ARC E07: Architectural Aesthetics & Criticism DOWN TOWN TRANSFORMATION (RAMSEES-ALATABA-ALTAHREER SQUARES' ZONE) SKYLINE AND HEIGHTS GROUP: 1.AHMED FOUAD 2.AHMED SARHAN 3.YOUMNA ELTALLY 4.HEBA MOHAMED **5.MENNA MORSY** COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR.KAMAL MAHMOUD ELGABALAWY TAS: ENG.DINA FALL 2018

ATTRACTING POINTS



Ramses Square, One of Khedivial Cairo Squares, it includes different types of buildings and each is important: Misr Railway station, al Fateh Mosque, Water and Electricity Co it also contained one of the most important Bus stations in Cairo before it was moved to be called Ahmed Helmy Bus station, The square connects 3 important squares of Khedivial Cairo which are Al Tahrir Square, Abdel Moneam Riyadh Square, Opera Square, and connects Downtown – in general- with the suburbs of Misr al Gadeda, and Roxy, also one of mostimportant streets -El Faggala- in Cairo branches from it.

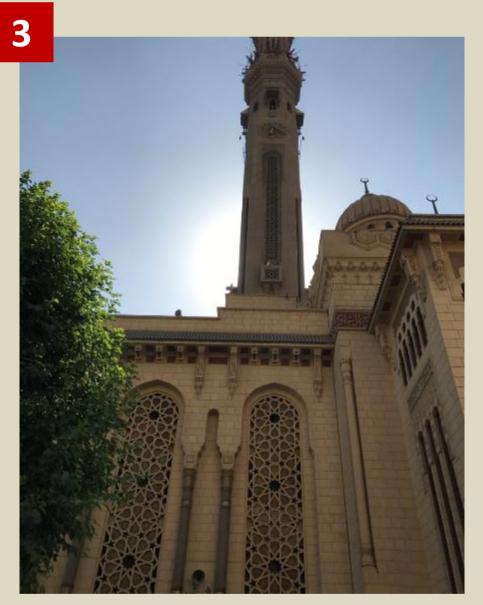




Egypt Railway station



Metro station



Alfath mosque



Transportation (bus stop)



