PEDESTRIANIZATION IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE CONSTITUTION SQUARE OF TORRELODONES, MADRID SPAIN

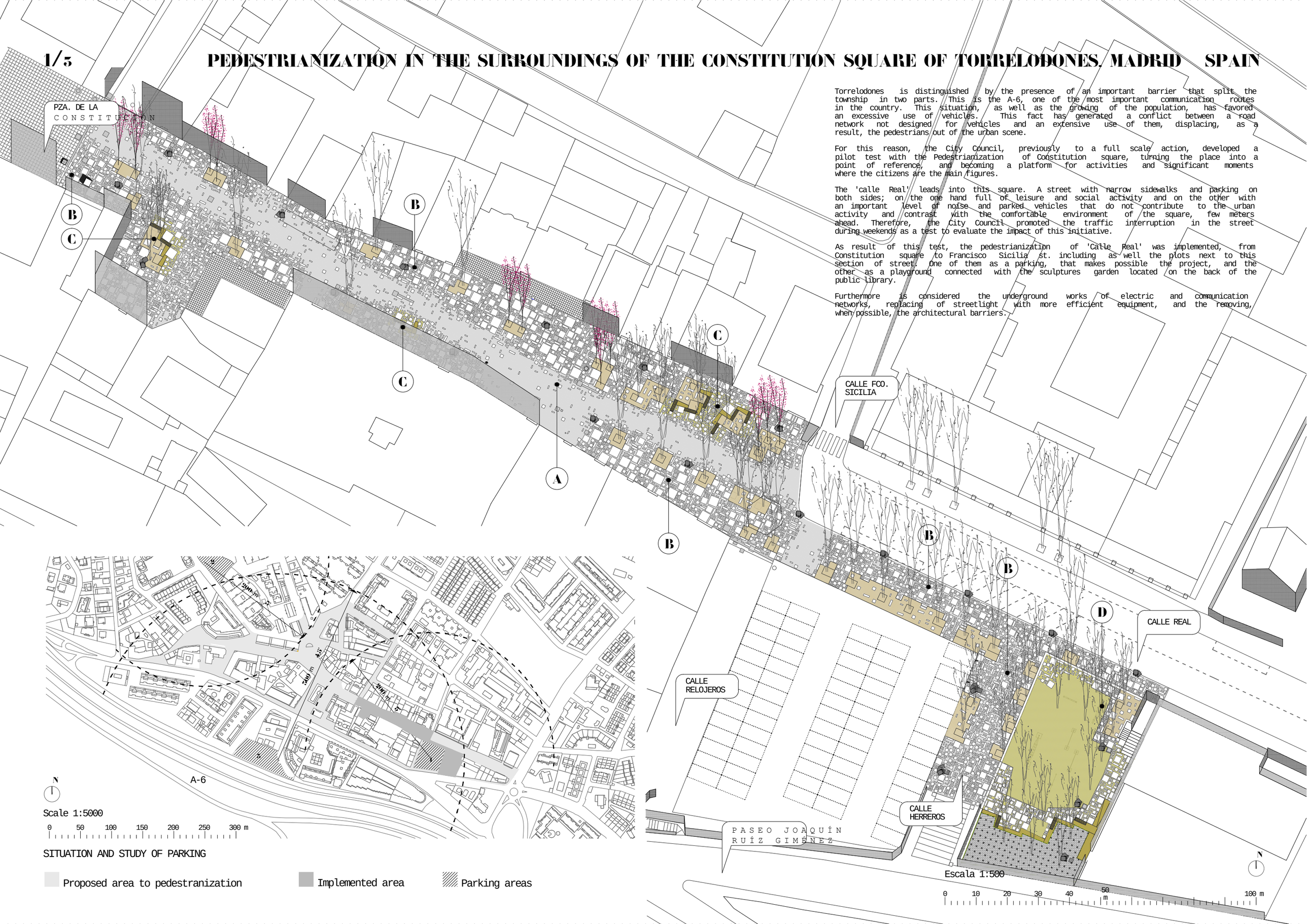
Torrelodones is distinguished by the presence of an important barrier that split the township in two parts. This is the A-6, one of the most important communication routes in the country. This situation, as well as the growing of the population, has favored an excessive use of vehicles. This fact has generated a conflict between a road network not designed for vehicles and an extensive use of them, displacing, as a result, the pedestrians out of the urban scene.

For this reason, the City Council, previously to a full scale action, developed a pilot test with the Pedestrianization of Constitution square, turning the place into a point of reference, and becoming a platform for activities and significant moments where the citizens are the main figures.

The 'calle Real' leads into this square. A street with narrow sidewalks and parking on both sides; on the one hand full of leisure and social activity and on the other with an important level of noise and parked vehicles that do not contribute to the urban activity and contrast with the comfortable environment of the square, few meters ahead. Therefore, the City Council promoted the traffic interruption in the street during weekends as a test to evaluate the impact of this initiative.

As result of this test, the pedestrianization of 'Calle Real' was implemented, from Constitution square to Francisco Sicilia st. including as well the plots next to this section of street. One of them as a parking, that makes possible the project, and the other as a playground connected with the sculptures garden located on the back of the public library.

Furthermore is considered the underground works of electric and communication networks, replacing of streetlight with more efficient equipment, and the removing, when possible, the architectural barriers.



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SITUATION AND STUDY OF PARKING

Proposed area to pedestranization

Implemented area

Parking areas