

BACKGROUND

Brief history of Avenida de América

A mediados del siglo XIX el casco histórico de Madrid se encuentra asfixiado por una cerca fiscal que controla el acceso de mercancías y personas pero que también encorseta y ahoga cualquier crecimiento urbano. Se plantea como solución la expansión planificada bajo la fórmula urbanística del "ensanche". Dicha expansión sería definida por una cuadrícula de calles delimitada a su vez por una avenida de "Ronda" una circunvalación que en la zona de Avenida de América se correspondería al actual eje Francisco Silvela-Joaquín Costa. Más allá de esta Ronda y hasta el límite municipal se abría el llamado extrarradio, una zona definida como un vacío urbano, una formación espontánea sin previsión o plan alguno.

El barrio de Avenida de América participó en su génesis a partes iguales de las características del ensanche y del extrarradio y a su vez sirvió de nexo entre dos barrios muy populares y representativos del extrarradio: Prosperidad al norte y Guindalera al sur. Sin embargo el verdadero motor del crecimiento de la zona tendría lugar en el eje de López de Hoyos, que en realidad cumplía la función de vía de comunicación entre Madrid y los cercanos municipios de Hortaleza y Canillas. La llegada a finales del siglo XIX del tranvía supuso el empuje definitivo para el primer asentamiento de la zona con la densidad y servicios propios de una pequeña ciudad: Prosperidad.

Ya en los años cuarenta del siglo XX, en plena posguerra, las autoridades municipales ponen en marcha planes urbanísticos para mejorar las condiciones de vida de los poblados del extrarradio de todo Madrid. Una de las líneas de actuación consistió en dotar a la capital de nuevos accesos viarios desdoblado las antiguas carreteras radiales que hasta entonces atravesaban zonas muy populosas. Mediante la creación estas nuevas "autopistas" se buscaba crear una imagen de ciudad moderna que poco a poco debería parecerse a otras capitales europeas. Este sería el caso de la llamada "Autopista a Barajas" finalizada en 1953.

A mediados de la década de los años sesenta el cruce de la Avenida de América con Francisco Silvela va tomando peso como enclave urbano con una personalidad propia y un cierto aire cosmopolita. Edificios residenciales como Torres Blancas, o de oficinas como el de Iberia o Cepsa se instalan en la zona que se convierte en un núcleo generador de viajes. La apertura de la estación de metro de Avenida de América tiene lugar en 1973 y en cierta medida fue la repuesta a la demanda de una zona cada vez mas pujante. A esto se une la excelente ubicación de la zona en el contexto urbano con el cinturón de ronda, la autovía A2 y la autopista M-30 que también suponen una interesante opción para la ubicación de diversas cabeceras de autobuses interurbanos.

A comienzo de los noventa el peso específico de Avenida de América es tomado en consideración por el Consorcio Regional de Transportes a la hora de plantear la idea de un futuro intercambiador de transportes. En 1997 Consorcio y Ayuntamiento de Madrid firman un convenio de colaboración para la planificación, construcción y explotación de un intercambiador multimodal en la estación de Avenida de América. La inauguración del

intercambiador se llevó cabo en 2000. En poco más de diez años el uso intensivo de las instalaciones del intercambiador ha motivado una importante obra de modernización y ampliación de las instalaciones que han sido llevadas a cabo sin tener que cerrar sus instalaciones. Confort, seguridad y mejora en la accesibilidad se han incorporado al nuevo intercambiador de Avenida de América.