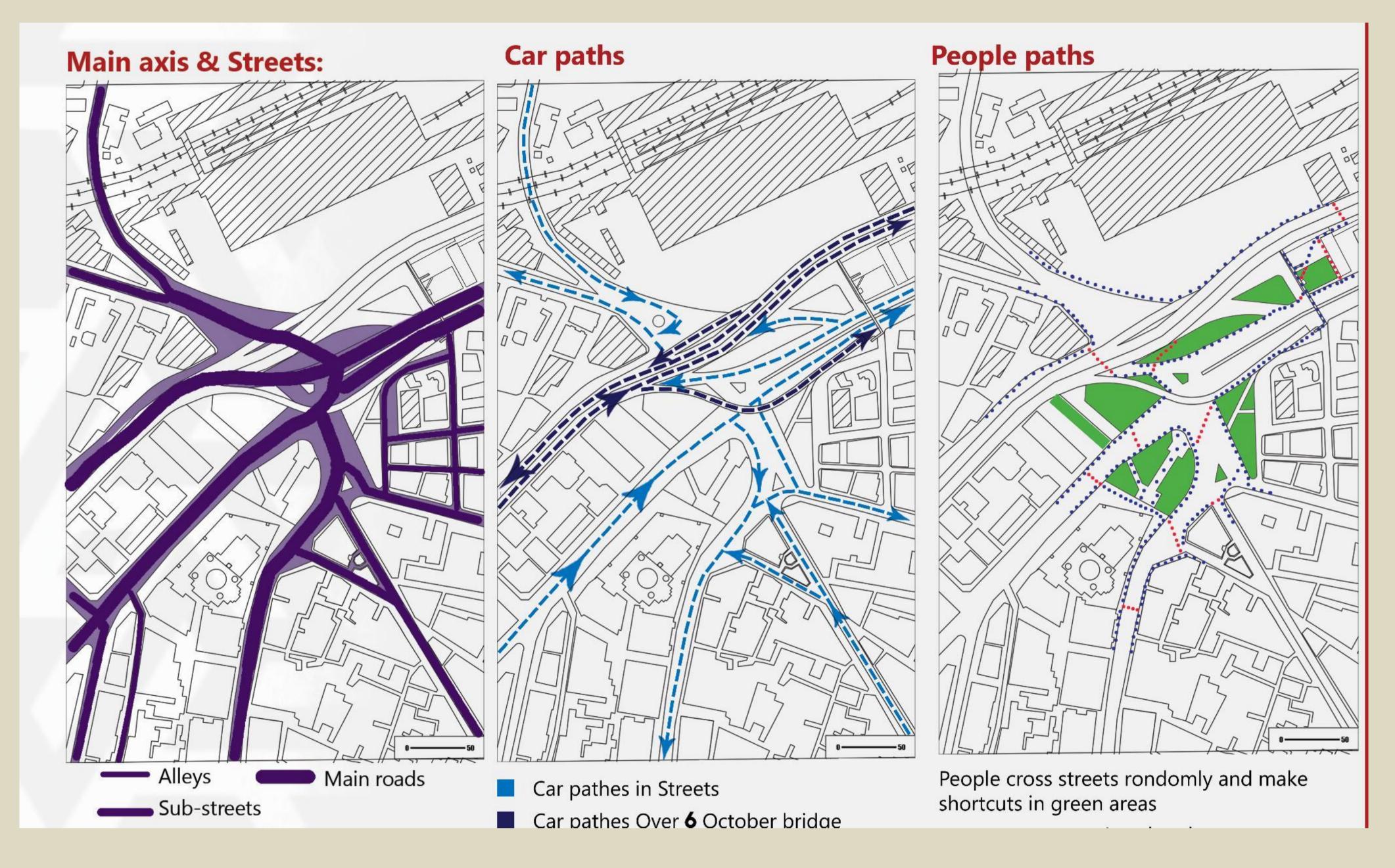
Ramses long street

Branched from it Fagala street

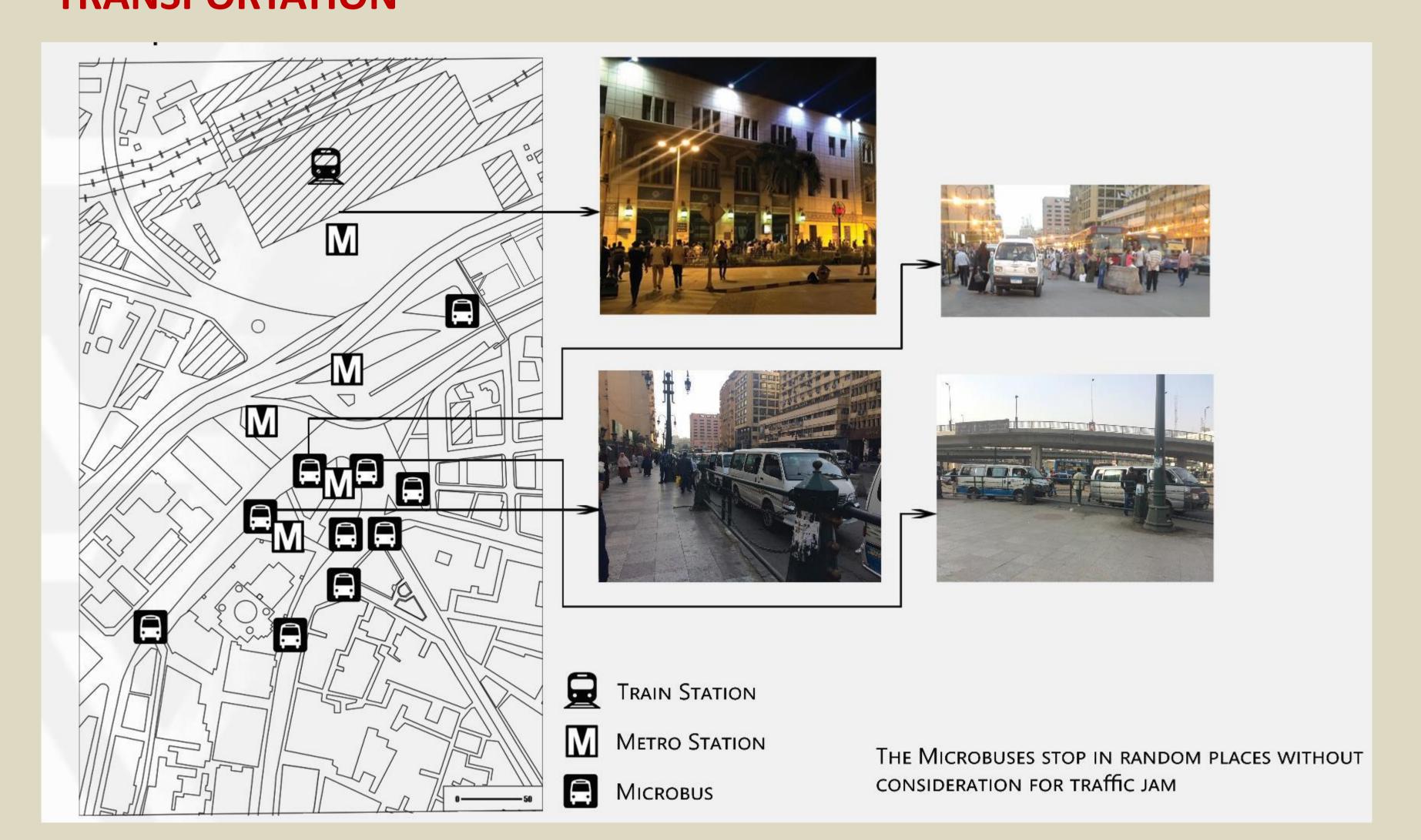
Connects downtown with Heliopolis & Roxy.

