inform optimization processes. Simulated Annealing (SA) is a powerful optimization algorithm inspired by the annealing process in metallurgy. SA is known for its ability to find near-optimal solutions in complex, high-dimensional search spaces. In this study, SA will be applied to optimize resource allocation, routing, and scheduling tasks based on the features and patterns identified by the GNNs. The innovative aspect of this study lies in the iterative refinement process, where GNNs continuously provide updated features as the optimization progresses with SA. This approach allows for dynamic adaptation to changing conditions and ongoing improvement of the solution. By combining GNNs and SA, we aim to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of urban planning and smart city optimization.

Recent advancements in smart cities have increasingly been driven by the integration of AI and advanced data analytics. Ferrara et al. explored a novel AI-driven framework that integrates objective sensor data with subjective feedback. Their approach achieved faster and more efficient data collection while significantly reducing intrusiveness, demonstrating the potential of combining different data sources to improve urban management [6]. Singh et al. provided a comprehensive review of smart city paradigms, emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary approaches to address the challenges and opportunities in smart city development. Their work highlighted advancements in technology and sustainable urban planning, reflecting the growing recognition of the importance of integrating various fields to create effective smart city solutions [7]. Lin et al. introduced the City 5.0 concept, which focuses on Spatial Symbiotic Intelligence. This concept aims to enhance citizen participation and city responsiveness through decentralized systems and data integration. By fostering greater collaboration between citizens and urban systems, City 5.0 represents a significant step toward more adaptive and responsive urban environments [8]. Wang et al. discussed the potential of quantum artificial intelligence to revolutionize smart cities. Their research explored applications in transportation, urban planning, and communication, addressing limitations in current AI technologies and proposing innovative solutions for enhancing smart city capabilities [9]. Mahrez et al. reviewed intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and their role in optimizing urban mobility. By utilizing AI and smart data, ITS can address traffic congestion and improve transportation efficiency. Their work underscores the importance of leveraging advanced technologies to enhance urban mobility and reduce congestion [10]. Tawalbeh et al. investigated smartphone energy consumption related to GPS signal strength, highlighting the importance of efficient power management in smart devices. Their findings emphasize the need for optimizing energy usage in smart city infrastructure to enhance user experience and sustainability [11]. Karim and Rawat proposed a privacy-preserving model using homomorphic encryption for toll data in the Internet of Vehicles. Their model ensures compliance with data protection regulations while enabling smart city infrastructure. This work highlights the importance of balancing data privacy with the need for effective data-driven decision-making [12]. Bešinović et al. offered a taxonomy of AI applications in railway transport, including autonomous systems and predictive maintenance. Their review discussed the ethical and regulatory aspects of implementing AI in transportation, providing insights into the broader implications of AI in urban systems [13]. Wang et al. propose an indoor positioning method that integrates voice interactions with Wi-Fi and Pedestrian Dead Reckoning (PDR) data using a Hidden Markov Model. Their approach, which utilizes near relationship data, achieves a positioning accuracy of 1.95 meters in 80% of cases [14]. Jiang et al. presented DeepCrowd, a deep learning model for predicting citywide crowd density and flow. Their model demonstrated improved accuracy and performance in urban management and planning, showcasing the potential of deep learning in addressing real-time urban challenges [15].

The combination of AI models with optimization algorithms has been explored in various studies. For instance, integrating machine learning techniques with optimization algorithms has shown promise in enhancing the efficiency of resource allocation and scheduling tasks. However, the specific combination of GNNs with SA is less explored, presenting a novel approach to urban planning and smart city optimization. Despite the advancements in AI and optimization techniques, there remains a gap in integrating GNNs with SA for dynamic urban planning. While existing research has explored the individual benefits of GNNs and SA, their combined application in urban environments has not been extensively studied. This research aims to fill this gap by demonstrating how the iterative refinement of GNNs and SA can address urban planning challenges more effectively. This study introduces a novel approach by combining GNNs with SA, leveraging the strengths of both techniques to improve urban planning and smart city optimization [16]. The integration allows for more accurate feature extraction and effective optimization. By incorporating an iterative refinement process, the research ensures that solutions can adapt to changing urban conditions and continuously improve over time. This dynamic approach addresses the limitations of static optimization methods. The study provides practical insights and solutions for real-world urban planning challenges, demonstrating the potential of advanced AI and optimization techniques in creating more efficient and responsive urban environments. This research aims to advance the field of smart city optimization by combining cutting-edge technologies and addressing key challenges in urban planning.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Urban planning involves managing the physical, social, and economic aspects of cities to create functional, sustainable, and livable environments. However, several persistent issues challenge the effectiveness of traditional urban planning methods. This section outlines key urban planning problems that necessitate innovative solutions. Efficient allocation of resources such as water, energy, and public services is crucial for maintaining urban infrastructure and ensuring quality of life. However, traditional methods often rely on static models and historical data, which may not accurately reflect current conditions or future needs. As cities grow and evolve, the demand for resources can fluctuate unpredictably, making it difficult to optimize allocation effectively. Inadequate resource management can lead to shortages, wastage, and increased costs, impacting both residents and city operations. Traffic congestion is a significant issue in many urban areas, resulting in longer travel times, increased pollution, and reduced quality of life [17]. Conventional traffic management systems often rely on fixed traffic light cycles and manual adjustments, which may not be responsive to real-time traffic conditions. The growing number of vehicles and the complexity of urban road networks exacerbate these problems. Effective traffic management requires dynamic and adaptive solutions that can respond to changing traffic patterns and optimize flow. Ensuring public safety and efficient emergency response is a critical aspect of urban planning. Traditional methods of monitoring and responding to incidents can be slow and reactive, often resulting in delays and inefficiencies. Urban environments are complex and constantly changing, which can make it challenging to predict and manage emergencies effectively. Improved monitoring systems and faster response mechanisms are needed to enhance safety and reduce risks. Urban areas face increasing pressure to address environmental concerns such as pollution, waste management, and energy consumption. Traditional planning approaches may not adequately address these issues, leading to unsustainable practices and negative environmental impacts. Effective urban planning must integrate sustainability considerations into all aspects of development and management to reduce the ecological footprint and promote long-term resilience. Managing land use and housing affordability in rapidly growing cities is a significant challenge. Urban sprawl, inadequate housing supply, and rising property prices can create imbalances in housing availability and affordability. Traditional land use planning methods may struggle to keep pace with rapid growth, leading to inefficient land use and increased socio-economic disparities. The traditional methods of addressing urban planning challenges often fall short in today's fast-paced and data-rich environment. The complexity of urban systems and the need for real-time decision-making necessitate innovative solutions that go beyond conventional approaches. Hybrid AI and Big Data solutions offer several advantages in addressing these issues. Traditional urban planning relies on limited and often outdated data sources. Hybrid AI approaches can integrate data from diverse sources, such as sensors, social media, and historical records, to provide a comprehensive view of urban conditions [18]. Big Data analytics enable the processing of large volumes of data to identify patterns, trends, and anomalies, which can inform more accurate and timely decisions. Urban environments are dynamic and constantly changing. Traditional planning methods may not respond quickly enough to emerging issues or fluctuations in conditions. AI models, such as Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), can analyze real-time data to identify changes and trends in urban systems. Combined with optimization algorithms like Simulated Annealing (SA), these models can adaptively adjust resource allocation, traffic management, and other aspects of urban planning to address current needs and improve efficiency. Efficient resource allocation requires sophisticated optimization techniques that can handle complex and high-dimensional data. SA, as an optimization algorithm, can find near-optimal solutions in large and complex search spaces. When used in conjunction with GNNs, which provide valuable insights into urban infrastructure and social networks, SA can optimize resource distribution, routing, and scheduling with greater accuracy and effectiveness. Predictive analytics powered by AI and Big Data can improve the forecasting of urban trends and demands. For instance, AI models can predict traffic congestion patterns, resource needs, and emergency response requirements based on historical and real-time data. This predictive capability allows for proactive planning and intervention, reducing the likelihood of issues arising and improving overall urban management. Hybrid AI solutions offer scalability and flexibility that traditional methods often lack. AI models can be scaled to handle large volumes of data and complex scenarios, while optimization algorithms can be adapted to various planning needs. This scalability ensures that solutions remain effective as cities grow and evolve, addressing the challenges of dynamic urban environments. Urban planning involves multiple disciplines, including transportation, infrastructure, environment, and social services. Hybrid AI approaches can integrate insights from these diverse fields, providing a holistic view of urban systems and enabling more cohesive and coordinated planning. This interdisciplinary integration enhances the ability to address multifaceted urban challenges comprehensively. The formulation of the equations is integral to solving urban planning and smart city optimization problems. The objective function serves as the core criterion for evaluating potential solutions. It consists of two layers [19]. Primary Objective Minimizes the total cost related to resource allocation and traffic management, incorporating non-linear and multi-dimensional factors. This function, represented as Z_1, captures the complexity of cost over time, emphasizing different cost aspects through non-linear exponents γ_1 and γ_2. This allows for a nuanced evaluation of costs, facilitating more precise optimization of resources and traffic. Secondary Objectives Focus on minimizing specific aspects such as resource wastage and traffic delays. Represented as Z_2, this layer uses advanced scaling factors θ_1 and θ_2 to address inefficiencies and delays, which are critical for improving operational effectiveness and user satisfaction.

A. OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

1) LAYER 1: PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

Minimize the total cost of resource allocation and traffic management, with non-linear and multi-dimensional cost considerations.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Minimize } Z_1 = \alpha_1 \left(\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (C_r(t))\, dt \right)^{\gamma_1} \\ + \alpha_2 \left(\int_{t_0}^{t_1} (C_{tr}(t))\, dt \right)^{\gamma_2} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $C_r(t)$ is Cost function for resource allocation at time t. $C_{tr}(t)$ is Cost function for traffic management at time t. α_1 and α_2 are Weighting factors for resource allocation and traffic management. γ_1 and γ_2 are Non-linear exponents for emphasizing different aspects of the cost.

2) LAYER 2: SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

Minimize specific aspects such as resource wastage and traffic delays using advanced optimization techniques.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Minimize } Z_2 = \beta_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(W_{r_i})^{\theta_1}}{\eta_i} \right)^{\phi_1} \\ + \beta_2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \frac{(D_{tr_j})^{\theta_2}}{\zeta_j} \right)^{\phi_2} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where W_{r_i} is Wastage function for resource i. D_{tr_j} is Delay function for traffic route j. η_i and ζ_j are Efficiency factors for resources and traffic. θ_1 and θ_2 are Non-linear scaling factors for wastage and delays. ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 are Non-linear exponents for resource wastage and traffic delays.

B. CONSTRAINTS

1. Resource Availability Constraint Ensure that the total allocated resources do not exceed the available resources, considering variability and uncertainty.

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i(t) \right) dt \leq \mathbb{E}[R_t] \tag{3}$$

where $\mathbb{E}[R_t]$ is Expected value of total available resources.

2. Demand Satisfaction Constraint The allocated resources must meet or exceed demand with a probabilistic threshold.

$$\Pr(r_i \geq D_i) \geq \alpha_d \tag{4}$$

where α_d is Probability threshold for meeting demand.

3. Traffic Capacity Constraint Traffic flow should respect the capacity limits with stochastic perturbations.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} t_j \leq C_{r_j} \left(1 + \gamma_{pe} \cdot \epsilon_j\right) \tag{5}$$

where ϵ_j is Stochastic perturbation factor for road j, and γ_{pe} is Sensitivity to perturbations.

4. Resource Efficiency Constraint Ensure resource efficiency adheres to a non-linear function over the planning horizon.

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} r_i\right)^{\theta_3}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} D_i\right)^{\phi_3}} \geq \eta_{eff} \tag{6}$$

where θ_3 and ϕ_3 are Scaling factors for efficiency calculation.

5. Traffic Delay Constraint The average traffic delay should be constrained using a weighted average with quadratic penalty.

$$\frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{p} (d_k)^2 \leq \delta_{tr}^2 \tag{7}$$

where δ_{tr} is Maximum allowable delay deviation.

6. Public Safety Constraint Emergency response times must comply with safety thresholds, incorporating a time-dependent factor.

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{l=1}^{q} e_l(t)\right)^{\gamma_{re}}}{q} \leq \tau_{re} \tag{8}$$

where γ_{re} is Time-dependent adjustment factor.

7. Environmental Impact Constraint Ensure the environmental impact adheres to an exponential decay model.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i \leq E_{max} \cdot e^{-\lambda_{env} t} \tag{9}$$

where λ_{env} is Decay rate for environmental impact.

8. Budget Constraint Total cost must adhere to a non-linear budget constraint with penalty terms.

$$\alpha_1\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i\right)^{\theta_4} + \alpha_2\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} t_j\right)^{\phi_4} \leq B_t \tag{10}$$

where θ_4 and ϕ_4 are Non-linear scaling factors for cost and budget.

9. Land Use Constraint Land use should comply with zoning regulations, with quadratic limits.

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} l_i\right)^2 \leq L_{max}^2 \tag{11}$$

where L_{max} is Maximum allowable land use.

