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#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area

AIM: Khedive Ismail aimed to transform Old Cairo to Paris of the East, he wanted to Europeanize his capital and his country as a continuity for his grandfather Mohammad Aly project of modernazing Egypt.

#### METHODOLOGY:

The new city built by Khedive Ismail, became the center of Cairo, including the most political, social, cultural and commercial activities, and at the same time a historical feature for a lot of sociopolitical changes happened in Egypt all over the modern history of nationalization.

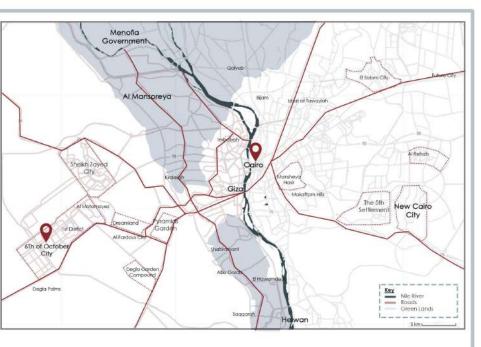
## 6th Of October , Hossary Area

One of the new Egyptian cities that was built to reduce the population density of Cairo and to ease the burden placed on Giza

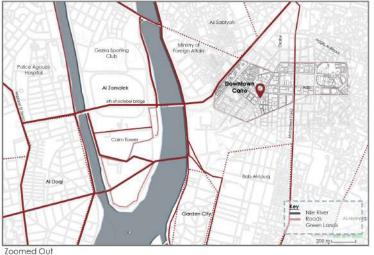
the city was named after the victory of the Sixth of October 1973

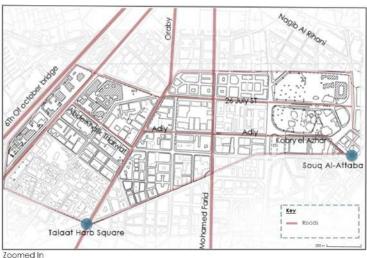
#### METHODOLOGY:

It is considered one of the most successful industrial cities in Egypt, and one of the most modern cities in terms of urbanization, as it includes 12 neighborhoods within the city cordon and expanded further in a few years, as well as numerous private urban communities, and most of its neighborhoods are distinguished by good architectural organization and paved roads

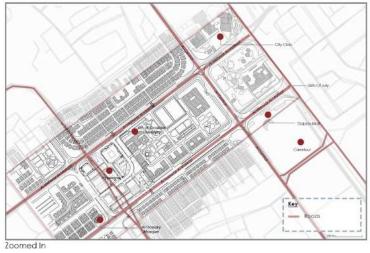


#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area









Zoomed Out

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area:

Currently: Now, most of the historic buildings within the area were renovated by the ministry Of housing, utilities and urban development. dictionary can be traced back to Britain and Ireland.

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in April 2011, in the wake of the Egyptian revolution, it was reincorporated into the Giza Governorate, to which it had originally belonged.

## Historical Background

#### **Downtown-October**

#### Downtown 1863–1950

the Cairo city was at that time extended between the citadel from the east side till Al Azbakia cemetery and Al Ataba from the western side , most of the area was urban deteriorated and surrounded by ponds

And In few years Khedive Ismail could be able to transform Old .Cairo to Paris of the East

#### Downtown 1952

Cairo fire and the revolution led by gamal abdel nasser. Whom led to the demolishing of the uppercla

## The revolution creating more law violations

Downtown 2011

#### Downtown 2020

Preserving the heritage buildings and reestablishing the harmony of the commercial signs and visuals , enforcing law by clearing street vendors

#### Downtown 1960-2011

the degradation of social class caused many informal adaptations to the current buildings for example the informal reuse of the roofs







October 1978 A new city mostly deserted

#### October 2000

Gridded plots of land occupied by modular buildings

#### October 2020

due to this ongoing increase in the traffic flow streets are made wider to accommodate more cars making this area dependent on cars and almost impossible to be walkable

#### In conclusion

Both areas were designed to a specific image that was prevalent in their own era , were both tend to amend to their weaknesses caused bey law violations and in adequate human behavior, downtown appears to be more of a walkable city with a certain harmonious identity while 6th of october city tend to be more on the functional side with no specific identity it only promotes its functional characteristics while ignoring any urban life experience

#### October 2011

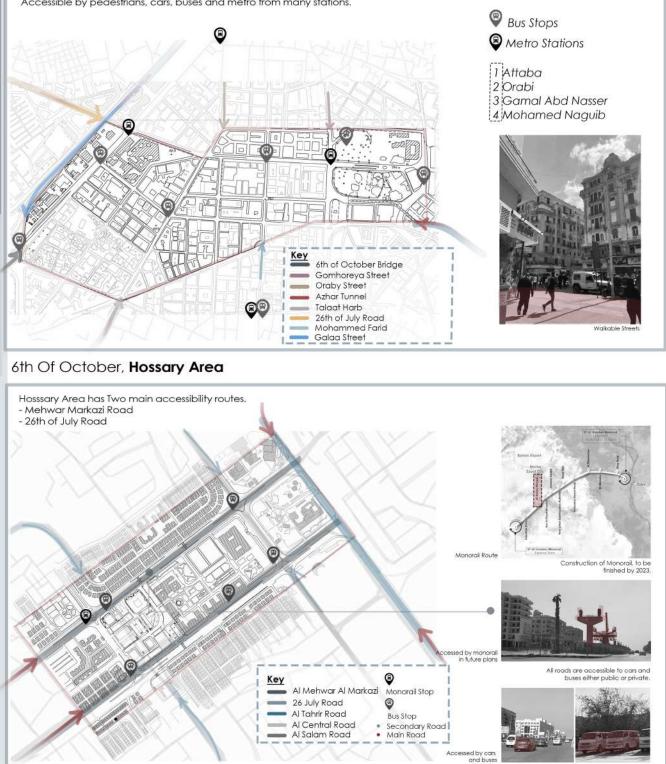
With the Egyptian revolution and the syrian refugees crises many refugees started to migrate and start their business in this area causing many law violations in terms of street and parking usage and increased the car flow to this area

## Accessibility

#### Khedival Cairo, Downtown Area

Downtown has much more main accessible points than secondary to the site

Accessible by pedestrians, cars, buses and metro from many stations.



#### Conclusion:

- As Downtown is in the center of the city it has much more accessible points than Hossary.

- Both locations are easily accessed with variable means of transportation like buses, cars and metro. Although Al-Hossary doesn't have a metrostation but, there is a monorali underconstruction which should lead to better accessibility.

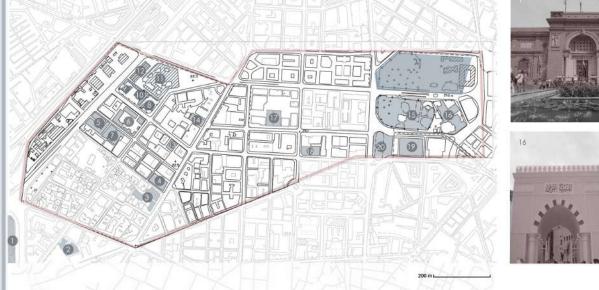
- Both sites dont have any bicycle lanes.