1948 - Double-decker bus from EMT line 12 descends down María de Molina

1955 - Francisco Silvela

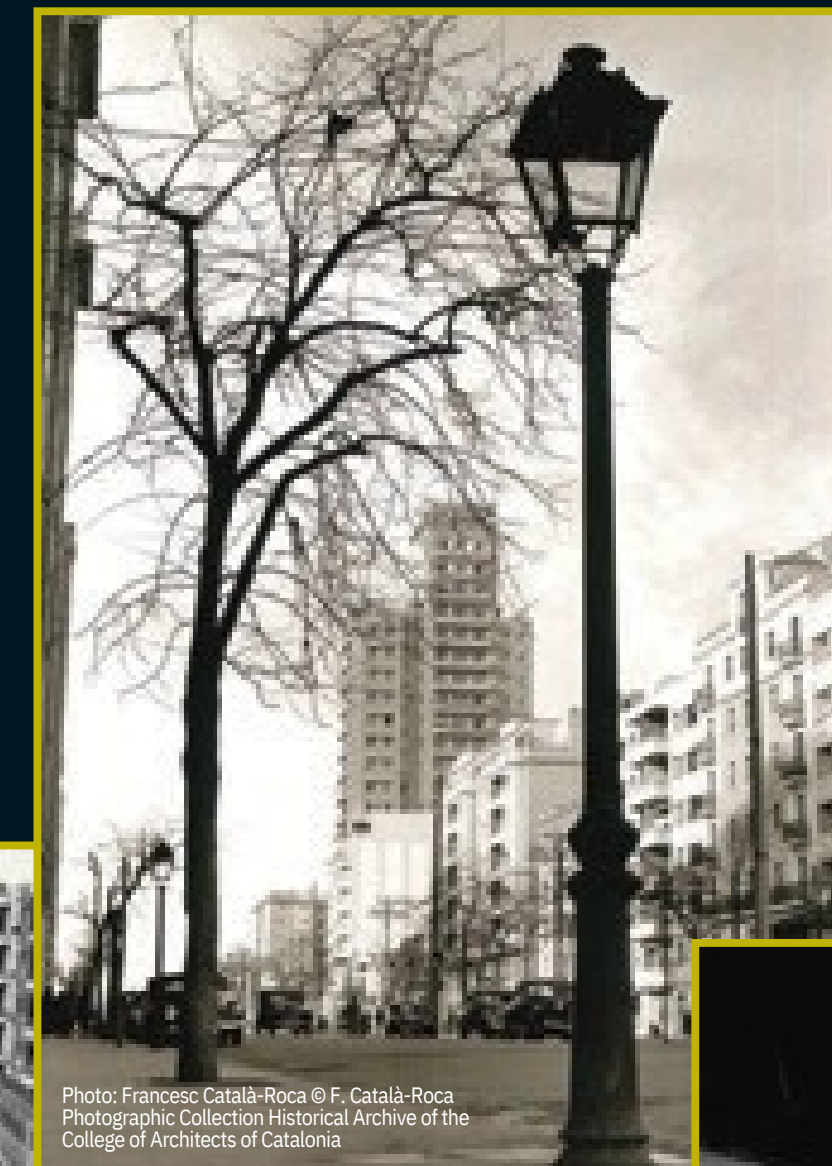
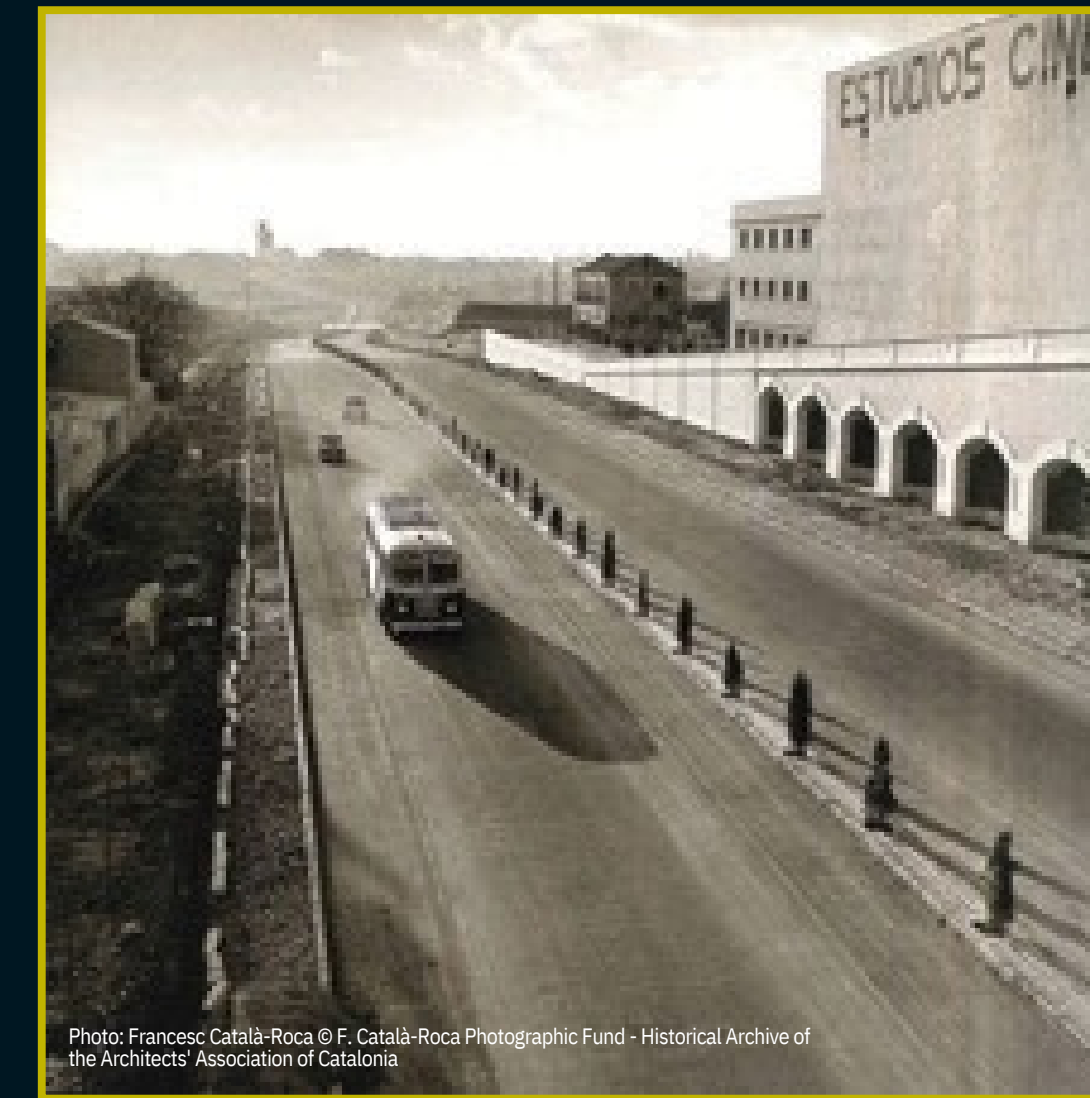


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1955 - Avenida de América from the Arturo Soria bridge

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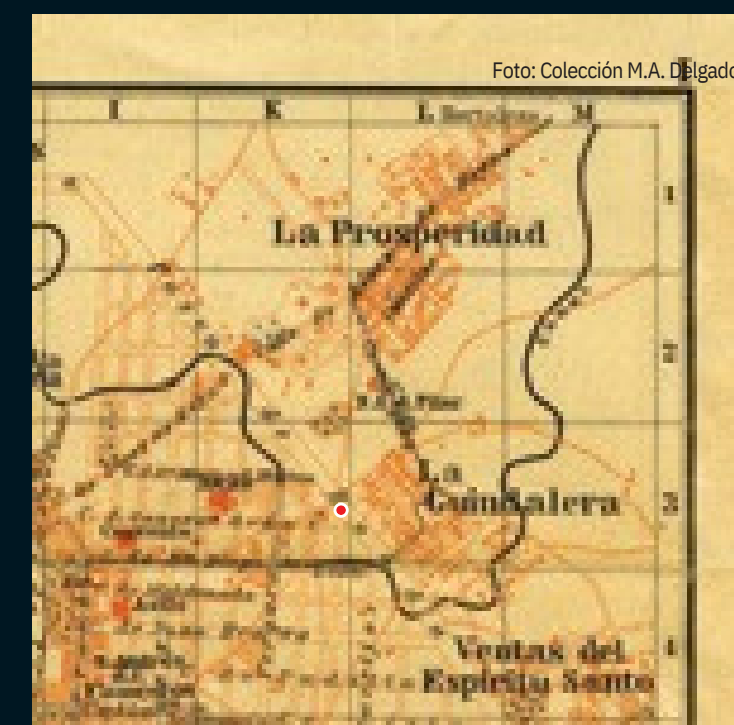