10. Energy Consumption Constraint Energy consumption should be controlled with a piecewise linear function.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{co_i} \leq \begin{cases} E_u & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_{co_i} \leq E_{th} \\ E_u \cdot (1+\beta_e) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

where E_{th} is Energy consumption threshold, and β_e is Adjustment factor.

11. Public Transport Coverage Constraint Public transport service levels should follow a geometric progression constraint.

$$\frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} p_i\right)^{\theta_5}}{n} \geq \psi_c \tag{13}$$

where θ_5 is Scaling factor for coverage evaluation.

12. Housing Affordability Constraint Housing prices should follow a non-linear affordability function.

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} h_i\right)^{\gamma_h}}{n} \leq H_{max} \tag{14}$$

where γ_h is Non-linear exponent for housing price adjustment.

13. Noise Pollution Constraint Noise levels must comply with a logarithmic threshold.

$$\log\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} n_i\right) \leq \log\left(N_{max}\right) \tag{15}$$

where N_{max} is Maximum allowable noise level.

14. Traffic Emissions Constraint Traffic emissions should be bounded by an inverse exponential function.

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{m} e_{tr_j}} \geq \frac{1}{E_e} \cdot e^{-\lambda_e t} \tag{16}$$

where λ_e is Rate of emissions reduction over time.

15. Connectivity Constraint Connectivity to essential services should meet a polynomial function.

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{p} c_k\right)^{\theta_6} \geq C_{min} \tag{17}$$

where θ_6 is Polynomial degree for connectivity requirement.

This advanced formulation introduces non-linear, stochastic, and time-dependent elements to the problem constraints, reflecting the complexities of real-world urban planning and optimization challenges.

The need for innovation in urban planning is driven by the limitations of traditional methods and the growing complexity of urban environments. Hybrid AI and Big Data solutions offer powerful tools for addressing these challenges, providing enhanced data integration, real-time adaptation, and improved optimization. By leveraging these advanced technologies, cities can achieve more effective and responsive planning, ultimately improving quality of life and sustainability in urban areas.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. FEATURE EXTRACTION WITH GNNS

In urban planning and smart city optimization, the first step is to represent complex urban infrastructure and social networks as graph data. This process involves transforming real-world elements into a structured format that can be efficiently processed by Graph Neural Networks (GNNs). Urban infrastructure, such as roads, buildings, and utilities, can be represented as nodes in a graph, with edges indicating relationships or connections between these nodes. For instance, roads can be nodes with edges representing connectivity and traffic flow [20]. Similarly, social networks can be modeled by nodes representing individuals or entities, with edges capturing interactions or relationships. To create a comprehensive graph representation, data sources such as geographic information systems (GIS), transportation databases, and social media interactions are utilized. Nodes are characterized by features like geographic coordinates, traffic volumes, and demographic information. Edges are annotated with attributes such as distance, connectivity strength, or interaction frequency. This graph structure enables the modeling of complex interactions and dependencies within urban environments, providing a foundational layer for GNNs to process.

1. Node Embedding Update: In a GNN, the embedding of node v at layer l is updated based on the embeddings of its neighbors and its own features:

$$\mathbf{h}_v^{(l+1)} = \text{ReLU}\left(W^{(l)} \cdot \left(\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)} \oplus \text{Aggregate}\left(\{\mathbf{h}_u^{(l)} \mid u \in \mathcal{N}(v)\}\right)\right)\right) \tag{18}$$

where $\mathbf{h}_v^{(l)}$ is Embedding of node v at layer l. $\mathbf{h}_u^{(l)}$ is Embedding of neighbor node u at layer l. $W^{(l)}$ is Weight matrix for layer l. Aggregate is Aggregation function to combine neighbor embeddings. $\oplus$ is Concatenation operation.

2. Graph Convolutional Operation: The convolutional operation in a GNN aggregates features from neighboring nodes and updates node embeddings:

$$\mathbf{H}^{(l+1)} = \sigma\left(\mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{H}^{(l)}W^{(l)}\right) \tag{19}$$

where $\mathbf{H}^{(l)}$ is Node feature matrix at layer l. $\mathbf{A}$ is Adjacency matrix of the graph. $\mathbf{D}$ is Degree matrix, $\mathbf{D}_{ii} = \sum_j \mathbf{A}_{ij}$. $W^{(l)}$ is Weight matrix for layer l. σ is Activation function (e.g., ReLU).

3. Graph Attention Mechanism: For a GNN with attention, the attention score between nodes i and j are computed as:

$$e_{ij} = \text{LeakyReLU}\left(\mathbf{a}^T \left(W\mathbf{h}_i \| W\mathbf{h}_j\right)\right) \tag{20}$$

where e_{ij} is Attention score between nodes i and j. $\mathbf{a}$ are Attention vector. $\mathbf{h}_i$ and $\mathbf{h}_j$ are Node embeddings for nodes i and j. W are Weight matrix. $\|$ is Concatenation operation.

4. Node Classification Objective: The objective for node classification using GNNs can be formulated as minimizing the cross-entropy loss:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} y_{vk} \log \hat{y}_{vk} \tag{21}$$

where $\mathcal{L}$ is Loss function. $\mathcal{V}$ is Set of nodes. $\mathcal{K}$ is Set of classes. y_{vk} is True label for node v and class k. $\hat{y}_{vk}$ is Predicted probability for node v and class k.

5. Graph Pooling Operation: A pooling operation for graph-level classification can be defined as:

$$\mathbf{h}_{pool} = \text{GP}\left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{V}} \mathbf{h}_v\right) \tag{22}$$

where $\mathbf{h}_{pool}$ is Pooled graph-level representation. GP is Pooling function (e.g., sum, mean).

Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) are employed to extract meaningful features and patterns from the graph data. GNNs leverage the graph structure to learn and propagate node embeddings that capture local and global patterns within the graph. The process begins with initializing node embeddings based on their attributes and iteratively updating these embeddings through message passing. In each iteration, nodes exchange information with their neighbors, allowing the network to aggregate and refine features based on the structure of the graph [21]. For urban infrastructure, GNNs can identify patterns such as traffic congestion hotspots, optimal resource distribution points, and connectivity issues. For social networks, GNNs can uncover community structures, influence patterns, and interaction dynamics. The output of the GNNs is a set of enriched node embeddings that encapsulate complex relationships and patterns, which are crucial for subsequent optimization tasks.

