Assessment

Today, the improvements brought by the undertaking in the Cais do Sodré area are evident, whether in terms of road traffic, separating public and private traffic, pedestrian use, the substantial and very significant increase in pathways, the more suitable location of pedestrian crossings and the installation of new facilities (BUS stops, benches, waste-paper baskets, etc.). Consequently, today one can appreciate how the Jardim Roque Gameiro has been redesigned, which would scarcely have been possible without redefining and extending its original area (by removing the former BUS bays, taxi stands and parking spaces), without the newly designed traffic areas and the park’s interior, as well as planting more trees. The same goes in connection with the River, starting with the Cais and, especially, as regards the ferries which cross the Tagus every day.

In the remaining spaces, whether by broadening the pathways or valuing the area’s most characteristic pre-existing elements, conditions for use and access to the Cais do Sodré could be improved, as well as gentrifying and making the area more sightly, thus confirming that it is possible to give a new meaning to urban spaces without needing to significantly break away from the city's collective imagination.

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