1948 - Intersection of Avenida de América and Francisco Silvela

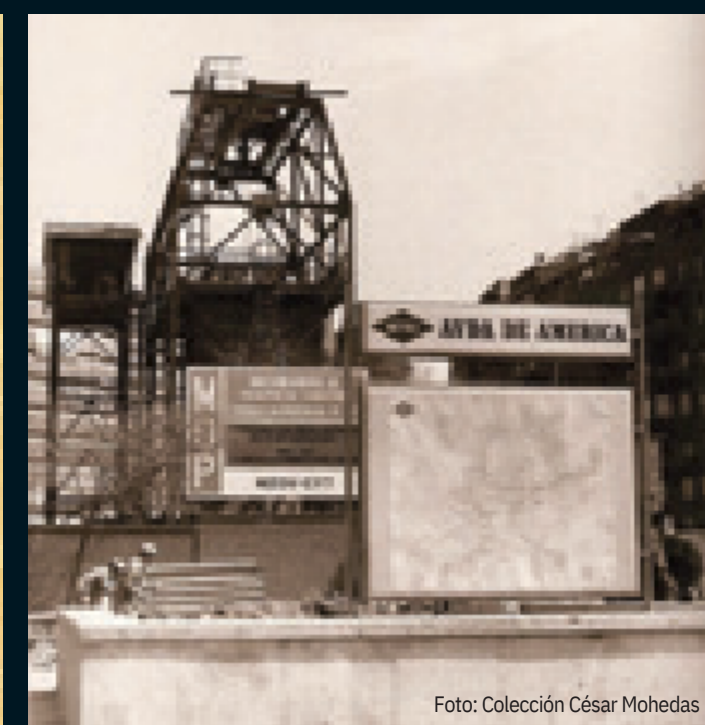


Photo: Courtesy of Continental Auto Company

1946 - Former garage on Alenza Street



1910 Madrid Map Hachette Atlas



1973 New Avenida de América Metro Station (line 4) and works on line 6



2000 Access Pavilion to the first Avenida de América Interchange



2014 Access to the new Avenida de América Interchange

Avenida de América Interchange

Since the beginning of the 90s, the construction of Transportation Interchanges with the purpose of promoting the use of public transportation by facilitating changes in manners. This transportation proposal aims to replace the inter-surface interurban exchangers for other underground ones, equipped with access tunnels for exclusive use by buses. In April 1997, the Madrid Regional Transport Consortium and the Madrid City Council signs a Collaboration Agreement for the "Preparation of a Preliminary Project that allows the Construction and Exploitation of a Bus Interchange and a Parking for Residents on Avenida de América." In September of this same year, a Collaboration Agreement was signed between the Department of Public Works, Urban Planning and Transport of the Community of Madrid, the Regional Transport Consortium of Madrid and the Madrid City Council for the publication of a Public Tender with the objective of awarding a Concession Project administration, construction of the work and management of the public service of the transport interchange and parking of residents and rotation of Avenida de América.

The first Avenida de América Interchange was inaugurated in January 2000

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In the current interchange, the expansion areas, the new exit ramp, the expansion of the existing access tunnel, and the rest of the actions aimed at improving safety, functionality, and comfort have been carried out.