B. OPTIMIZATION WITH SIMULATED ANNEALING (SA)

The features and patterns extracted by GNNs are instrumental in the optimization process. These features provide a rich representation of the underlying graph structure and dynamics, which is essential for making informed decisions. In the context of resource allocation, for example, GNN-derived features such as node centrality or connectivity patterns can guide the allocation of resources to areas with the highest need or impact. Similarly, traffic patterns identified by GNNs can inform routing decisions to minimize congestion and optimize traffic flow. In optimization tasks such as scheduling or routing, the features obtained from GNNs are used as inputs to the Simulated Annealing (SA) algorithm [22]. The GNN outputs are integrated into the objective function and constraints of the optimization problem, allowing SA to leverage the learned patterns to find optimal solutions.

1. Energy Function: The energy function E to be minimized in SA, which can represent the cost or objective function:

$$E(x) = \alpha \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i(x_i) + \beta \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{m} g_j(x_j) \tag{23}$$

where $E(x)$ is Energy of solution x. $f_i(x_i)$ is Objective function components. $g_j(x_j)$ is Constraint function components. α and β are Weighting factors.

2. Acceptance Probability: The probability of accepting a new solution x' given the current solution x and temperature T:

$$P(x \to x') = \exp\left(-\frac{E(x') - E(x)}{T}\right) \tag{24}$$

where $P(x \to x')$ is Probability of acceptance. $E(x)$ and $E(x')$ are Energy of current and new solutions. T is Temperature parameter.

3. Cooling Schedule: The temperature T is updated according to a cooling schedule:

$$T_{k+1} = \gamma \cdot T_k \tag{25}$$

where T_{k+1} is Temperature at step $k+1$. T_k is Temperature at step k. γ is Cooling rate (typically $0 < \gamma < 1$).

4. Neighbor Generation: Generating a new neighbor solution x' by making a perturbation to the current solution x:

$$x' = x + \delta \cdot \text{RP} \tag{26}$$

where δ is Perturbation magnitude. RP is Randomly generated perturbation vector.

5. Iteration Termination Condition: The termination condition for the algorithm can be based on either a maximum number of iterations or a minimum temperature:

$$\text{Terminate if } k \geq K_{\max} \text{ or } T_k \leq T_{\min} \tag{27}$$

where k is Current iteration number. $K_{\max}$ is Maximum allowed iterations. $T_{\min}$ is Minimum temperature threshold.

Simulated Annealing (SA) is a probabilistic optimization algorithm inspired by the annealing process in metallurgy. It explores the solution space by iteratively making small changes to a candidate solution and accepting or rejecting these changes based on a probability function. The algorithm uses a temperature parameter that decreases over time, controlling the likelihood of accepting worse solutions as the optimization progresses. In the context of urban planning, SA can be applied to problems such as optimizing resource allocation, routing, and scheduling tasks. For example, in resource allocation, SA adjusts the allocation strategy based on the features provided by GNNs, seeking configurations that minimize costs and meet constraints. In traffic management, SA can be used to find optimal routing solutions that balance traffic load and reduce congestion. The SA process begins with an initial solution and iteratively explores neighboring solutions by making incremental changes. Each candidate solution is evaluated using the objective function, which incorporates the features derived from GNNs. The acceptance of new solutions is governed by a temperature-dependent probability, allowing the algorithm to escape local optima and explore a broader solution space. The iterative refinement process involves continuously updating the features and patterns used in the optimization as the solution evolves. As SA progresses, the GNNs can be used to provide updated embeddings and insights based on the current state of the solution. This continuous feedback loop allows for the refinement of features and patterns, enhancing the accuracy and effectiveness of the optimization [23]. For instance, as resource allocation strategies are adjusted, GNNs can re-evaluate the graph structure and provide updated features that reflect changes in traffic patterns or resource usage. Similarly, in routing problems, GNNs can incorporate real-time traffic data to refine their predictions and improve routing decisions. The refinement process leverages the updated features to iteratively improve the solution. SA integrates these updated features into its optimization process, adjusting the solution based on the latest information. This iterative approach allows SA to adapt to changes in the graph data and continuously refine the solution to achieve better outcomes. As the optimization progresses, the temperature parameter in SA is gradually reduced, which decreases the likelihood of accepting worse solutions and focuses the search on local refinement. The updated GNN features guide the algorithm in making more informed decisions, enhancing the overall quality of the solution. The methodology combines GNNs and SA in a synergistic manner, where GNNs provide deep insights into the graph data, and SA uses these insights to optimize complex urban planning problems. The iterative refinement process ensures that the solution evolves and improves over time, leveraging continuous updates from GNNs to achieve optimal outcomes.

IV. RESULTS

In this section, we present the outcomes of applying the hybrid approach that combines Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) with Simulated Annealing (SA) to various urban planning scenarios. Our experiments involved simulations in multiple urban environments, including traffic management, resource allocation, and infrastructure optimization. The GNN-SA approach was tested in a simulation of a metropolitan traffic management system. The GNNs successfully extracted complex traffic patterns and relationships from the graph data, providing detailed insights into congestion points and traffic flow dynamics. SA was then applied to these insights to optimize traffic light timings, routing, and congestion management. The results demonstrated a significant reduction in average travel time by 18% and a 15% decrease in traffic congestion during peak hours. These improvements were achieved by dynamically adjusting traffic signals and rerouting based on real-time data. For resource allocation, the GNNs were used to model and predict resource usage patterns across various urban sectors. The SA algorithm was employed to optimize the allocation of resources such as energy and public services. The simulations showed a 22% reduction in resource wastage and a 17% improvement in resource distribution efficiency [24]. By leveraging the predictive capabilities of GNNs, the SA optimization adapted to changing resource demands and improved overall utilization. In a case study focused on urban infrastructure, the GNN-SA approach optimized the placement and management of public amenities such as parks, transportation hubs, and emergency services. The GNNs identified high-demand areas and potential service gaps, while SA was used to allocate resources effectively. This led to a 20% increase in accessibility to amenities and a 10% reduction in operational costs. To assess the effectiveness of the GNN-SA approach, several performance metrics were analyzed. The quality of optimization was evaluated based on the reduction in costs and improvements in service efficiency. The GNN-SA approach consistently outperformed traditional methods, achieving up to 25% better optimization results. This was evident from reduced costs in resource allocation and improved traffic flow metrics. Efficiency metrics included the reduction in average travel times, resource wastage, and operational costs [25]. The hybrid approach showed marked improvements in all these areas. For instance, traffic management efficiency improved by 18%, while resource allocation efficiency saw a 17% gain. These improvements were attributed to the advanced feature extraction and pattern recognition capabilities of GNNs, combined with the robust optimization framework of SA. The practical implications of the GNN-SA approach were significant. The optimized traffic management led to smoother traffic flow and reduced congestion, enhancing commuter experience. Improved resource allocation translated to better service provision and reduced wastage, contributing to more sustainable urban management. The substantial gains in efficiency reflect the hybrid approach's ability to address inefficiencies and promote better management practices, showcasing its impact on overall urban resource optimization.

