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Metro politics discusses examples of political strategies that have led to successful programs on land use planning, tax equity, and regional governance. Metro policy analyzes past policies and programs that have attempted-and failed-to address the challenges of concentrated poverty, sprawl, and inequitable distribution of resources. The book draws a new and incisive picture of the political structure of metropolitan regions and lays out a series of strategies for moving regional reform efforts forward.

A metropolitan area is referred to as a metro area or just metro, is a region consisting of a densely populated urban core and its less-populated surrounding territories, sharing industry, infrastructure and housing. A metro area usually comprises multiple jurisdictions and municipalities: neighbourhoods, townships, cities, exurbs, suburbs, counties, districts. As social, economic and political institutions have changed, metropolitan areas have become key economic and political regions. Metropolitan areas include one or more urban areas, as well as satellite cities, towns and intervening rural areas that are socio-economically tied to the urban core, typically measured by commuting patterns.

The effectiveness and ineffectiveness of leadership will be immediately perceived and assessed by the clients. This makes leadership more sensitive and responsive in urban government compared to state and central governments. Dynamic leadership is also necessary to mitigate the varied problems of the urban areas. Hence, the study of dynamics of urban leadership will throw light on the process of management of urban bodies in bringing about urban development and thus relieving the urban population from the evils of rapid urbanization. This kind of study will identify the strengths and weaknesses of leadership in a particular local body. This facilitates correcting the weaknesses and strengthening the leadership to serve the urban people in a better way, thus paving way for proper development of urban areas.

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