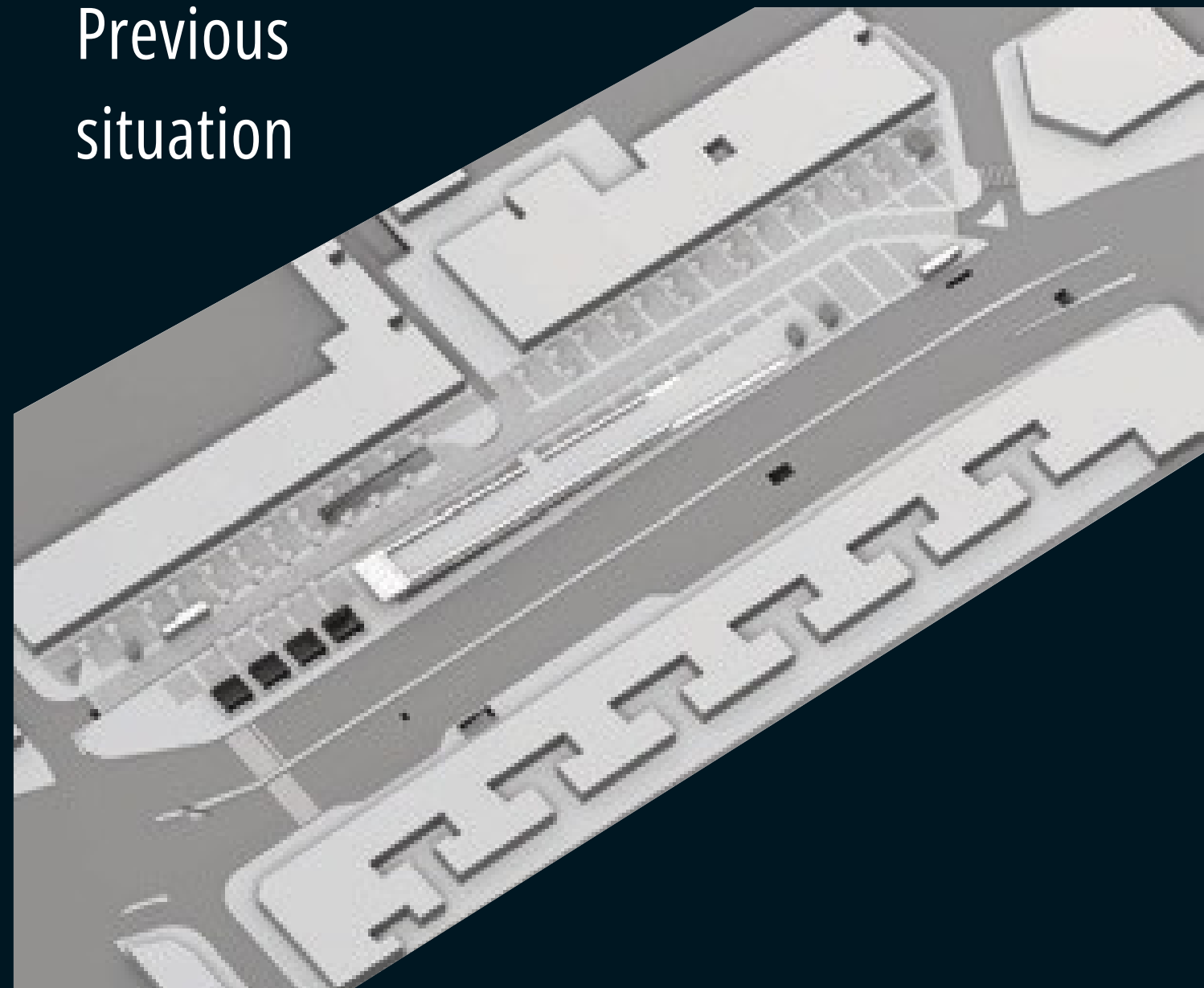
Key data

- Investment 53 million euros Built area 47,000 m² (expansion of 6,350 m²)
- Rotation parking 253 spaces on level -3 Resident parking
- 392 spaces on level -4 Tunnels 400 m + 160 m new
- Demand of travelers/day 168,000 travelers/day
- Long Distance Buses 17 platforms (level -1) Interurban Buses 13 lines.
- 19 platforms (level -2) EMT Urban Lines 11 lines in the area Night
- Urban Lines 2 lines in the area Boarding Area 36 platforms
- Metro lines 4 lines (L4, L6, L7 and L9) (level -3)