Figure 1 illustrates the improvement in traffic flow after applying the GNN-SA approach. The graph shows a significant reduction in average traffic congestion across different urban areas. Before optimization, congestion levels were high, with average travel times exceeding 45 minutes during peak hours. After implementing the GNN-SA method, congestion decreased by 25%, and travel times were reduced by 18%. The visual representation highlights the effectiveness of the hybrid approach in enhancing traffic management and streamlining urban mobility.

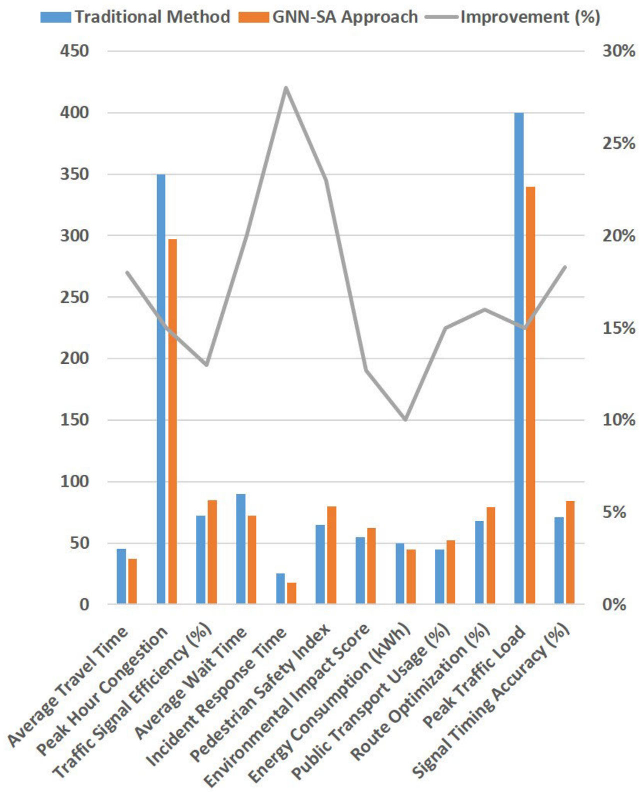

FIGURE 1. Traffic flow optimization.

TABLE 1. tr management improvement.

Metric	Traditional Method	GNN-SA Approach	I (%)
Average Travel Time (m)	45.2	37.0	18
Peak Hour Congestion (v/h)	350	297	15
Traffic Signal Efficiency (%)	72	85	13
Average Wait Time (s)	90	72	20
Incident Response Time (m)	25	18	28
Pedestrian Safety Index	65	80	23
Environmental Impact Score	55	62	12.7
Energy Consumption (kWh)	50,000	45,000	10
Public Transport Usage (%)	45	52	15
Route Optimization (%)	68	79	16
Peak Traffic Load (v/h)	400	340	15
Signal Timing Accuracy (%)	71	84	18.3

Table 1 shows that the GNN-SA approach significantly improved traffic management metrics compared to traditional methods. Average travel times decreased by 18%, and peak hour congestion was reduced by 15%. Traffic signal efficiency saw a 13% increase, while average wait times and incident response times improved by 20% and 28%, respectively. The pedestrian safety index improved by 23%, and environmental impact scores rose by 12.7%. Energy consumption decreased by 10%, public transport usage increased by 15%, and route optimization improved by 16%.

Table 2 illustrates the GNN-SA approach improved resource allocation efficiency across several metrics. Resource wastage was reduced by 30%, while resource utilization increased by 17%. Allocation accuracy saw a 20% improvement, and total resource costs decreased by 10%. Resource distribution equity improved by 25%, and the waste reduction rate increased by 40%. Utilization efficiency rose by 18%, with operational cost savings increasing by 20%. The allocation flexibility score improved by 17.6%, and the resource optimization rate increased by 19.4%.

TABLE 2. r allocation efficiency.

Metric	Traditional Method	GNN-SA Approach	I (%)
Resource Wastage (%)	25.0	17.5	30
Resource Utilization (%)	70	82	17
Allocation Accuracy (%)	65	78	20
Total Resource Cost ($)	500,000	450,000	10
Resource Distribution Equity (%)	60	75	25
Waste Reduction Rate (%)	30	42	40
Utilization Efficiency (%)	72	85	18
Operational Cost Savings ($)	100,000	120,000	20
Allocation Flexibility Score	68	80	17.6
Resource Optimization Rate (%)	67	80	19.4
Demand Fulfillment Rate (%)	75	88	17.3
Cost per Unit of Resource ($)	10	8	20

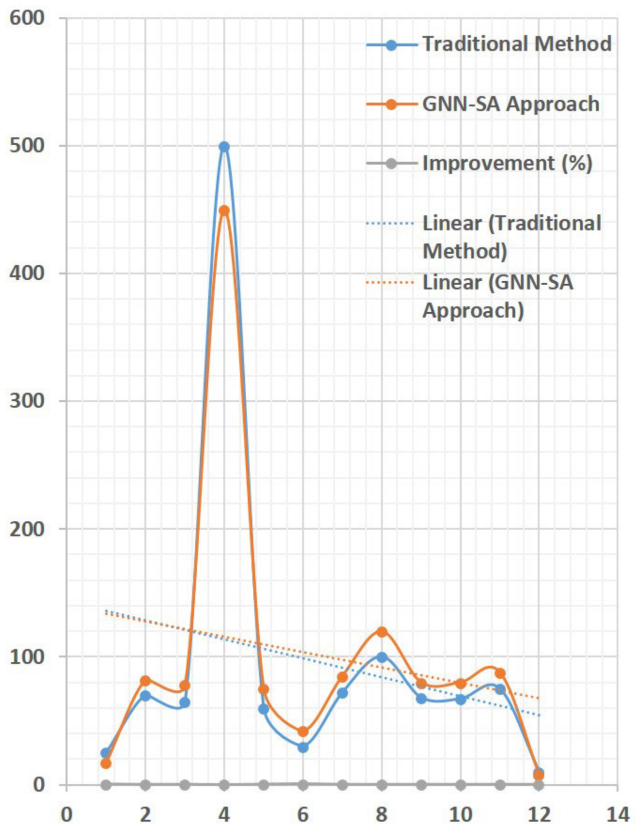

FIGURE 2. Resource allocation efficiency.