GENERAL SQUARE ANALYSIS





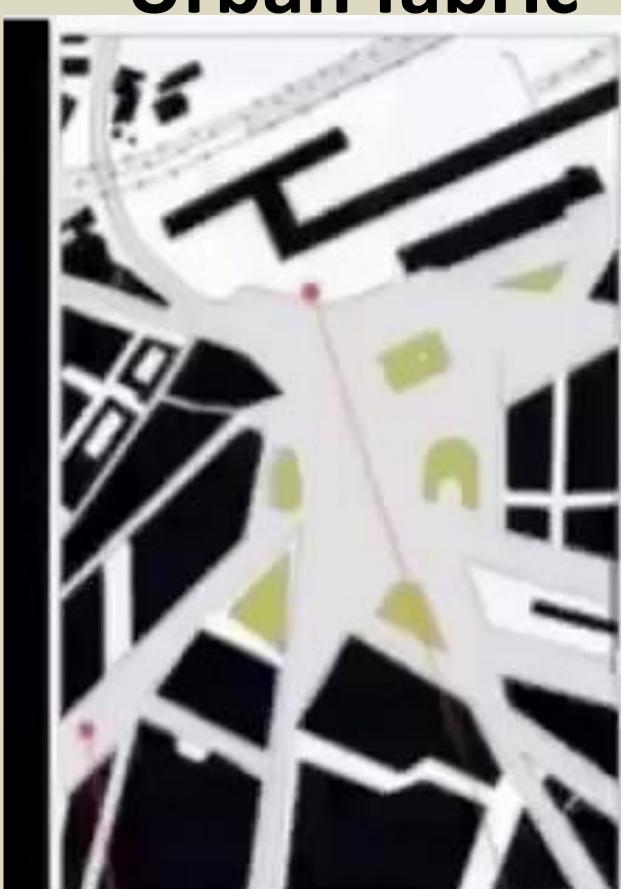
TRANSPORTATION





DEVELOPMENT & TRANSFORMATION OF THE CITY (GENERAL)