SURFACE LEVEL

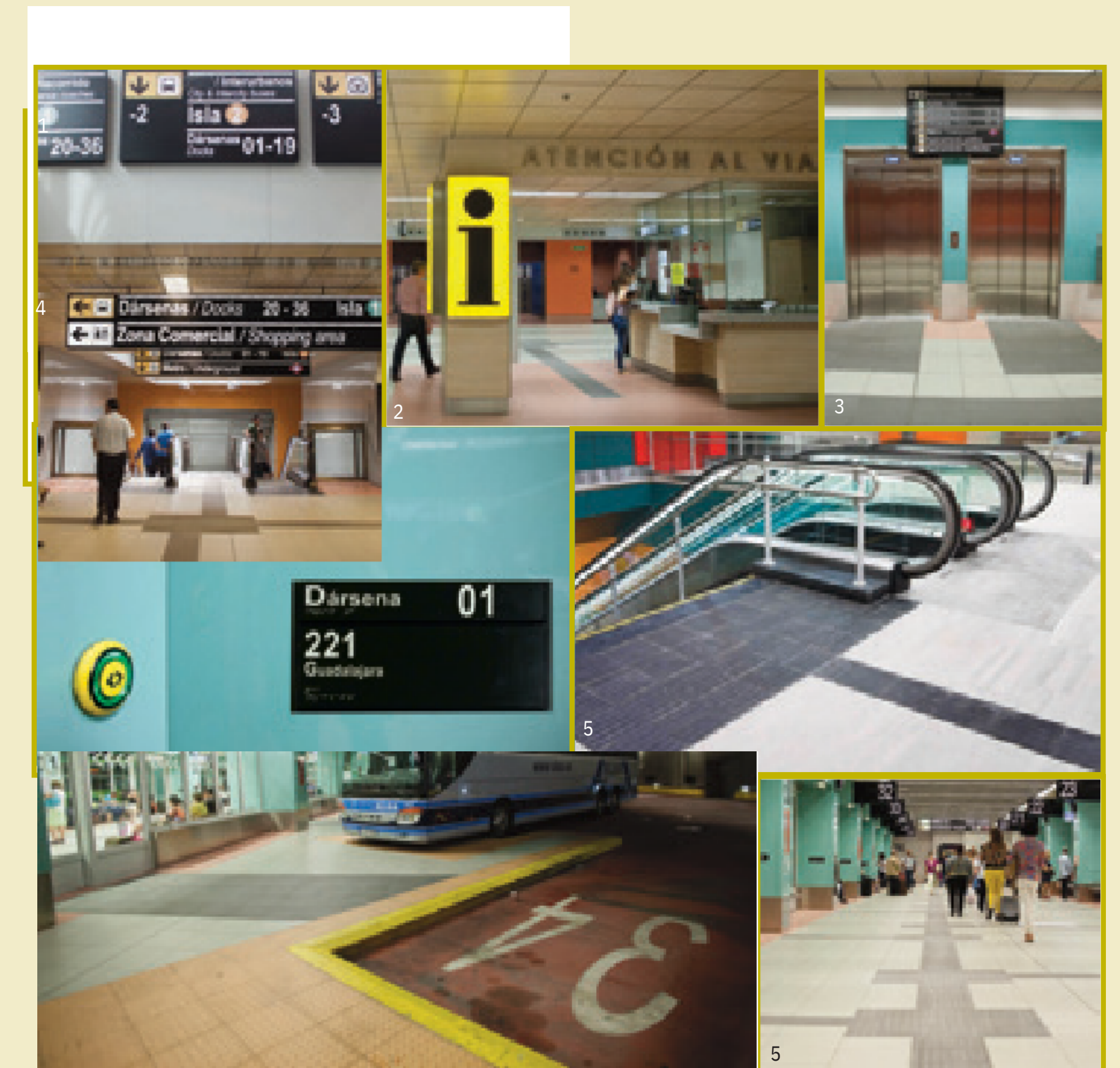
Pedestrian accesses and stay areas

Previous situation



ACCESIBILIDAD

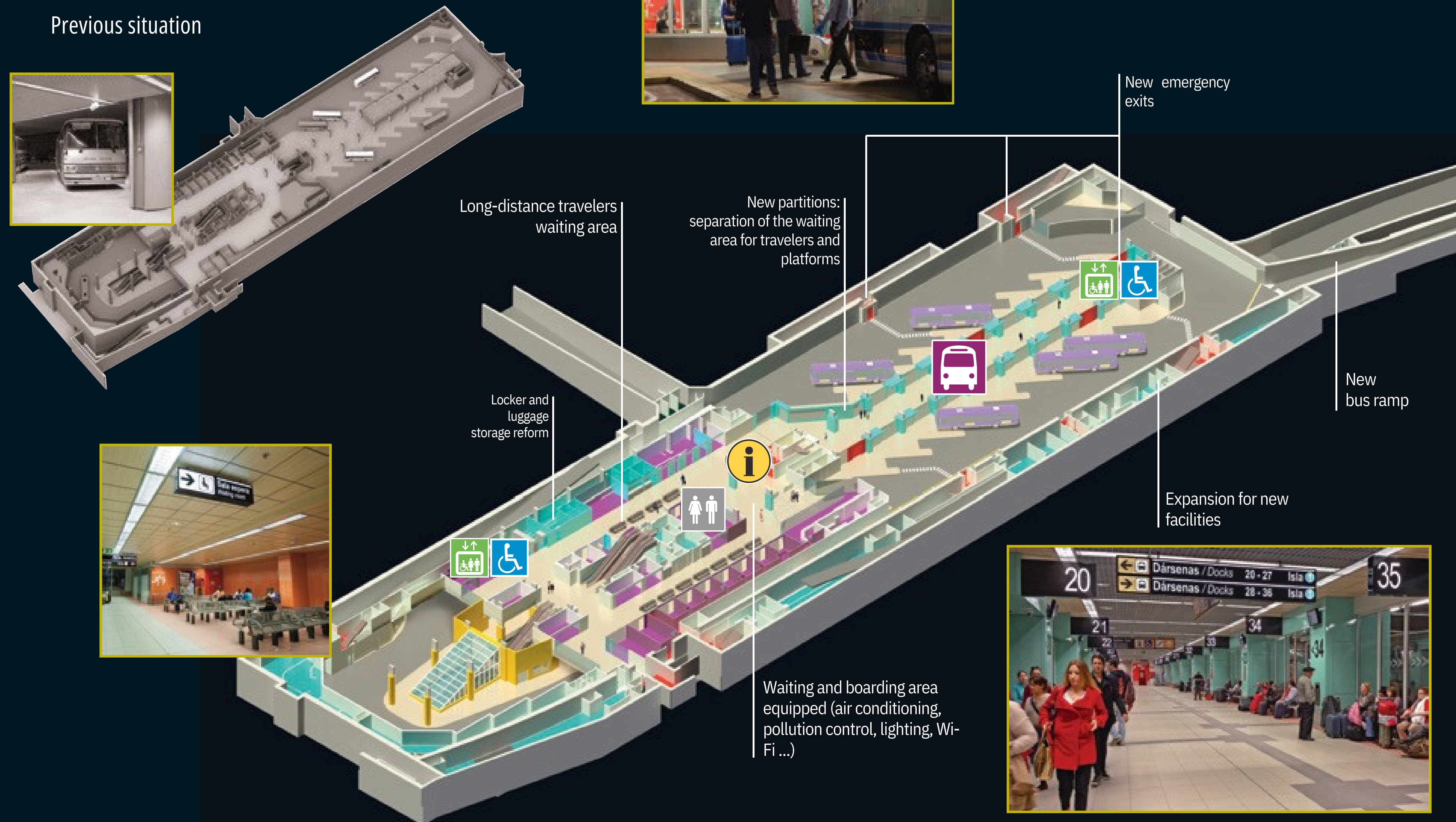
With the renovation of the Avenida de América Interchange, the building and surroundings have been provided with excellent accessibility, with the aim of adapting to the diverse needs of customers of the Public Transport System of the Community of Madrid. Being able to move autonomously and facilitate orientation and access to information for everyone are the premises that have guided the agreed execution of the renovation.



LEVEL - 1

Long-distance buses. Commercial area

Previous situation



SECURITY

Maintaining the very high safety standards of the Public Transport System has implied a very high level of self-demand to carry out the remodeling of the interchange: Ensure evacuation in less than 10 minutes, even in times of emergency: greater influx of travelers. Design the infrastructure for rapid action in the event of any unforeseen event and guarantee ensure that possible risks are confined to limited areas in the exchanger, without affecting it in its entirety, they are the bastion of security of the renovated station.