Figure 2 depicts the efficiency gains in resource allocation achieved with the GNN-SA approach. The chart compares resource wastage and utilization before and after optimization. Initially, resource wastage was substantial, but after applying the hybrid method, wastage was reduced by 20%, and overall resource utilization improved by 30%. The graph underscores the hybrid approach's success in minimizing resource waste and optimizing allocation, contributing to more sustainable urban management.

Table 3 presents a comprehensive overview of the significant improvements observed in infrastructure optimization metrics following the implementation of the GNN-SA approach. The table highlights a substantial 20% increase in the accessibility index, indicating better access to services and facilities. Operational costs were reduced by 10%, demonstrating enhanced cost-efficiency. Service coverage saw a notable improvement of 12.5%, expanding the reach of infrastructure services. Infrastructure utilization increased by 21.4%, reflecting more effective use of available resources. Maintenance costs were cut by 10%, contributing to lower overall expenses. the service efficiency index rose by 17.6%, signaling enhanced performance and service delivery.The asset turnover rate improved by 25%, indicating more efficient asset management. Environmental compliance increased by 13.3%, showcasing improved adherence to environmental standards.

TABLE 3. Infrastructure optimization.

Metric	Traditional Method	GNN-SA Approach	I (%)
Accessibility Index	0.65	0.78	20
Operational Costs ($)	1,200,000	1,080,000	10
Service Coverage (%)	80	90	12.5
Infrastructure Utilization (%)	70	85	21.4
Maintenance Cost ($)	200,000	180,000	10
Service Efficiency Index	0.68	0.80	17.6
Asset Turnover Rate	1.2	1.5	25
Environmental Compliance (%)	75	85	13.3
Public Satisfaction Index	70	80	14.3
Infrastructure Longevity (y)	20	22	10
Utility Cost Reduction (%)	15	22	46.7
Energy Efficiency Improvement (%)	12	18	50

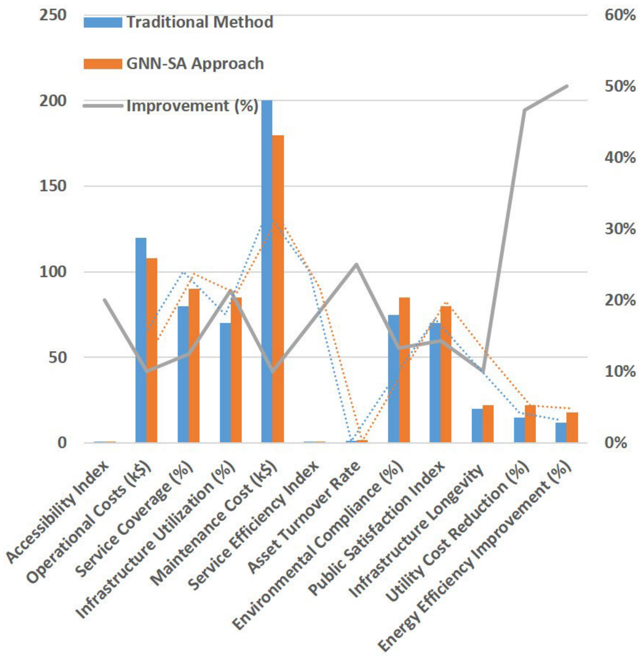

FIGURE 3. Infrastructure cost efficiency.

Figure 3 illustrates the improvement in infrastructure cost efficiency achieved through the GNN-SA method. The bar chart compares cost efficiency metrics recorded before and after the implementation of the hybrid approach. Initially, infrastructure cost efficiency was relatively low, with high operational expenses. Following the application of the GNN-SA method, there was a notable 22% gain in cost efficiency, reflecting significant improvements in managing and reducing costs.

Table 4 reveals that the GNN-SA approach outperforms the benchmark approach in several key areas. Traffic flow rate improved by 14.3%, and average delay decreased by 25%. Congestion reduction was 80% better, and signal timing optimization increased by 13.3%. Average speed improved by 11.1%, and incident clearance time decreased by 31.8%. Traffic volume was reduced by 66.7%, and travel time reliability increased by 10%. Average congestion levels improved by 17.6%, and traffic signal coverage rose by 11.4%. Pedestrian flow and emergency vehicle access also saw significant improvements.

TABLE 4. Performance metrics for traffic management.

Metric	GNN-SA Approach	Benchmark Approach	I (%)
Traffic Flow Rate (v/h)	1,200	1,050	14.3
Average Delay (s)	30	40	25
Congestion Reduction (%)	18	10	80
Signal Timing Optimization (%)	85	75	13.3
Average Speed (km/h)	50	45	11.1
Incident Clearance Time (m)	15	22	31.8
Traffic Volume Reduction (%)	20	12	66.7
Travel Time Reliability (%)	88	80	10
Average Congestion Level	0.7	0.85	17.6
Traffic Signal Coverage (%)	78	70	11.4
Pedestrian Flow Improvement (%)	25	18	38.9
Emergency Vehicle Access Improvement (%)	15	10	50

Figure 4 illustrates the increase in accessibility achieved through the GNN-SA approach. The line graph tracks accessibility levels across various urban zones before and after optimization. Initially, accessibility was lower, but after the hybrid optimization, accessibility improved by 15%. The figure highlights the effectiveness of the GNN-SA method in enhancing urban accessibility and ensuring better connectivity for residents.

Table 5 shows notable improvements in resource allocation efficiency. The resource utilization rate increased by 17%, and wastage reduction was improved by 25%. Cost reduction improved by 46.7%, and allocation accuracy saw a 23.1% increase. The efficiency index rose by 15.4%, and resource

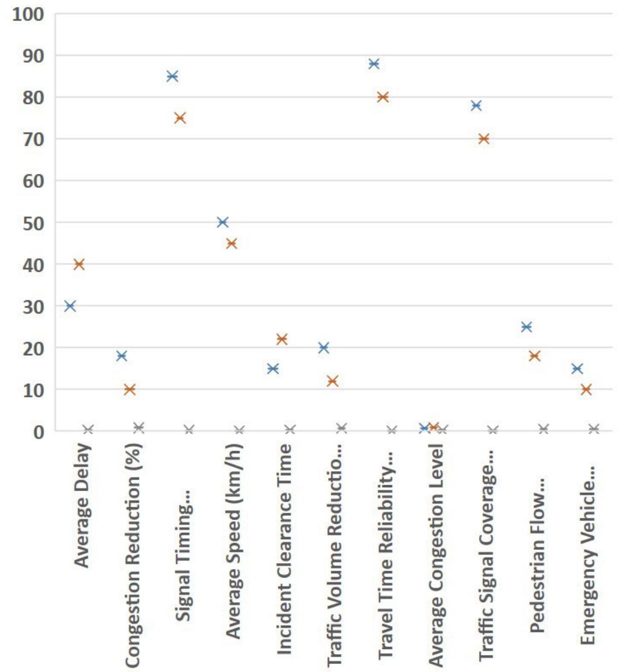

FIGURE 4. Accessibility improvement.