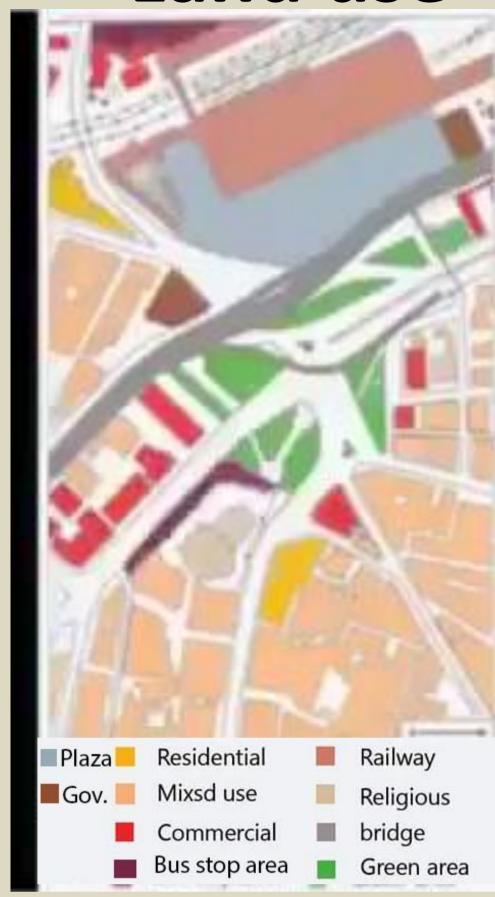
Urban fabric



DEVELOPMENT

- Building fabric becoming more narrow than before.
- Sculpture exchange and removing affected urban spaces of the square.
- the bridge cuts the visual space and distorts the urban fabric and skyline.
- Green areas are less effective. •