## LANDMARKS

#### Khedive Cairo, DownTown

Egyptian Museum
 Cinema Radio
 Aswan University
 Judges Club
 Odeon Cinema
 National Theater
 Opera Garage

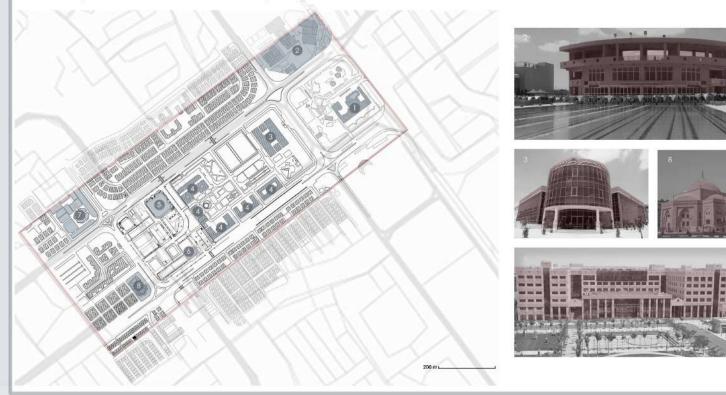
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#### 6th of October, Al-Hossary

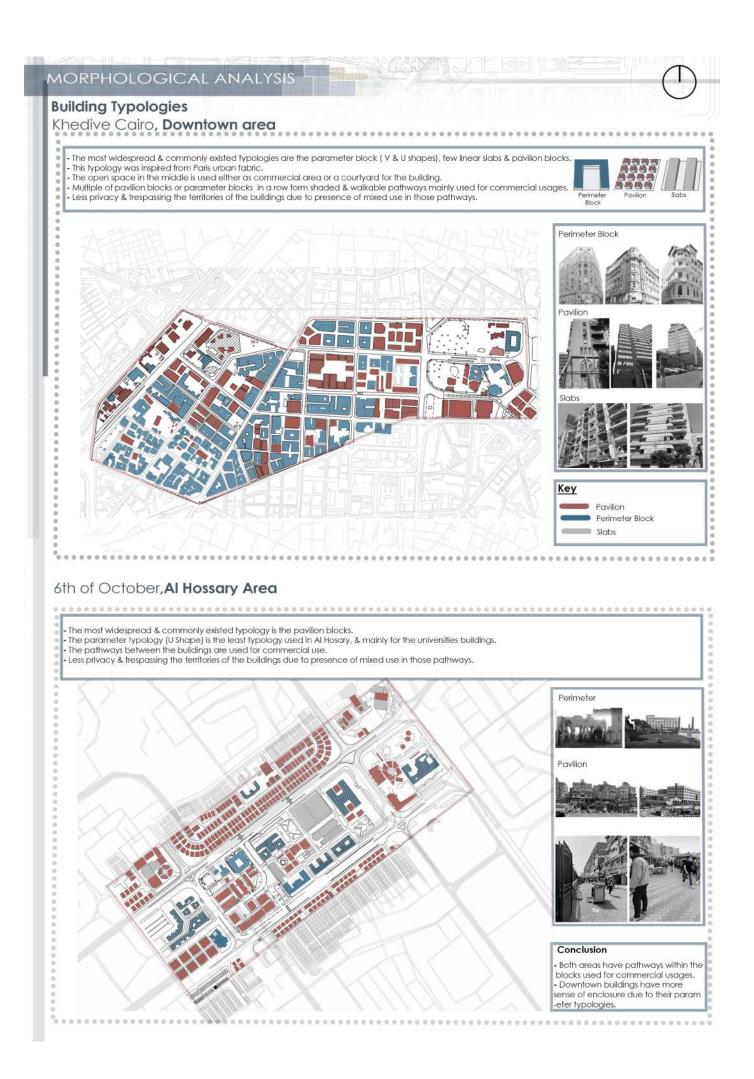
1. 6th of October Authority 4.6th of October University 7.Al-Hossary Park 2.6th of October Club 5.Diamond Mall 8.Al-Hossary Mosque 3.6th of October Hospital 6.Gad

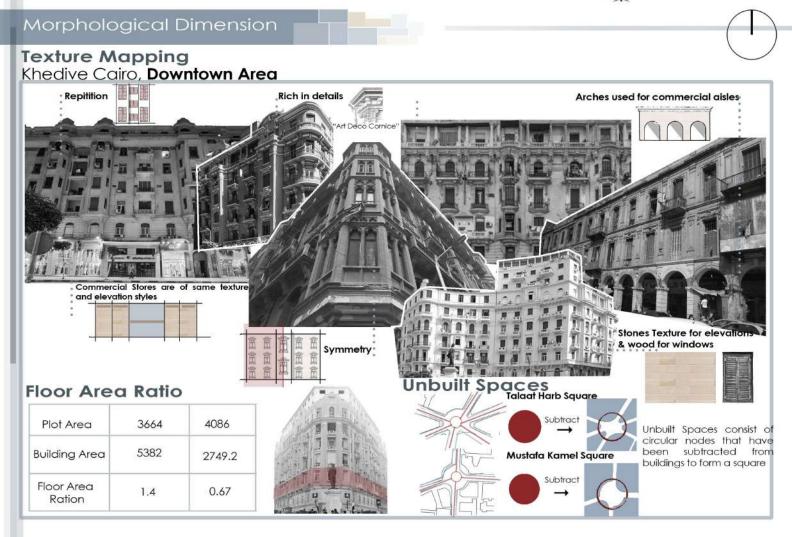


**Conclusion:** -Downtown is rich with many major landmarks including political, religious, recreational, touristic & educational. Those landmarks target people from various levels.

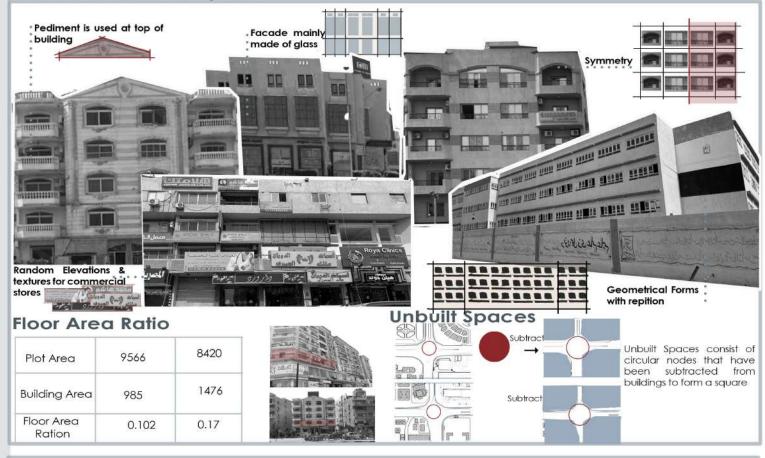
Presence of those landmarks makes Downtown a well serviced urban-area.

-Al-Hossary Has major landmarks as well as minor landmarks that create an engaging environment for the user





#### 6TH OCTOBER, Al Hossary Area



DOWNTOWN: - Downtown has unique architecture style that outstands it.

Various elements as cornice, ornaments, wooden windows & arches are used.

Repition is used to emphasize on those elements.

Geometrical & bold shapes are used.

-High urban density. -Hight ratio of built up area creating walkable, street dimensions and public coherence.

High built up area ratio, does not provide further occupation within the area.
 The high density reflects a high rate in growth pattern of the area.

AL HOSSARY: - Al hossary has no specific architecture style that out-stands it. - No ornaments or rich details are used in the facades.

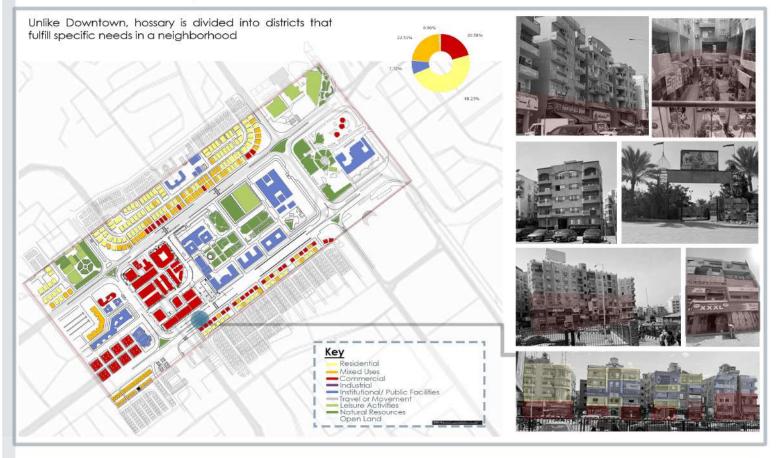
 Each building type has different textures & elevation styes. - Repitition & symmetry are mainly used in the facades.

Low urban density,
Low ratio of built up area gives an excessive space for streets and roads making it

inadequate for walking. - Low built up area ratio, reflects the area's capability for further occupation.