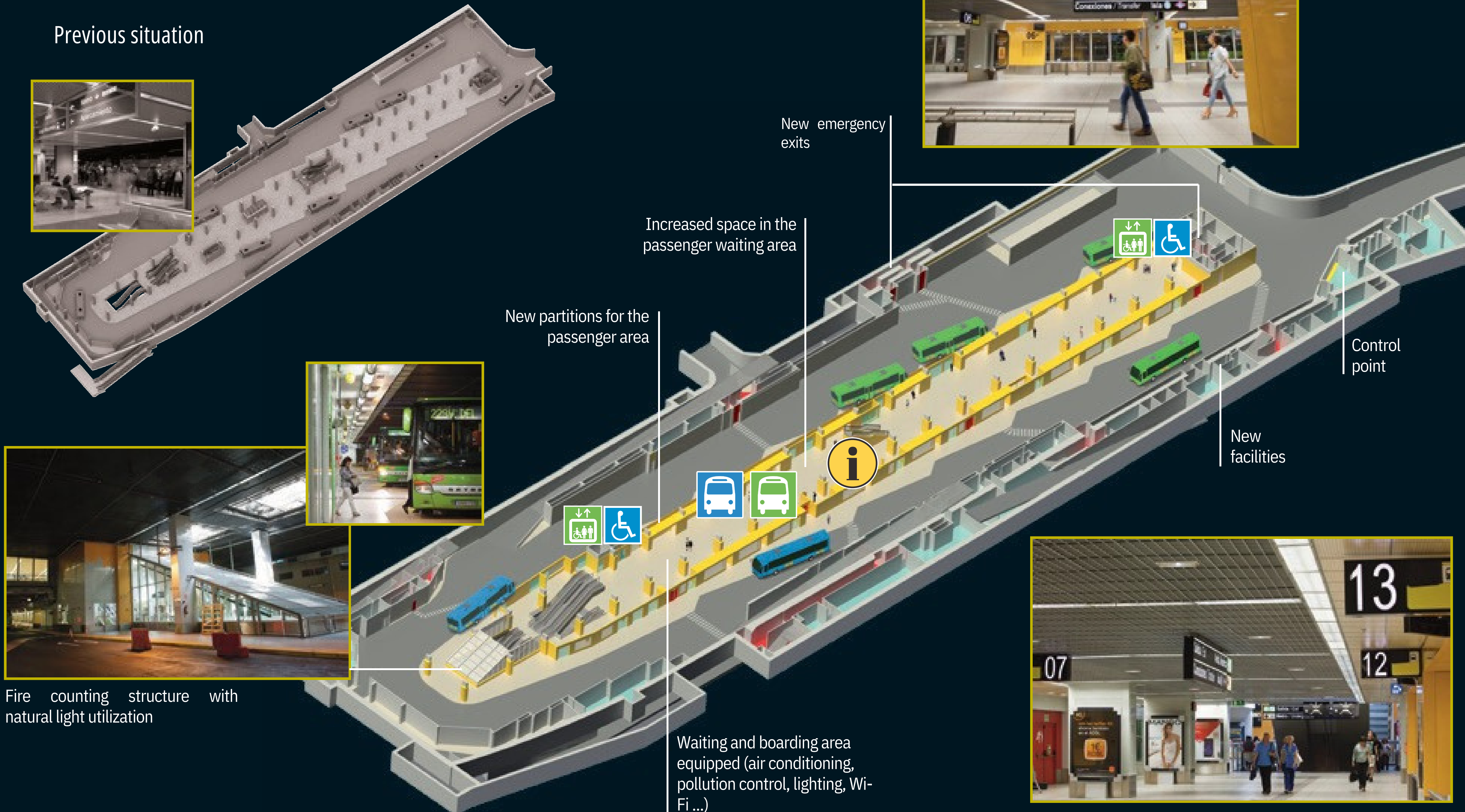


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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 14 Emergency exits | 54 Push buttons and Intercoms |
| 24 Evacuation routes Fire | 64 Sprinklers and detection cables |
| 34 control panel | 74 CCTV cameras Water curtains |
| 44 Firefighting group | 84 |