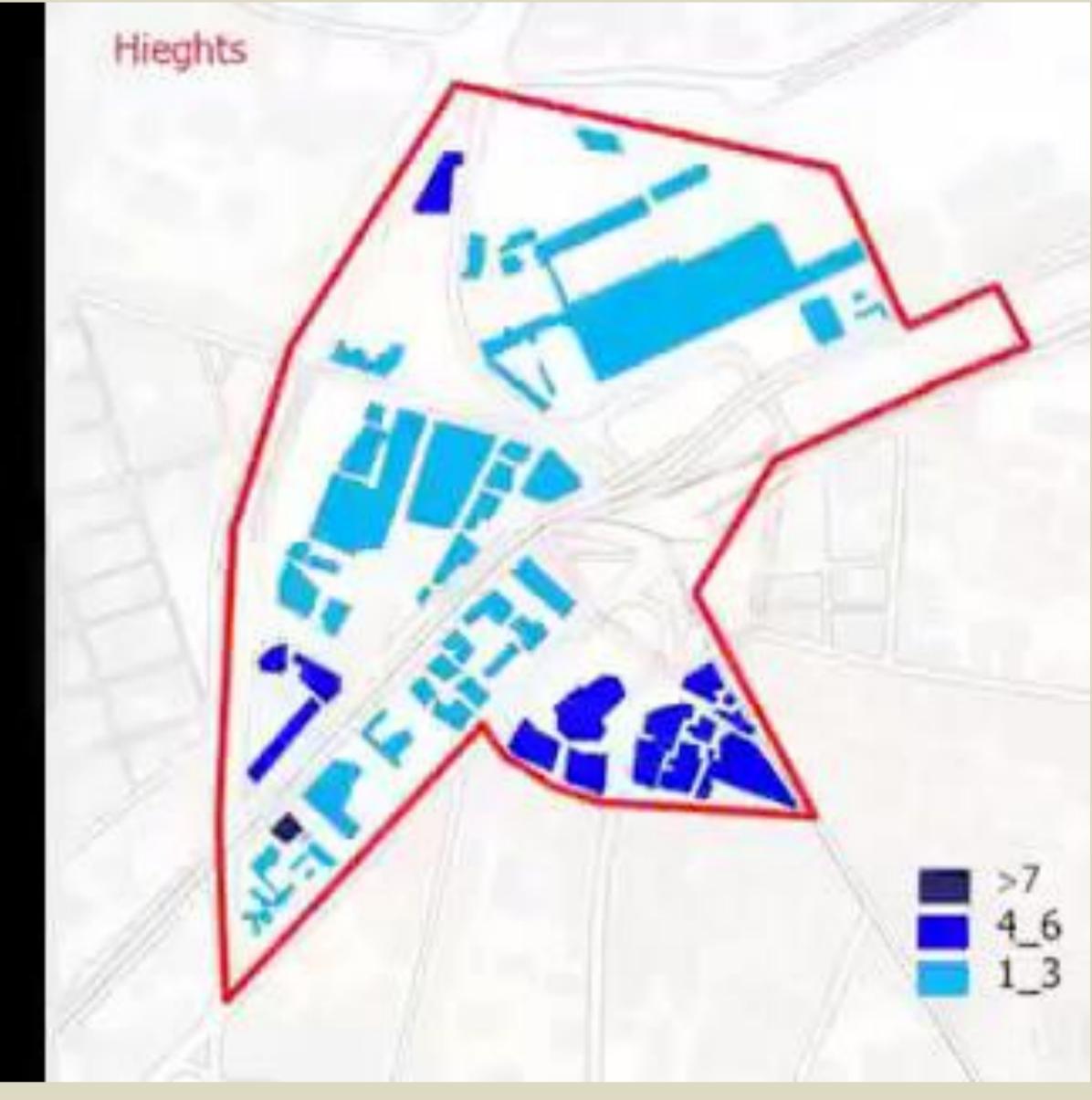
Land use



FLASHBACK

- some of the Residential buildings became commercial towers
- Most buildings are mixed use.
- Expansion of the station made the Government take some decisions as transferring the bus stop area behind the station, making barriers and pedestrian bridge.
- Some new religious buildings appears and Governmental buildings.

Heights and skyline



DEVELOPMENT

- Building heights were up to 3 floors then towers to place.
- Skyline became distort after the presence of towers related to the old buildings.

Urbanization began to change downtown after the change of government and transformation from the royal system to the republican system, where a new type of architecture, which depends on the function, began in the first place



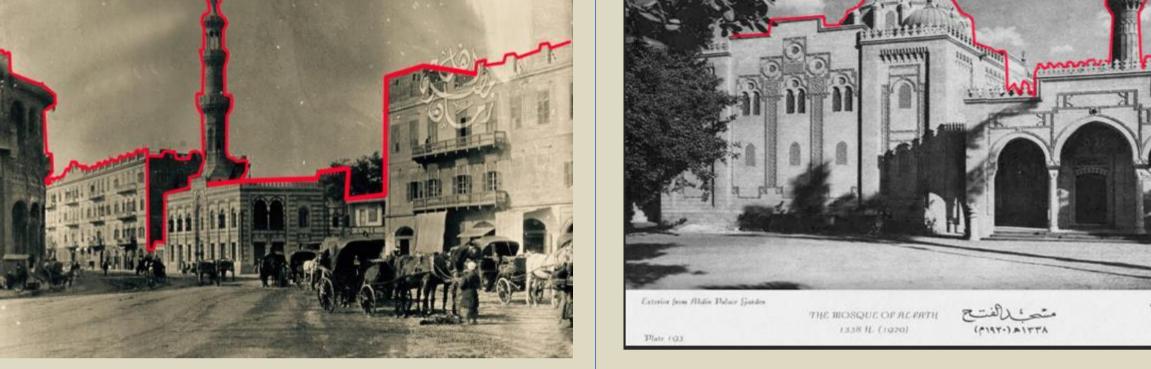
SKY LINE & HEIGHTS

Skyline

GENERAL STUDY

1900 — 1950 — 1970 — 1980 — 1990 — 2010 — NOW





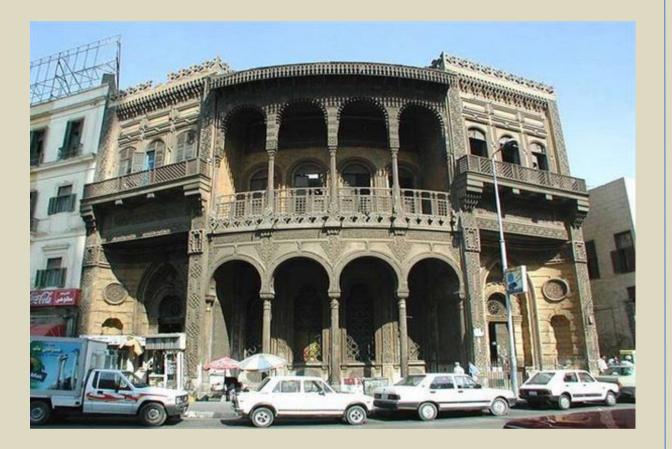








1920



The mosque was reconstructed by Mokawlen arab's company in MOBARAK's era 1992





Ramses residential building 1997

Sabeil om Elamer MOHAMMED ALI 1867

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2005

- SKYLINE IN THIS ZONE WAS AFFECTED BY POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS.
- HUMAN NEDDED HIGH RISE BUILDINGS FOR INVESTEMENT AND DENISTY OF POPULATION.
- THE LAND WAS EXPINCIVE AND COSTS A LOT SO THEY WERE FORCED TO EXTEND VERTICAL INSTEAD OF HORIZONTAL EXTENSIONS.