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#### 6th Of October, Hossary Area

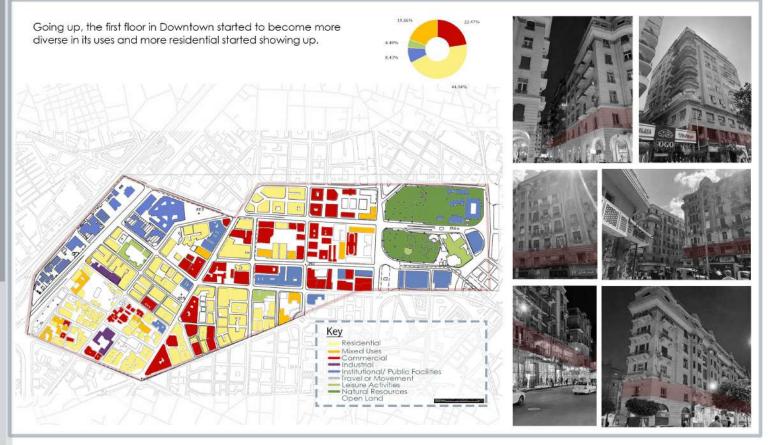


**Conclusion:** The difference in designing both sites can be visually recognized through the two maps through the way of distributing each ground floor. it is noticed that Downtown has mostly most of the map commercial uses while Hossary map is divided into districts with services in the middle, surrounded by residential units which may be unsafe for residents as the residential zone is very quite and dangerous

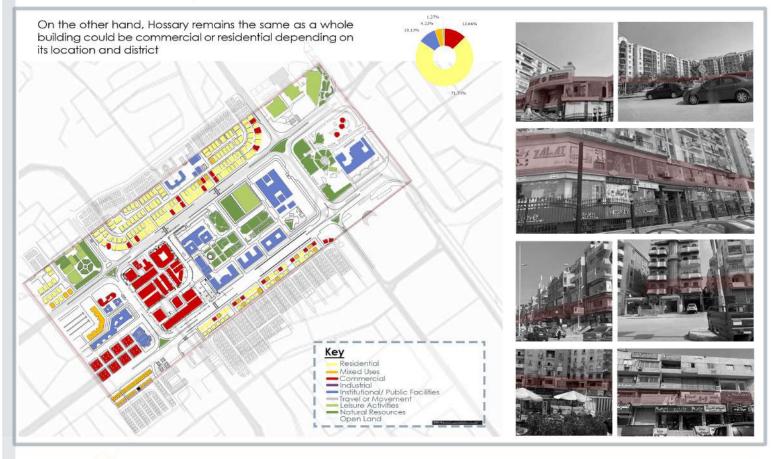
# MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

#### Land-Use Maps First Floor

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area



#### 6th Of October, Hossary Area



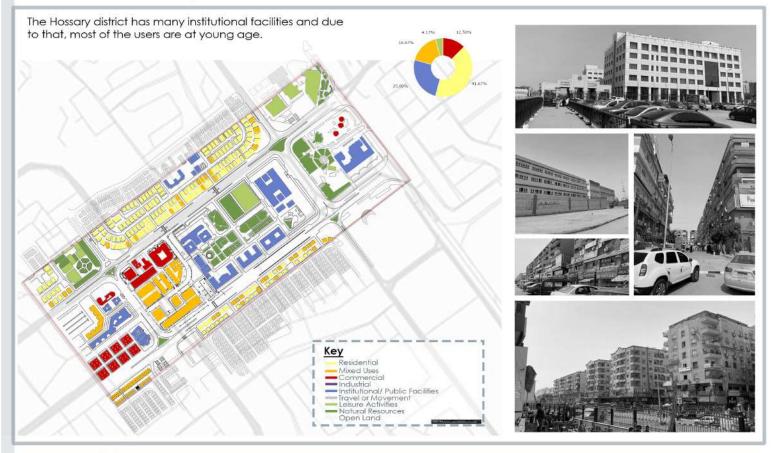
**Conclusion**: The two maps share almost average distributions but with different densities where in downtown uses are distributed in a manner where many uses are found in one block. Unlike hossary, commercial zones are in a district and residential areas are in another. This may have its pros and cons in each site. The distribution in Hossary may be quieter for the residential neighborhood but may not be helpful to users where some area may lack commercial zones. The same idea for Downtown as it may be very crowded but services are near any residential areas.

# MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSI

## Land-Use Maps

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area

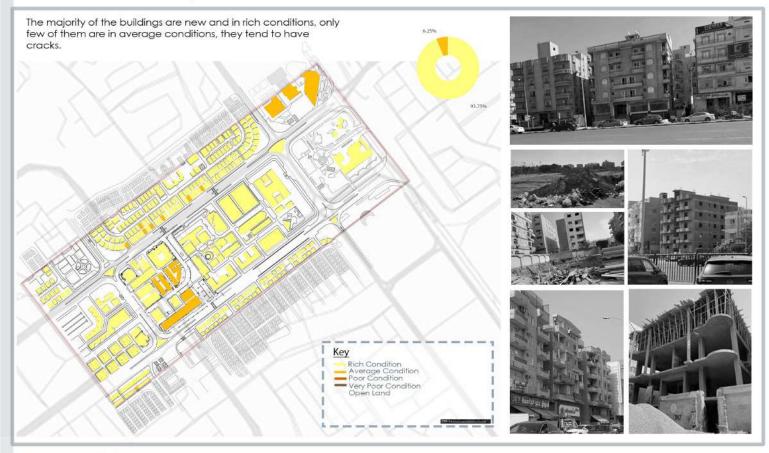
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**Conclusion**: These two land-use maps give a clear image on how the social behavior may be. Less people will be walking in the Hossary due to its large streets and undistributed commercial zones. People only get to the services district to fulfill their needs. Unlike Downtown, more people will be walking as the landuses are distributed on a larger scale.

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#### 6th Of October, Hossary Area



**Conclusion:** Most buildings in Downtown were old but due to the renovation, the city is now considered historical and is visited by tourists. On the other hand, Hossary has very recent buildings however, it tends to have lack of maintenance.

# MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

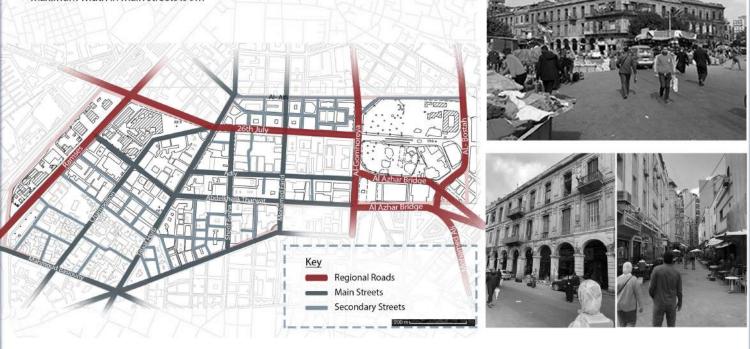
## Streets Networks

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown

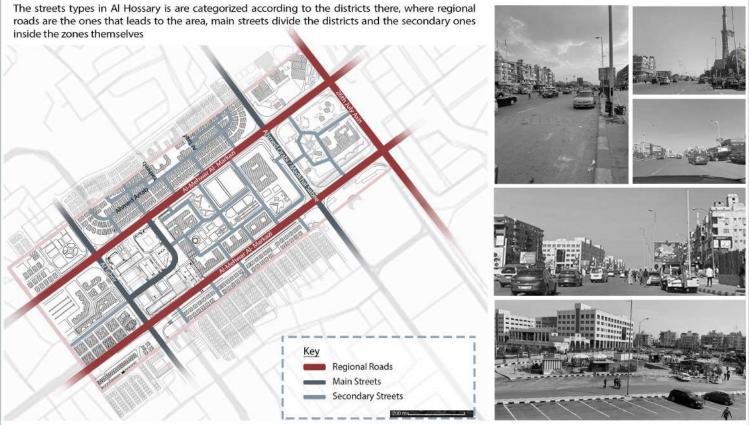
#### A) Streets Hierarchy

- The streets network in Downtown area is divided into 3 categories according streets' widths, it's role and where it go.