LEVEL - 2

Urban and intercity buses

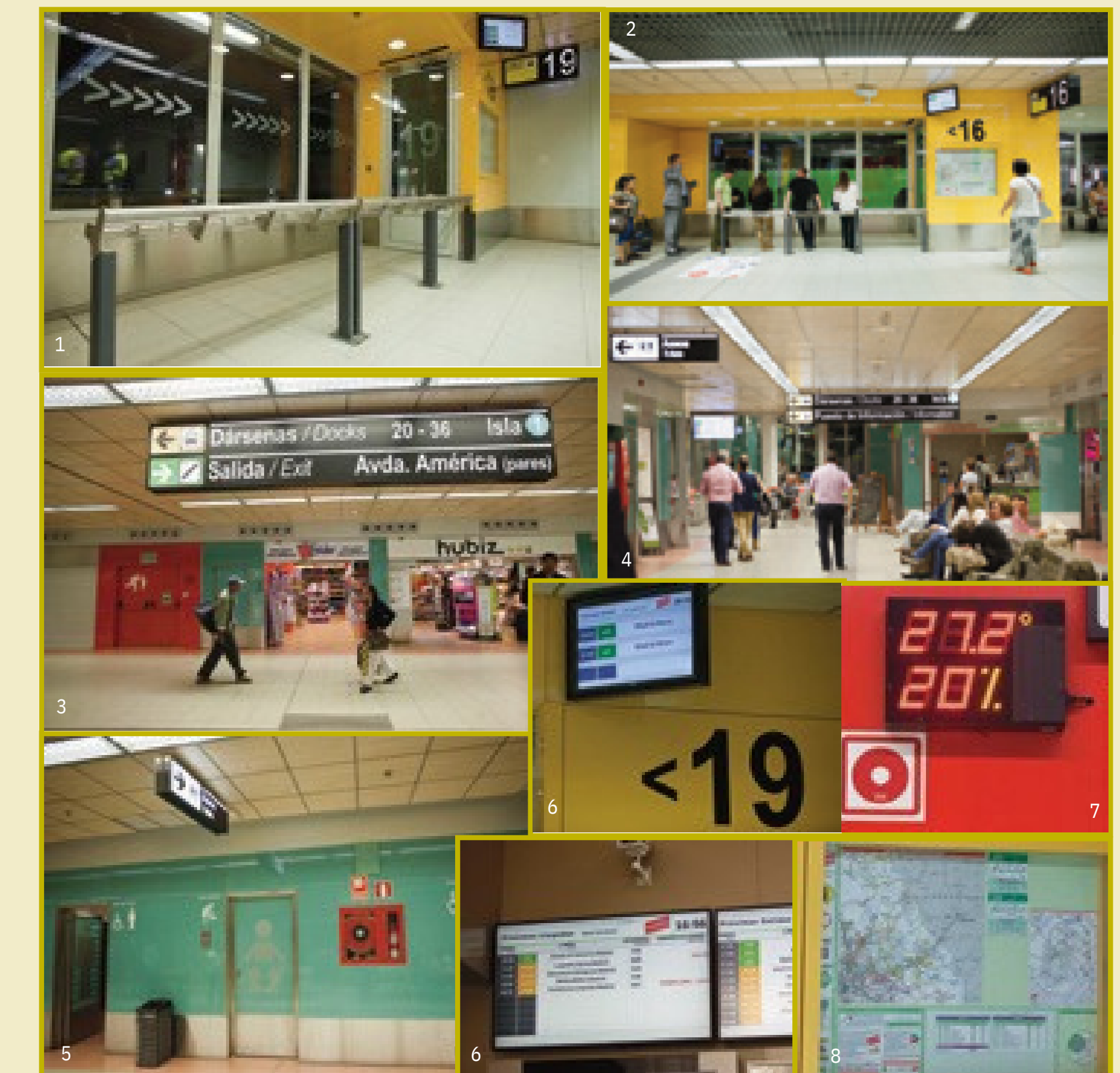
Previous situation



FUNCTIONALITY / COMFORT

The main objective of the reform and expansion project has been to orient the infrastructure to the needs of the customer, making the interchange a functional, pleasant, and welcoming place.

Temperature and pollutant control systems, nearby information, easy to find, understand and updated in real time, information points with personalized service, commercial activity adapted to traveler demands, and other complementary services aim to enhance the travel experience of over One hundred thousand travelers pass through this interchange daily.



- 14 Ischial supports
- 24 Partitions
- 34 Commercial premises
- 44 Banks

- 54 Toilets
- 64 Dynamic information
- 74 Temperature and humidity indicators
- 84 Static information



LEVELS LOWER

Access to Metro. Commercial area. Rotational and resident parking



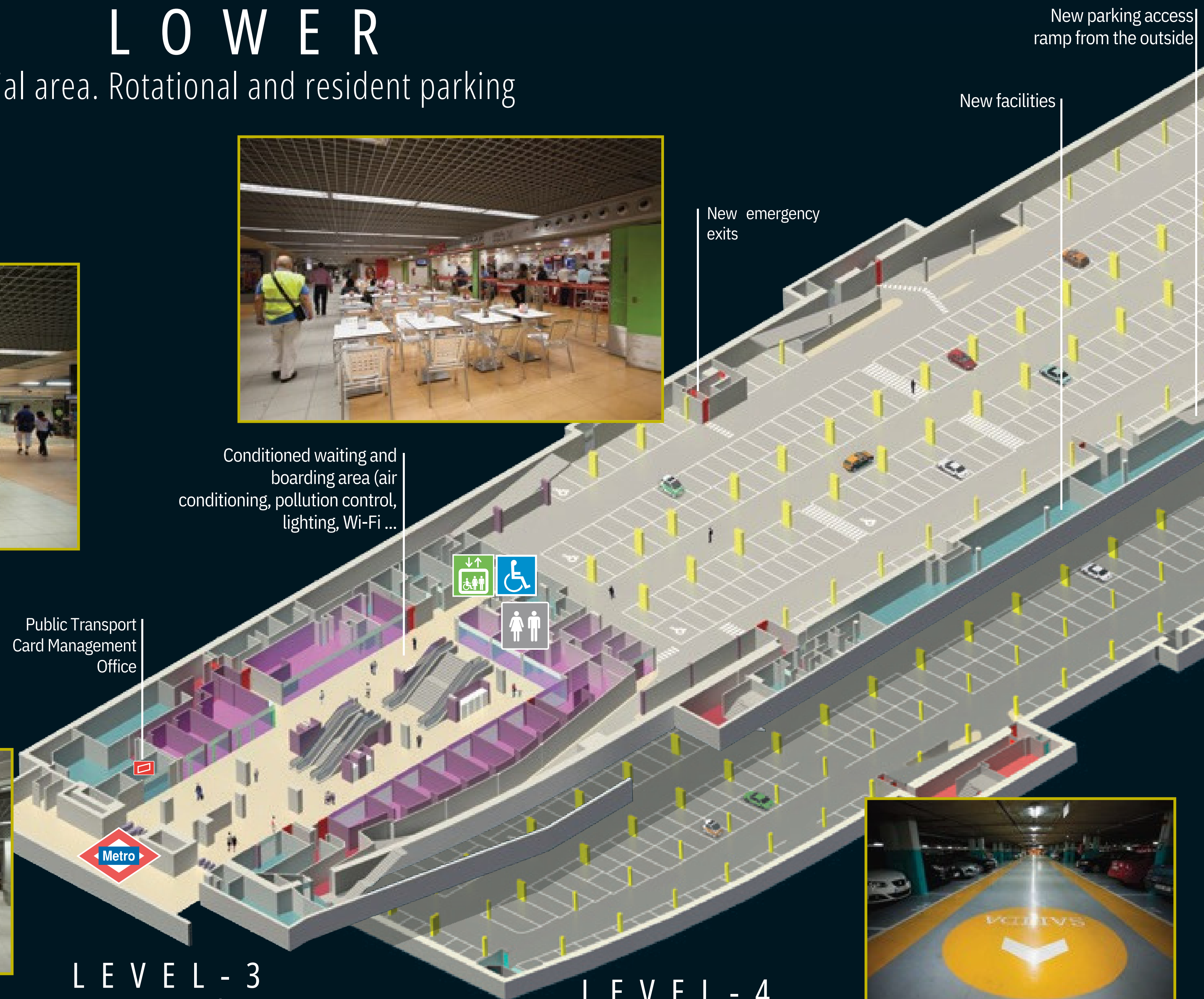
Conditioned waiting and boarding area (air conditioning, pollution control, lighting, Wi-Fi ...)

