

A PROMENADE: A NEW URBAN ZIP
 Bringing in a new urban model is based on three basic principles:

CENTRALITY The central places award identity to the cities, they are the quintessential spaces of the community, spaces where the city displays its full meaning.

DIVERSITY Principle which must guarantee a major richness of social relations within the inhabitants composition, the space definition of architectures and typologies and lastly, the diversification of the economic activities.

EXCHANGE Understood as a basic principle of relationships, essential to prevent atrophy, breakdown and consequently social disruption which could lead to isolation of any human group.

La Mina district's transformation aims to go beyond urban renewal, both from a wide and transversal perspective. The former because of social, economic, cultural and urban aspects merge into an intensive project, both in time and space; the latter involving the contents, actors and instruments.

Centrality, diversity and exchange support the strategy for this integrated transformation, which will become visible with the construction of a new urban central zip (tree-lined promenade) of the neighbourhood, a Rambla. This central zip will be the thread to site and create new spaces, new facilities and new residential architectures.

New built facilities and dwellings are going to be situated along La Mina's new central promenade to foster population and sociological diversity. An optimal location for the facilities will be sought after in order to boost social relationships between the neighbourhood and the whole city. The local facilities are going to yield their central location to new key buildings which are going to provide health, culture and civil service facilities.

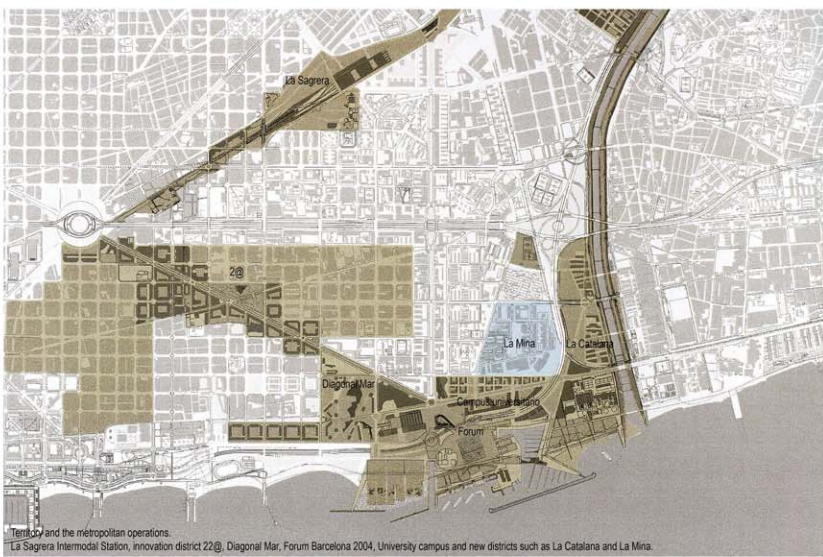
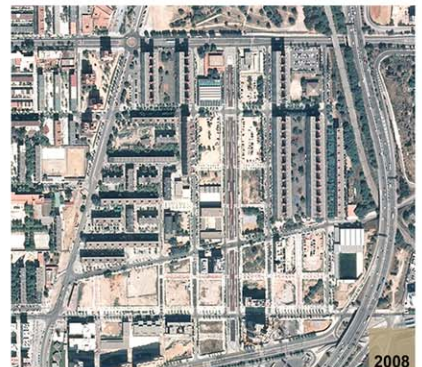
Regarding the residential scheme, the principles of minimum occupancy and maximum release of land advocated by the projects of the modernism age will give way to new approaches. The open space proposal prioritizes the quality of urban space well above the quantity, promoting relationships and contacts between residents, generating complexities and complexities in the new urban layouts.

The proposal bids for an intensive mixture of typologically varied dwellings, spatially diverse, occupied by current and new residents and a significant presence of complementary economic activities.

As for the idea of urban density, the concept of "physical compactness" emerges. This compactness is a complex condition able to define spatial continuity and discontinuity of the polygons area, which refers to the distances and relationships between them, as well as the quality and consistency of their interstices.

The intervention on the existing residential buildings of La Mina focuses on those actions necessary to ensure the improvement of the environment. This will be the deliberate intervention in stairways distribution, the improvement of living conditions, and the selective substitution of properties to achieve a closer involvement of the whole community, with specific interventions aiming at an urban acupuncture effect.

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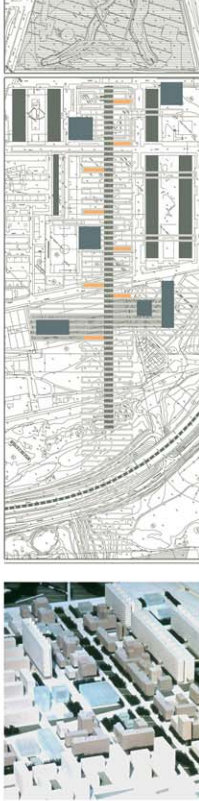
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 La Sagera Intermodal Station, innovation district 22@, Diagonal Mar, Forum Barcelona 2004, University campus and new districts such as La Catalana and La Mina.



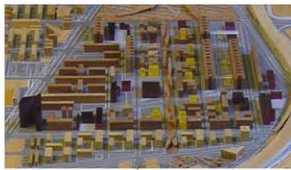
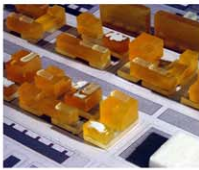
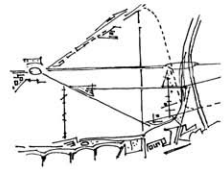
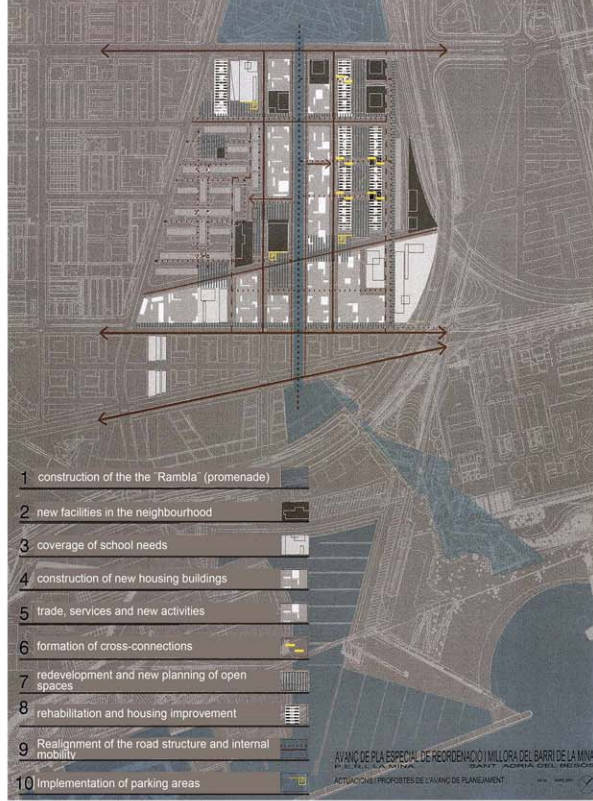
La Mina district, before and after



A new central promenade



10 strategic projects for neighbourhood's transformation



East longitudinal section



West longitudinal section

3d masterplan proposals for residential and economic activity blocks. The new city layout