- Maximum width in main streets is 9m



#### 6th of October, Al-Hossary



#### Conclusion:

- Streets width in Downtown makes it safe for pedestrians and walkable, while streets in Al Hossary are mainly Highways and there widths make it unsafe for pedestrians.

- In Downtown streets were designed to accommodate horse carriages, now it's a nightmare to move with a car there during rush hours. In Hossary, it was designed to be functional and accommodate the largest capacity of cars.

# MORPHOLOGICAL ANALY

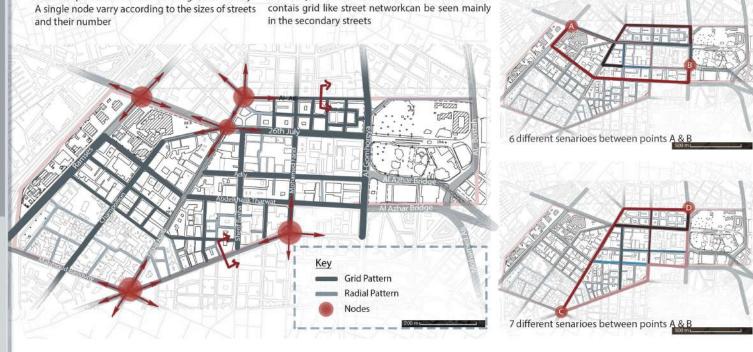
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#### B) Urban Fabric

#### Radial

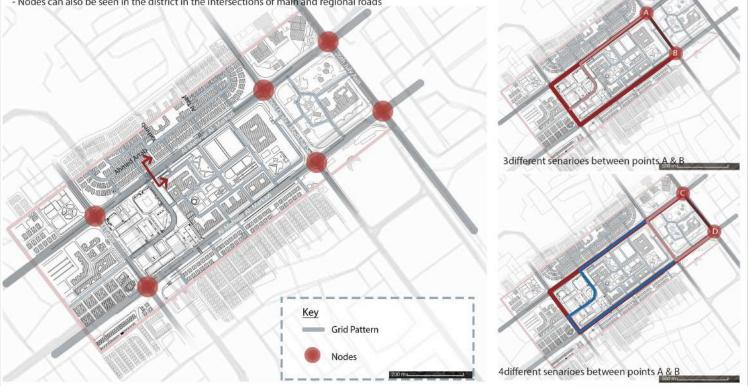
-Urban Fabric in Downtown, Cairo is radial -Nodes squares from which streets get out radially Grid Although nodes and radial urban fabric can be obviously noticed, Downtown's urban fabric also **B)** Permeability



#### 6th of October, Al-Hossary

#### Grid

- Urban Fabric in Al Hosary district is made on a "grid", where all streets are perpindecular on each other
- Some curves can be noticed but they are only in turns and still part of the grid system
- Nodes can also be seen in the district in the intersections of main and regional roads



#### Conclusion:

- Permeability in Downtown is higher than Al Hosary due to the urban fabric, where the grid network limits the possibilities of various senarioes of accessbility.

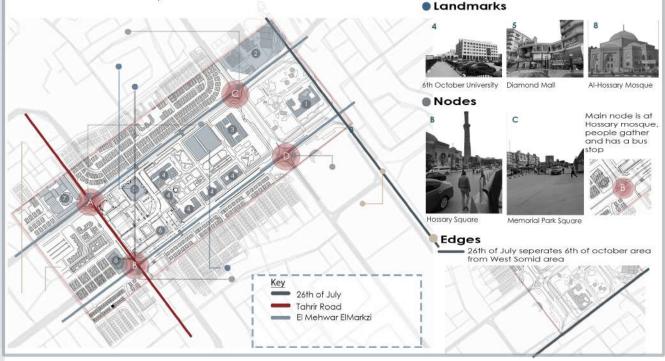
- Urban Fabric in Downtown is a mix of Radial and Grid pattern, while in Al Hossary it's only Grid

#### MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS **Kevin Lynch** KHEDIVE CAIRO, DOWNTOWN Districts Landmarks Listrict consist mainly of historical buildings like Yakoubian building & Groppi building. Longhanned haphazard single story structure occupied by garages and car mechanics. Few residential buildings none of which are his-torical. Link the commercial buildings none of which are his-18 4 torical. 3. High rise commercial buildings with almost no residential uses. 4. High-rise residential and commercial buildings. Buildings on the main street (Talaat Harb) are historical while the other buildings are mostly built in 1970-1980 5. Historical buildings with many pedestrian streets dividing the building the buildings. 5 gyptian Musuem ing blocks. 6. Mostly high-rise commercial buildings.occupied by banks. 7. Large block historical buildings with courts in the middle of the buildings. Grid distribution of districts. Nodes B ustafa square 0 Edges Kasr Al Nile St. seperates between the site & Nile Corniche and Tahri<mark>r Square</mark> 6th October Bridge seperates between the site & Maspero and Egyptian radio &

#### 6TH OCTOBER, AL HOSSARY

#### Districts

- No districts identified in Hossary as areas dont have similar characteristics.



Conclusion: - Kasr AI Nile St. seperates between the site & Nile Corniche and Tahrir Square

-6th October Bridge seperates between the site & Maspero and Egyptian radio & television union area

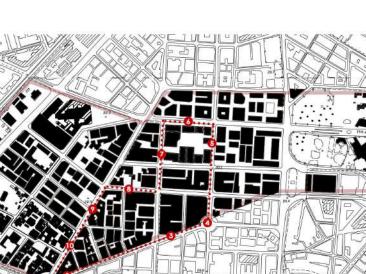
-Hossary area has minor landmarks compared to Downtown

## **VISUAL STUDIES**

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area

#### Morphological Analysis, Solid and Void

Downtowns solid to void ratio is more denies however it create walkable environment by providing shading for resistance. Most of the void areas are public garden and parkings . The streets is narrow width compared to The other e side





Solid 69%

Void 31%

#### **Visual Sequence**

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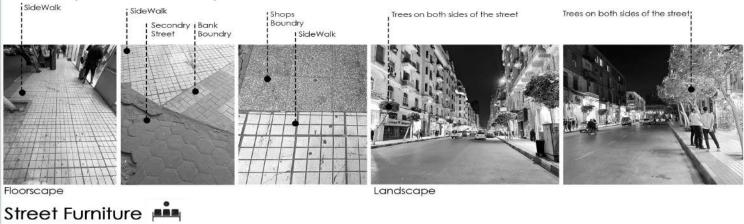
activites and shops



The Transition between the public and private areas

Human Scale Buildings are 4-5 floors which make the experience of the streets more hosting for a human being

## Floorscape and landscape





#### Conclusion:

Downtown Cairo's streets are full of active frontage and interesting sceneries. Also, the streets are more hosting and welcoming for people due to the buildings heights ratio to human. "Human Scale" Streets are full of recycle bins and trees every 4-5 meters on both sides of streets.





Buildings facades are occupied with many

Transition



#### **Visual Studies**

Al-Hossary (6th of October)

## **Visual Sequence**



Floorscape & Landscape using pavement for street venders and commercial use



There is a few number of

public setting areas

Floorscape

**Street Furniture** 

side walking

Small pavement for

- Metal wall to stop people from crossing street at certain areas L



Floor

used articulate

setting area

Patterns

to

the





recycle bins on





**Conclusion**: Al Hosary Solid and void map shows large spaces between buildings. it has large voids to solid ratio however most of the voids are private spaces and for large wide streets witch create a non walkable environment and does-not provide shading



recycle bins

Shop side walk boundry

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and mainly used as cafe

Landscape

## VISUAL STUDIES

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area

#### Facade Design

1.Create a sense of place & Have character and coherence



Downtown cairo has its own distinctive style which give character and coherence

2.Mediate between inside and out & Have compositions that create rhythm



The Transition between the public and private areas

3. Have windows suggesting the potential presence of people

----- Rhythm -----



Building Facades have plenty of windows which integrates the inside of the building with the presence of people on the outside.