Public Transport Card Management Office



LEVEL - 3
(Rotating Parking)

LEVEL - 4
(Resident Parking)



NEW TECHNOLOGIES

To ensure the functional viability of the interchanges, a support is required to provide the user with a comfortable environment, through clear, intuitive, and efficient information.

In order to achieve this goal, all systems and elements of the interchange are integrated and centrally managed from the Interchange Control Post, located on level -2.

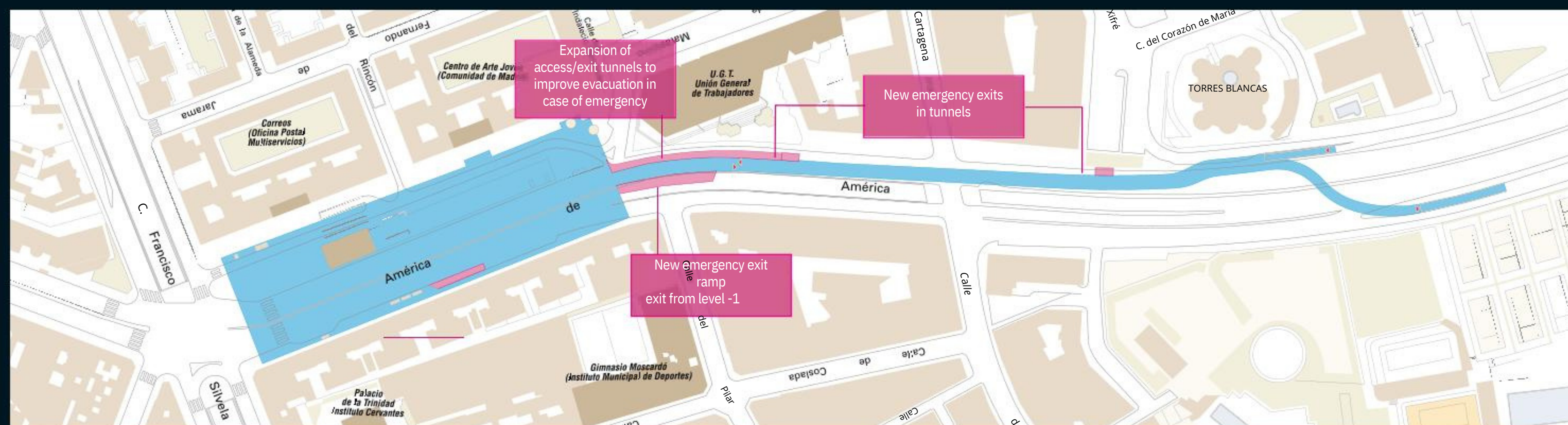


- 14 Integrated Management System Control Center
- 24 Opacimeters (environmental dirt detectors)
- 34 CO+NOx gas detection devices
- 44
- 54 Natural Gas Detection Systems WIFI Network
- 64 Closed Circuit TV (CCTV)
- 74

VEHICULAR ACCESS

Ramps and tunnels

Double-height tunnel section



- ↳ The tunnels have been widened to allow buses to be evacuated in case of emergency, and two new Emergency Stairs have been installed.
- ↳ A new bus exit has been implemented at level -1 that can be used during peak times and, above all, in emergency situations.



FACILITIES

One of the fundamental reasons for the works on the old interchange has been the renovation and modernization of the mechanical systems and installations that have allowed the Interchange to achieve the highest levels of safety, functionality and comfort. The facilities have been adapted, also including the necessary security systems to allow access to the bus interchange that is more favorable for the environment.

Among the most notable facilities we can mention:

- 1 Pacimeters (environmental dirt detectors)
- 2 Bombs
- 3 Gas detectors (CO, CO2, NOx)
- 4 Ducts 12
- 5 Fans
- 6 Air conditioners
- 7 Electrical panels 22
- 8 ATTEX luminaires
- 9 UPS and Capacitors
- 10 Generating set



Avenida de América Interchange

THE WORK

AFFECTED SERVICES

CONCESIONARIA

DIRECCIÓN FACULTATIVA

CONSTRUCTORA

ASISTENCIA TÉCNICA

COORDINACIÓN DE SEGURIDAD Y SALUD



PARTITIONS LEVEL -1



FEBRUARY
2012

MARCH-MAY

AUGUST-NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY
2013

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY
2014

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

MAIN DATA

- 4 30,000 cubic meters of excavation equivalent to: 10 Olympic swimming pools
- 4 858 piles with a total of 10.6 kilometers of pile excavation
- 4 8.687 cubic meters of concrete 3 Olympic swimming pools
- 4 1,000,000 kg of steel Weight: 5 Boeing-747
- 4 200 tons of steel Weight: 1 Boeing-747 A2:
- 4 100 kilometers of cable Madrid-Jadraque A2:
- 4 188 kilometers of electrical Madrid-Medinaceli
- 4 cable 16,000 meters of ducts
- 4 127 electrical panels
- 4

BUDGET

TUNNEL INTERCHANGE AFFECTED	€29.028.165,88
SERVICES SURFACE ACTIONS	€3.889.142,22
SAFETY AND HEALTH QUALITY	€800.673,49
CONTROL ENVIRONMENTAL	€2.445.911,02
MANAGEMENT METRO ACCESS	€739.581,79
MODIFICATION	€413.002,72
	€443.132,46
Nineteen percent G.G. + B.I	€55.053,67
TOTAL MATERIAL EXECUTION	€ 7.184.786,02
TOTAL CONTRACT EXECUTION	€37.814.663,25
OTHER INITIAL COSTS: Project, Technical Management, Supervision and Inspection of Works, Fees and Insurance	€ 44.999.449,27
TOTAL MATERIAL INVESTMENT:	€ 8.082.871,73
	fifty-three million eighty-two thousand three hundred twenty-one euros
REPLANNING ACT DATE	February 17, 2012
CONCESSION DEADLINE	until the year 2038