

# *US Blockade impacted on Cuban urban development*

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**The national director of Urban Planning of the Physical Planning Institute, José Mena. PL Photo.**

Havana, June 26 (RHC)-- Urban development in Cuba is one of the sectors affected by the blockade imposed by the United States and damages the construction and management of cities.

According to the national director of Urban Planning of the Physical Planning Institute, José Mena, in the implementation of the New Cuban Urban Agenda (NAUC) there are significant damages between April 2019 and March 2020.

These effects are fundamentally identified in production and services, tourism, information technology, and communications, industry, transportation, energy, and mines.

The blockade is the main obstacle to the implementation of the New Cuban Urban Agenda =, Mena said at a press conference and pointed out this has negative consequences on the living conditions of the population.

The urban policy promotes the development of compact structures that guarantee the maximum use of the internal growth potential of cities and other settlements, increase densities, optimize existing technical networks and services, and promote the recovery and growth of housing.

For this, the State plan's objective is to contribute to the management of national and local governments, with the integration of all sectors and institutions, Mena explained.

This plan includes eight strategic axes: planning/legislation, financing, mobility/accessibility, housing, technical infrastructure, urban economy, together with risk and climate change, he detailed.

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