4. Have substantial, tactile and decorative materials.



5. Integration of building facade with the surrounding buildings



#### Conclusion:

Complexity and architectural character is one of the key features shown in the Downtown Cairo's Building fcades that can affect people's activities. This includes façade articulation, scale and rhythm, and human scale. Façade complexity can be seen through richness of details and articulation of façades through details easily seen by the human eye. This includes texture, size, color, façade irregularity and shape

#### Al-Hossary (6th of October)

#### Facade Design

.1. Craete a sense of place & have character and coherence



Al Hossary area doesn't has its own distinctive style or coherence

2. Mediate between inside and out & have composition that creat rthym



3. Have windows suggesting the potential presence of people



4. Have substance, tactile and decorativr materials



Most of AL Hossary buildings don't have substance, tactile and decorative materials because they follows the functionalism

5. Integralation of building with the surrounding buildings

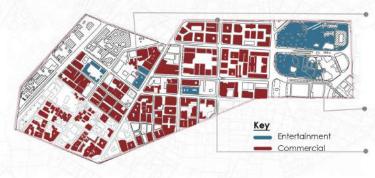


Conclusion: Most of 6th October (Al-Hossary) buildings were built base on function only, they don't have a distinguished architectural style. Some buildings have a few decorative elements or different colours on the elevations, while others; buildings are covered with commercial adds or shops use them to present their products.

## SOCIAL ANALYSIS

#### Khedival Cairo, Downtown Area

#### SOCIAL ACTIVITY MAP



#### SPACE CONTROL MAP

PUBLIC SPACE ACTIVITY

Old cinemas and a theater

Many shops on the ground level of buildings offering products at a variety of prices

Azbakya garden as a quasi activity zone

Alfy street is a quasi activity on pedestrian street









Opera Square (External Public Space



Azbakeya Garden (external Public Space)



Food Area



#### EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY AND SECURITY MAP



2 public hospitals in the area



Many affordable street vendors and restaurants.

- Two schools in the zone , one private and one public
- Weekness unsafe area for women, areas have car shops
- Green Areas and pedestrian streets are good for elderly and children

Slums Area

- Unsafe zone 1 is a slum area, harassment from some outlaws. Some buildings in the area are too old as Sayed Halim Basha Palace, may collapse at anytime which is a major danger for the residents.

- Zone 2 is a dense and compact area cinsisting of highrise complexes with narrow streets making it unsafe for women, children and disabled to roam free through them as theres no monitoring and awarness of who resides those streets and the building's voids

#### Conclusion:

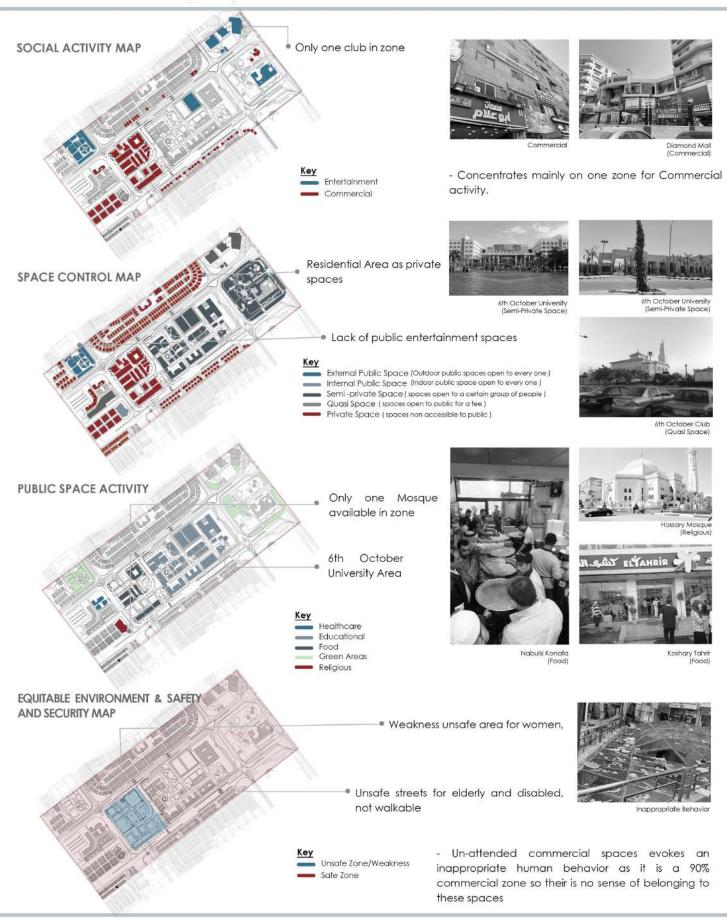
Although The majority of the site is safe for women children and the disabled to roam free in, The area lacks public entertainment zones

The area satisfies the public human needs in terms of affordability of food services , availability of public health care and education



## SOCIAL ANALYSIS

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#### Conclusion:

As hossary area is planned in a zoning manner this created a secluded commercial area that is not attended to during varies times throughout the day making it very unsafe for women, children and elderly. Also the wide streets made it unsafe for walkability and the absence of adequate public spaces for everyone decreased the potential for elderly and

Also the wide streets made it unsafe for walkability and the absence of adequate public spaces for everyone decreased the potential for elderly and children to enjoy living in this zone

# ACTIVITY MAP

#### Khedival Cairo, Downtown Area

#### SQUARE TYPES

#### According to Sitte

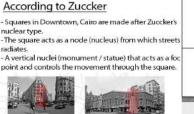
- The buildings compositions form the negative space (the squares)

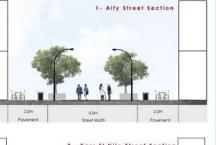
- The positive space form the negative space. - Sense of enclosure by the surrounding buildings

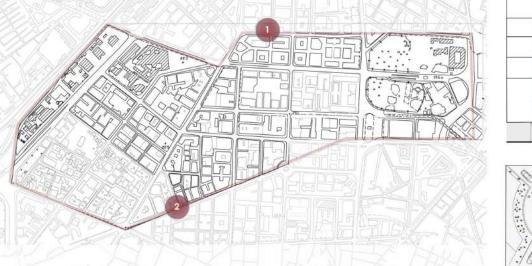
-The void space is less than the buildings ( ratio not more

than 1:3) - Presence of a monument that arcticulates the square.











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#### Square Types Conclusion

Downtown Cairo's negative spaces fuction efficiently as it contains both theories of sitte's and Zuccker's.
 Reffering to Sitte's priciples and the necessity of considering the visual aesthetics, Downtown Cairo's squares created better sense of place.

#### SQUARE TYPES

#### According to Zuccker

- The streets and their intersections are the ones that form the square making it "Amorphous" - The squares are formless and undefined. - Lack of enclosure within the surrounding space.



1 - Alfy Street Plan





#### Activity Conclusion:

In downtown area Due to traffic problems and to add more cultural diversity to the area many streets were converted to pedestrian streets, on the other hand in hossary area due to the same traffic problems they resorted to the opposite solution which is making the streets wider so the area should be more functional eliminating the possibility for walkability in this area.

In downtown area the Narrow streets were perfect place for the traditional street coffee shops in downtown for the workers and the residents. But in hossary area the wide streets made it unsafe for pedestrians to use, therefore street coffee shopes resorted to using the parking lots as a space of their own creating un planned nodes.

#### PROBLEMS

#### Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area

#### Lack of shading devices in some of the streets

- -Downtown lacks the presence of shading
  - devices in some of the streets which
  - makes it hard for people to walk.
- -Street Venders in "Soor Al-Azbakeya" area cause crowdness in the sidewalks -Also, throughing garabage in the streets in this specific area are pretty shown.