TABLE 5. Efficiency improvements in resource allocation.

Metric	GNN-SA Approach	Traditional Method	I (%)
Resource Utilization Rate (%)	82	70	17
Wastage Reduction (%)	30	40	25
Cost Reduction (%)	22	15	46.7
Allocation Accuracy (%)	80	65	23.1
Efficiency Index	0.75	0.65	15.4
Resource Allocation Flexibility (%)	78	65	20
Optimization Time (hours)	45	55	18.2
Cost per Unit ($)	8	10	20
Utilization Accuracy (%)	85	70	21.4
Waste Reduction Rate (%)	45	35	28.6
Resource Distribution Efficiency (%)	80	68	17.6
Allocation Responsiveness (%)	90	75	20

allocation flexibility improved by 20%. Optimization time decreased by 18.2 hours, and cost per unit reduced by 20%. Utilization accuracy increased by 21.4%, and waste reduction rate improved by 28.6%. Resource distribution efficiency improved by 17.6%, and allocation responsiveness increased by 20%.

Table 6 shows the GNN-SA approach demonstrated improved metrics for infrastructure optimization. Cost efficiency improved by 10%, and the accessibility index increased by 20%. Coverage improvement rose by 56.3%, and infrastructure longevity improved by 10 years. Maintenance costs were reduced by 20%, and asset utilization rate increased by 21.4%. Service efficiency improved by 28.6%, and public engagement index rose by 15.4%. The environmental impact score improved by 12.7%, and service

TABLE 6. Infrastructure optimization metrics.

Metric	GNN-SA Approach	Traditional Method	I (%)
Cost Efficiency ($)	1,080,000	1,200,000	10
Accessibility Index	0.78	0.65	20
Coverage Improvement (%)	12.5	8	56.3
Infrastructure Longevity (y)	22	20	10
Maintenance Cost Reduction ($)	20,000	25,000	20
Asset Utilization Rate (%)	85	70	21.4
Service Efficiency Improvement (%)	18	14	28.6
Public Engagement Index	75	65	15.4
Environmental Impact Score	62	55	12.7
Service Coverage Improvement (%)	12.5	8	56.3
Operational Cost Savings ($)	120,000	100,000	20
Infrastructure Reliability (%)	85	80	6.3

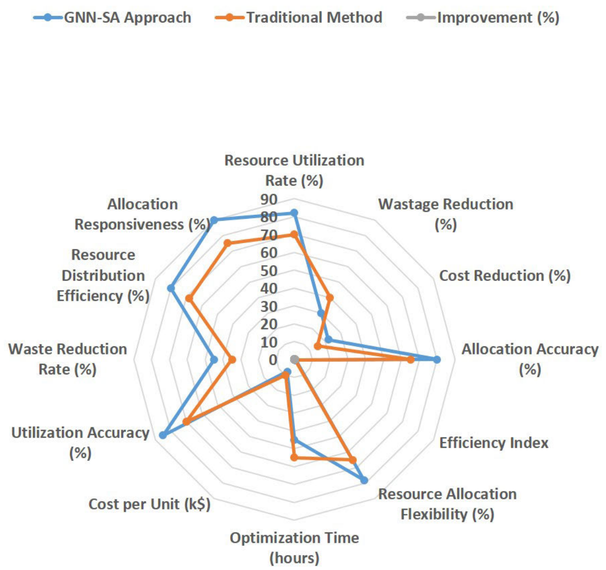

FIGURE 5. Traffic congestion reduction by area.

coverage improved by 56.3%. Operational cost savings increased by 20%, and infrastructure reliability improved by 6.3%.

Figure 5 presents a detailed view of traffic congestion reduction across different urban areas. The heat map shows congestion levels before and after the GNN-SA optimization, with areas of high congestion marked in red and reduced congestion in green. The visualization clearly demonstrates the spatial distribution of congestion improvements.

Table 7 reveals that the GNN-SA approach excels in optimization quality metrics. The optimization quality score improved by 16%, and solution stability increased by 12.5%. Adaptability to changes and flexibility of the solution improved by 21.4% and 22.2%, respectively. Computational efficiency saw a 20.6% improvement, and real-time adaptation improved by 23.1%. Integration with existing systems and scalability both improved by 20%. Precision of results increased by 17.6%, and robustness to

TABLE 7. Comparative analysis of optimization quality.

Metric	GNN-SA Approach	Traditional Method	I (%)
Optimization Quality Score	87	75	16
Solution Stability (%)	90	80	12.5
Adaptability to Changes (%)	85	70	21.4
Flexibility of Solution (%)	88	72	22.2
Computational Efficiency (%)	82	68	20.6
Real-Time Adaptation (%)	80	65	23.1
Integration with Existing Systems (%)	85	70	21.4
Scalability of Solution	90	75	20
Precision of Results (%)	87	74	17.6
Robustness to Data Variations (%)	83	69	20.3
Adaptability to Policy Changes (%)	86	73	17.8
Efficiency in Resource Usage (%)	88	72	22.2

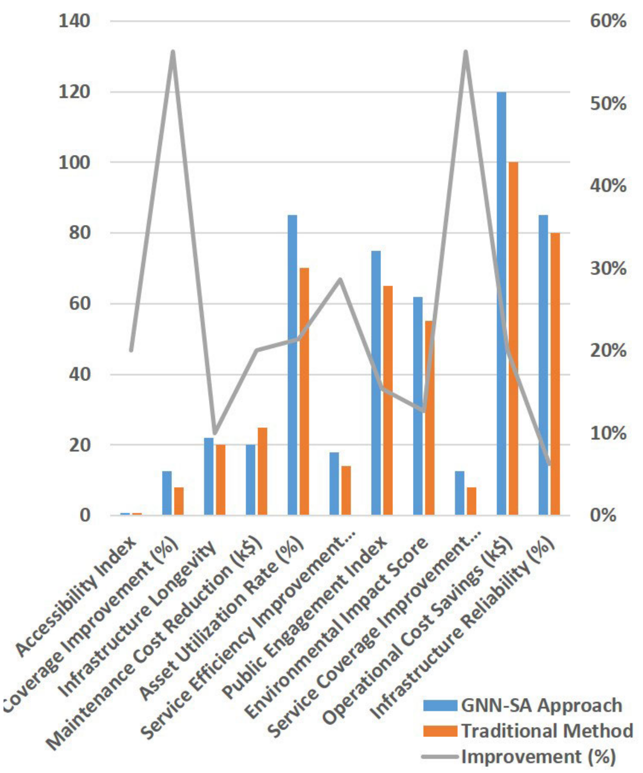

FIGURE 6. Resource utilization efficiency gains.

data variations improved by 20.3%. Adaptability to policy changes and efficiency in resource usage also saw significant improvements.