Misplanning for street venders

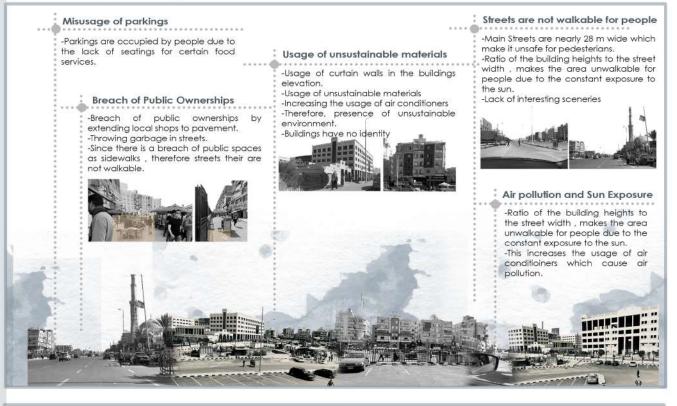


Neglection of some buildings

-Their are some building that are totaly neglected , not occupied or not used by people their.



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#### Conclusion:

Downtown Cairo is more walkable for people due to the ratio of building height and width of streets while Hossary Area is the opposite to Downtown.

Also, Downtown has a lot of interesting sceneries and active footage for people to enjoy.

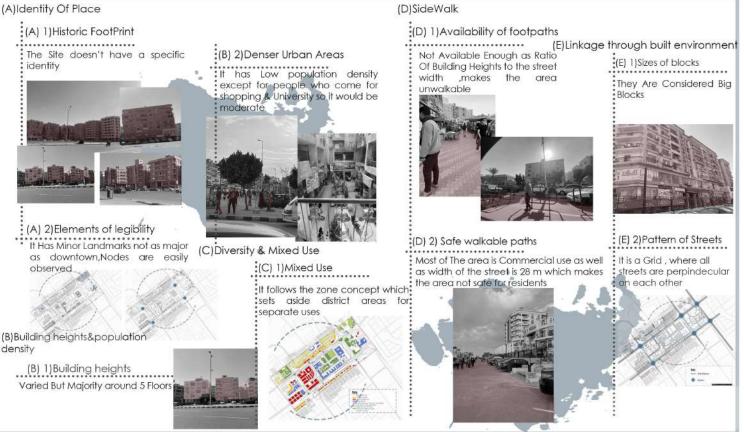
## THEORIES ANALYSIS

#### Khedive Cairo, DownTown



#### 6th of October, Al-Hossary

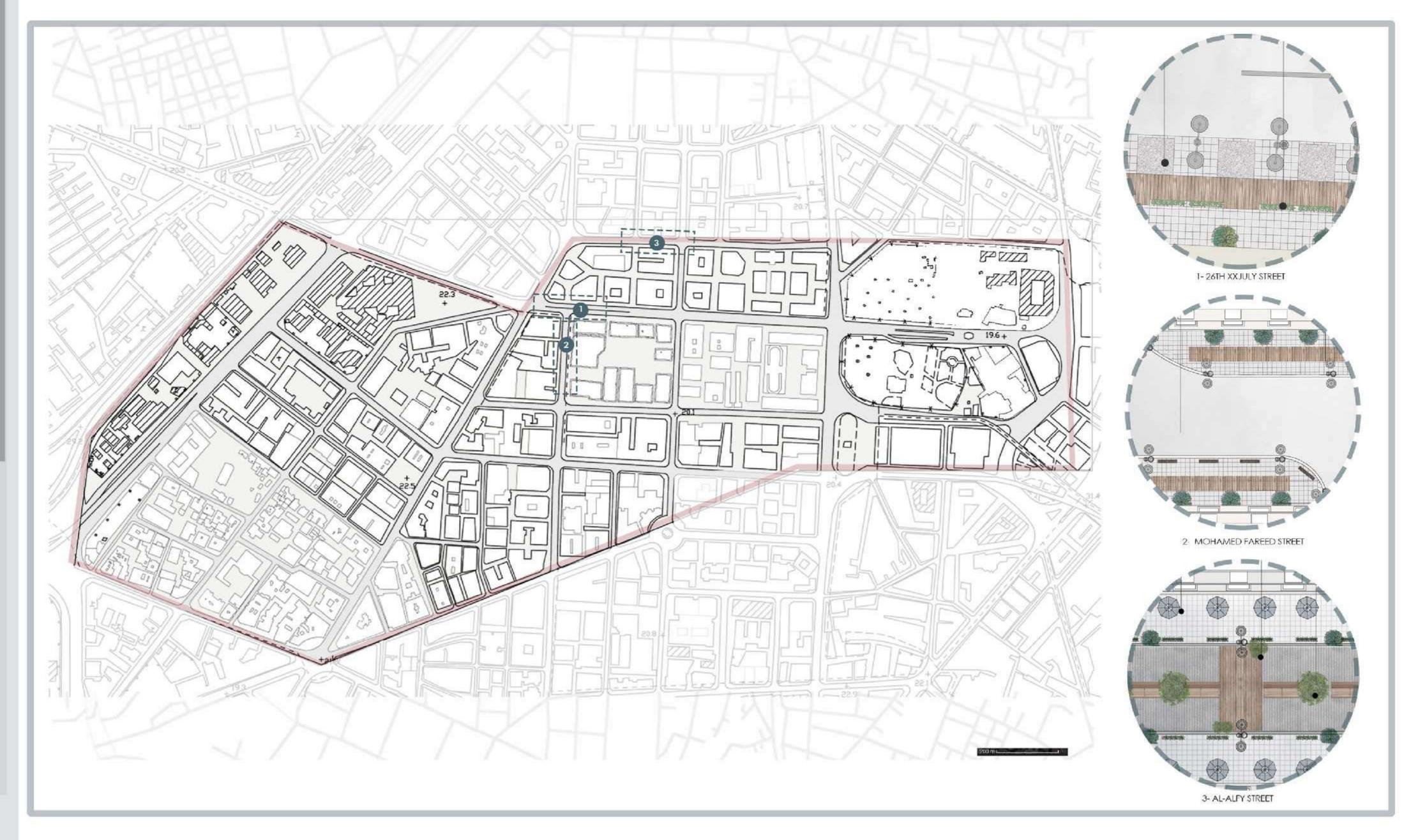
#### (A)Identity Of Place



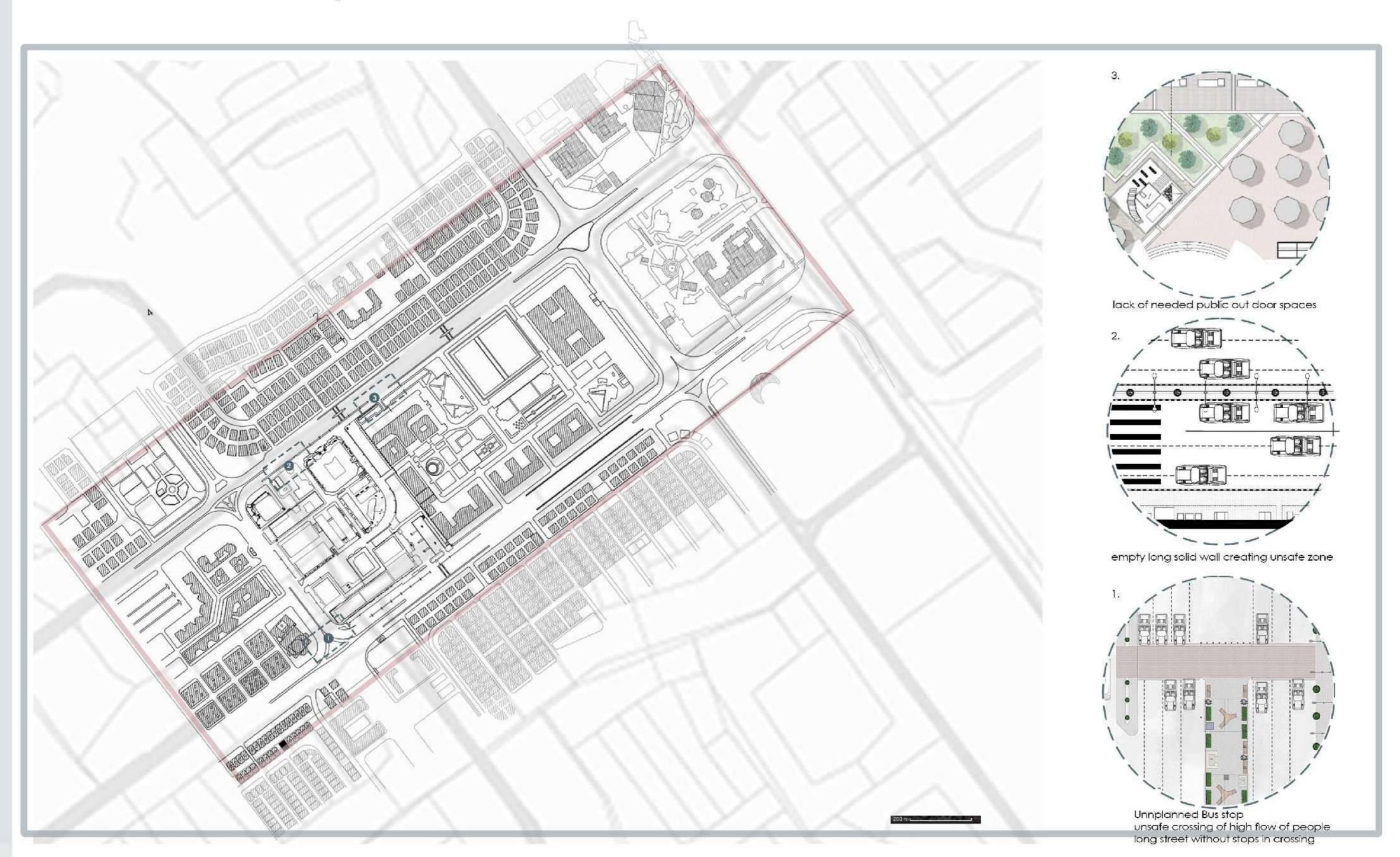
Conclusion: Due to different eras and intentions each of the two areas applied the theory that goes along with its eras believes and with governmental vision. Both cities succeeded in achieving their own vision using different theories