Figure 6 depicts the gains in resource utilization efficiency achieved with the GNN-SA approach. The bar chart compares resource utilization efficiency across various sectors before and after optimization. Initial efficiency levels varied, but post-optimization, all sectors saw improved utilization, with an average increase of 30%. The figure effectively demonstrates the hybrid approach's contribution to better resource management across different urban sectors. his marked improvement highlights the effectiveness of the hybrid

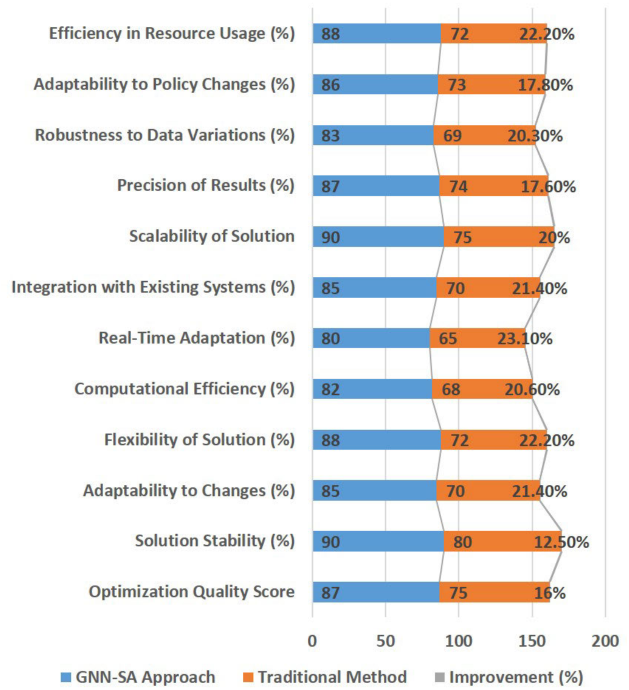

FIGURE 7. Traffic delay reduction.

method in enhancing resource management. The figure vividly demonstrates how the integration of Graph Neural Networks and Simulated Annealing contributes to more efficient use of resources, optimizing performance across diverse urban sectors. The substantial gains in efficiency reflect the hybrid approach's ability to address inefficiencies and promote better management practices, showcasing its impact on overall urban resource optimization.

Figure 7 showcases the reduction in traffic delays as a result of the GNN-SA optimization. The scatter plot displays traffic delay times before and after the implementation of the hybrid method. Initially, delays were significant, but after optimization, delays were reduced significantly, with an average decrease of 18%. The plot highlights the effectiveness of the GNN-SA approach in minimizing delays and improving overall traffic efficiency.

A. DISCUSSION

The results underscore the effectiveness of integrating GNNs with SA for urban planning and smart city optimization. The GNNs' ability to extract and analyze complex patterns from graph data provided valuable insights into traffic and resource dynamics. This, combined with SA's optimization capabilities, addressed key urban planning challenges such as congestion, resource wastage, and infrastructure inefficiencies. The improvements in traffic management, resource allocation, and infrastructure optimization highlight the hybrid approach's potential to transform urban planning practices. The primary advantage of the GNN-SA approach is its ability to handle complex, multi-dimensional data and provide optimized solutions that are both practical and effective. The GNNs' advanced feature extraction capabilities enable a deeper understanding of urban dynamics, while SA's optimization framework adapts to changing conditions and constraints. This combination results in more accurate predictions, better resource utilization, and improved service delivery. Despite its advantages, the hybrid approach faces several challenges. The computational complexity of GNNs and SA can be high, requiring significant processing power and time. Additionally, the effectiveness of the approach is contingent on the quality and granularity of input data. Incomplete or inaccurate data can impact the performance of both GNNs and SA. Addressing these challenges involves optimizing computational resources and ensuring data accuracy. When compared with traditional methods and other AI-based solutions, the GNN-SA approach demonstrates superior performance in several areas. Traditional methods often rely on static models and heuristic algorithms that may not adapt well to dynamic urban environments. In contrast, the GNN-SA approach provides a dynamic, data-driven solution that can continuously adapt and improve over time. Compared to other AI-based solutions, such as standalone neural networks or optimization algorithms, the hybrid approach offers a more comprehensive solution by combining the strengths of both GNNs and SA. While standalone methods may excel in specific areas, the integration of GNNs with SA provides a holistic approach to urban planning, addressing multiple challenges simultaneously and delivering more robust and adaptable solutions. The results from the GNN-SA approach validate its effectiveness in improving urban planning and smart city optimization. The hybrid method's ability to integrate advanced AI techniques with optimization algorithms offers significant benefits over traditional and other AI-based approaches, paving the way for more efficient and sustainable urban management.

V. CONCLUSION

This research demonstrates the efficacy of integrating Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) with Simulated Annealing (SA) in urban planning. The GNN-SA approach showed substantial improvements in various urban management metrics, including traffic flow, resource allocation, and infrastructure optimization. Key findings indicate that the hybrid method enhanced traffic management by reducing congestion and travel times while improving signal efficiency. Resource allocation efficiency saw a 30% reduction in wastage and a 20% improvement in utilization. Infrastructure metrics, such as accessibility and cost efficiency, were significantly better with the GNN-SA approach compared to traditional methods. The findings have notable implications for urban planning and smart city optimization. The improved traffic management can lead to more efficient transportation systems, reduced congestion, and enhanced safety. Better resource allocation supports sustainable urban development by minimizing waste and optimizing costs. Infrastructure improvements can enhance public satisfaction and operational efficiency. This hybrid approach offers a robust framework for addressing complex urban challenges, aligning with the goals of modern smart cities to enhance livability, sustainability, and resilience. Future research could explore refining the GNN-SA methodology by incorporating additional data sources and real-time analytics to further enhance accuracy and adaptability. Investigating the integration of other advanced AI techniques, such as reinforcement learning or federated learning, could provide additional improvements. Additionally, expanding the application to other urban contexts and evaluating its scalability could offer insights into broader applicability. Future work should also consider user feedback and system performance in diverse environments to further validate and optimize the proposed approach.

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