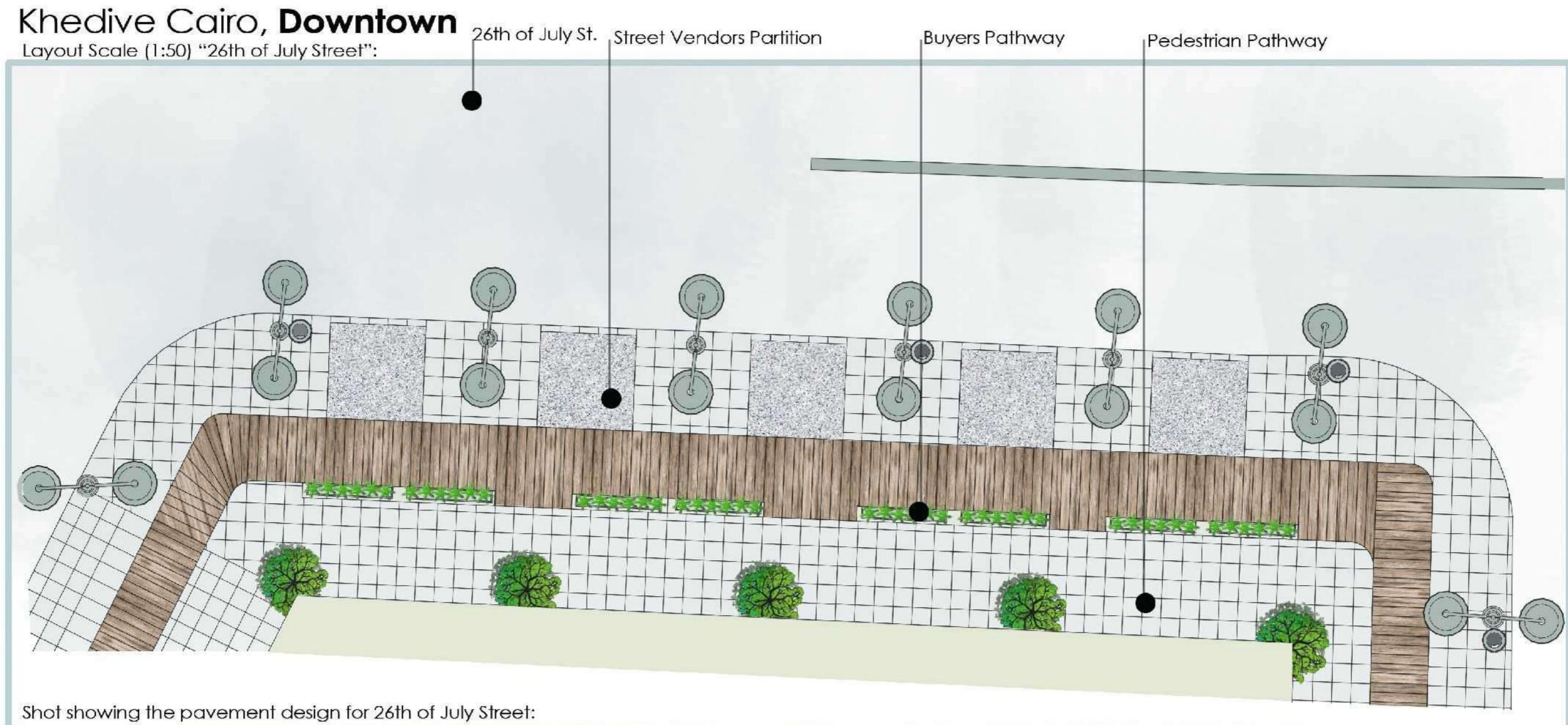
# MASTER-PLANS

# Khedive Cairo, Downtown Area



# 6th Of October, Hossary Area





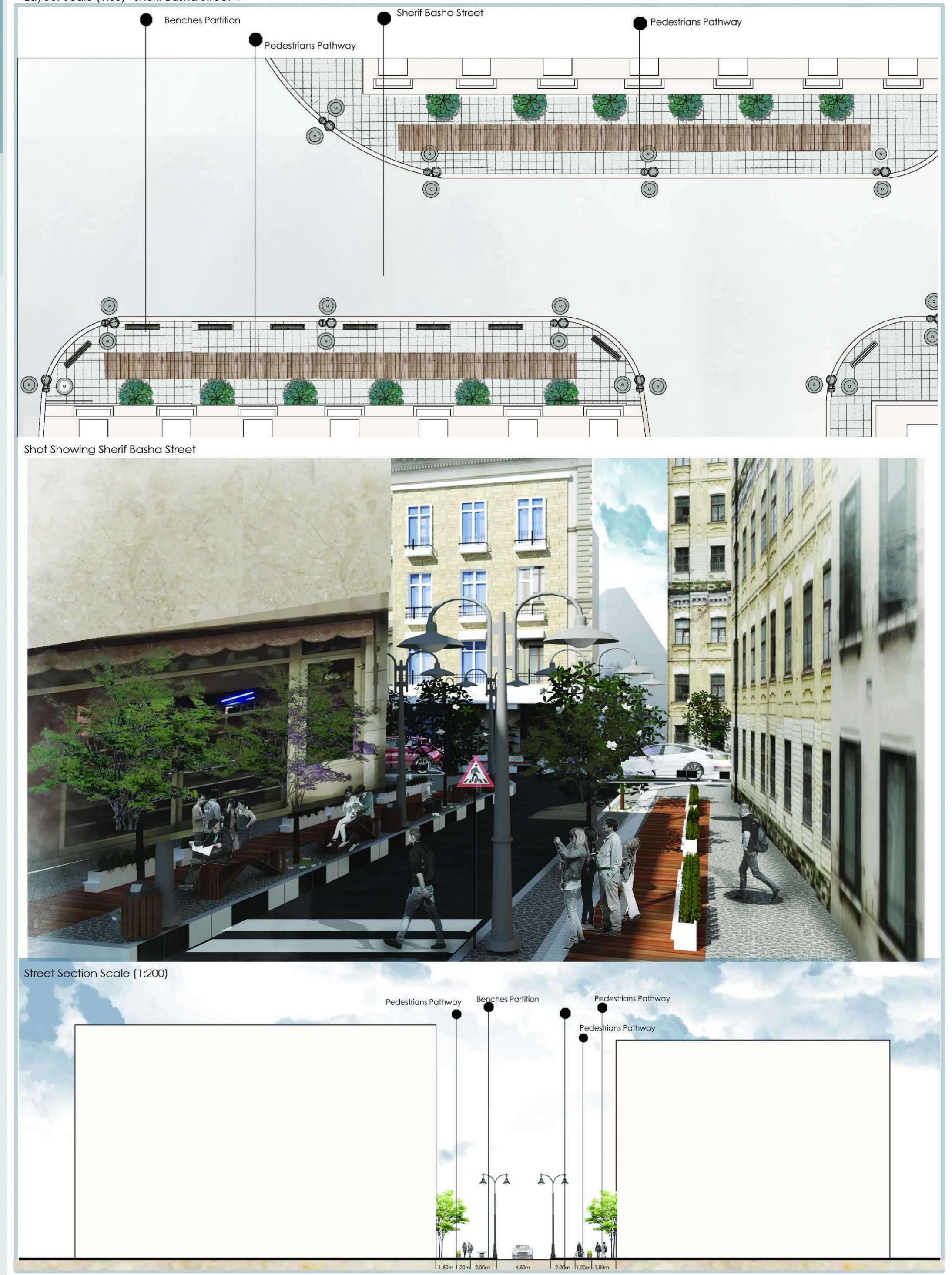


Benches Partition

Buyers Pathway

Pedestrians F	athway Street Ve	ndors	
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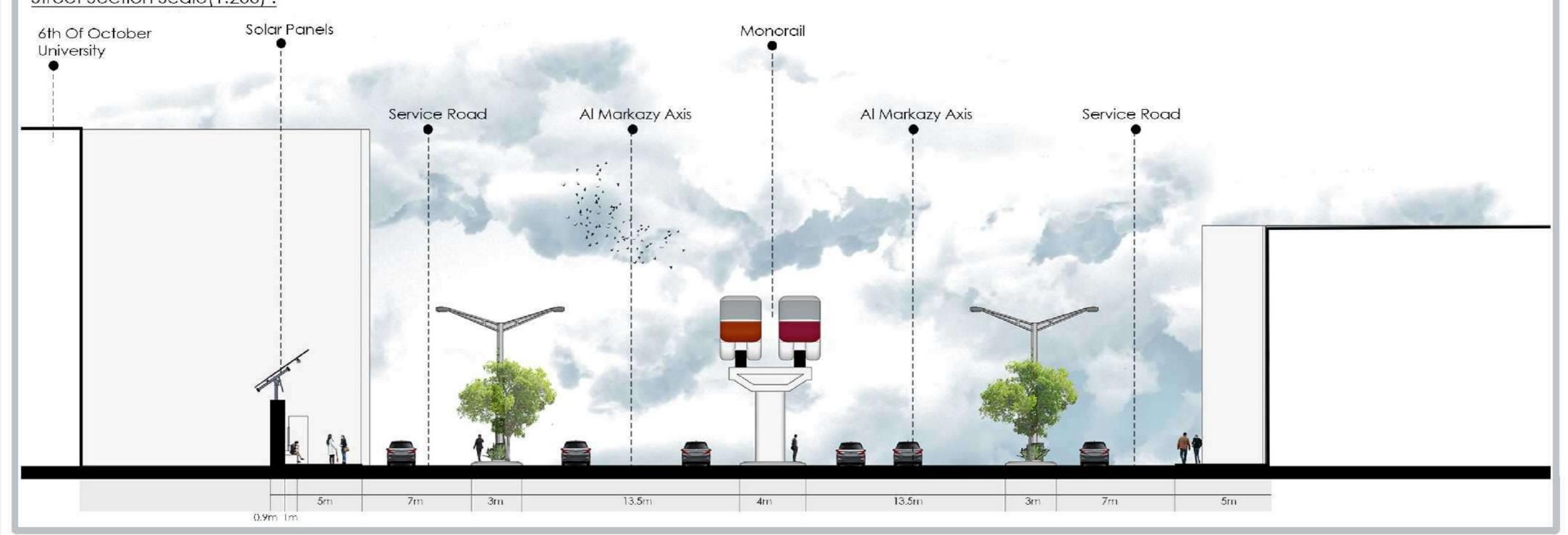
# Khedive Cairo, Downtown Layout Scale (1:50) "Sherif Basha Street":



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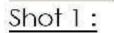
Street Section Scale(1:200) :



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Layout Scale (1:100) "Al Tahrir Street ":





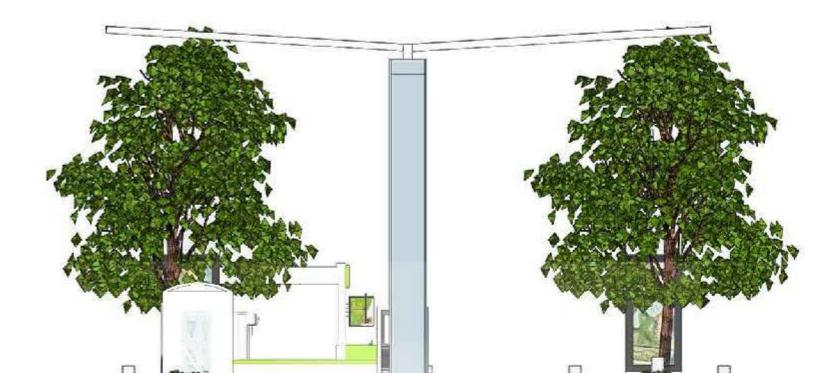




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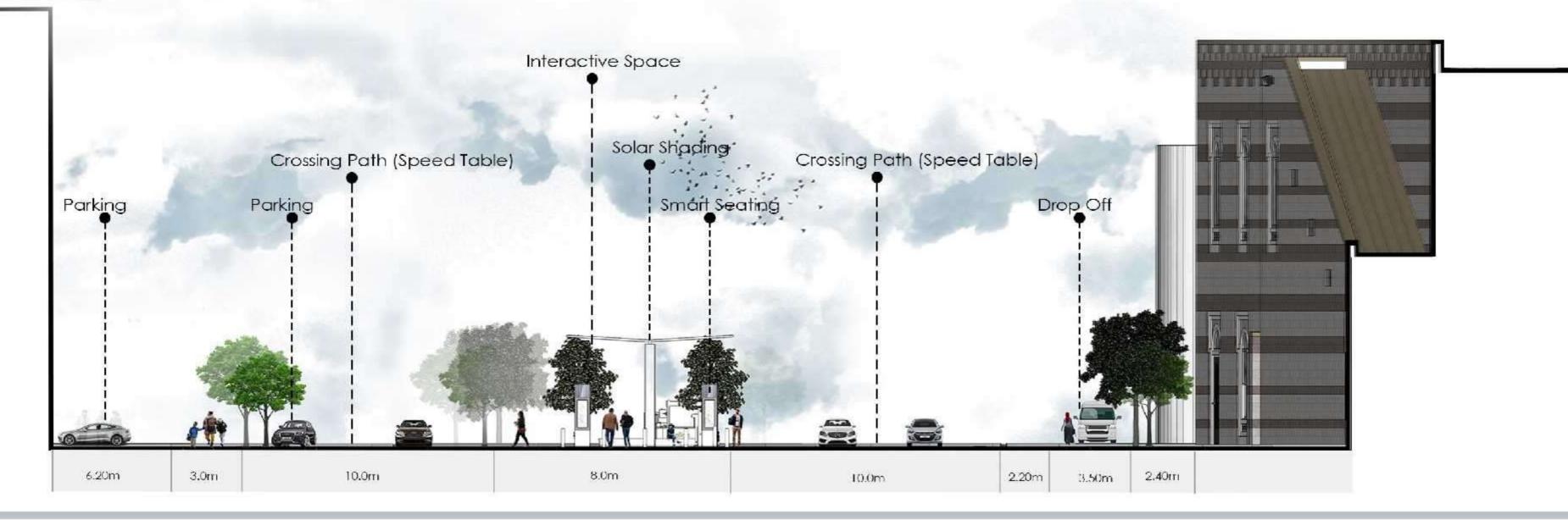
<u>Shot 3 :</u>







# Street Section Scale :



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