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# ABSTRACT



This thesis explores city making, specifically good public space. The city of Tshwane is envisaged “to become the leading international African capital city of excellence...” (TICDRS; 2005: 5). Public transport is identified as being one of the interventions for achieving this vision.

The Tshwane Spatial Development Strategy 2010 and beyond state that “the ability to travel from one place to another is a basic requirement of a successful metropolitan area.”

The inner city core and the Marabastad precinct represent the heart of the Inner City and its Capital City significance. The main feature defining Marabastad's character today are the public transport systems contributing to the area as being an intermodal transport node (IUDFM; 2002: 253).

This thesis develops a multi-nodal transport interchange hub in Marabastad at the Belle Ombre train station. The program of the building is made up of three parts: Firstly the building defines a new public square in front of the Belle Ombre train station that is also the termination point for the green strip running through Marabastad, as planned in the Integrated Urban Design Framework for Marabastad. This square also provides a spill-out point for all the commuters of the various transport facilities surrounding the square. Secondly to provide formal facilities for the proposed new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and inner city distribution bus system, and thirdly to provide a connection for these new transit systems to the Belle Ombre train station. The building will have a mixed use character with programs such as informal market, offices and transitional housing units.

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## OPSOMMING

Hierdie verhandeling ondersoek goeie stedelike samestelling en daar word spesifiek gefokus op suksesvolle publieke ruimtes .

Die visie vir die Stad van Tshwane is “om in ‘n leidende Internasionale Kapitale stad van Afrika ontwikkel te word...” (TICDRS; 2005: 5). Publieke vervoer word geïdentifiseer as een van die hoof toevoegings om hierdie visie te bereik.

Die kern en die Marabastad omgewing van die middestad verteenwoordig die hart van die hoofstad en die stad se kapitale karakter. Die hoof kenmerk wat Marabastad se karakter huidiglik definieer is die publieke vervoerstelsel wat bydra tot die area as ‘n publieke vervoer node (IUDFM; 2002: 253)

Die verhandeling ontwikkel ‘n multi-nodale vervoerwisselingspunt in Marabastad by die Belle Ombre treinstasie. Die program van die gebou omvat drie hoof dele:

Eerstens, definieer die gebou die publieke plein voor die Belle Ombre treinstasie wat ook die terminasiepunt is vir die groenstrook wat deur Marabastad ontwikkel word as deel van die beplande geïntegreerde stedelike ontwerpsraamwerk vir Marabastad. Hierdie plein verskaf ook ‘n vergader plek vir al die pendelaars wat al die vervoestelsels gebruik om hierdie hierdie nuwe plein. Tweedens huisves dit die formele funksies en funksionele benodighede vir die voorgestelde nuwe “BRT” en nuwe bussisteem wat die middestad bedien. Laastens voorsien dit die konneksie tussen die verskeie funksies na die Belle Ombre treinstasie. Die gebou is ‘n tipiese gemengde gebruik gebou met programme soos ‘n informele mark, kantore en oorgangsbehuising.

“Vervoer verwisseling nodes het die agora geword van die nuwe demokratiese staat, ‘n plek van maksimum kommersiële verhandelinge en sosiale interaksie.” (Deckler; 2006: 59).





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## TSHWANE

Pretoria, the inner city region of Tshwane, a place of great significance, was established in 1855 to house the government of the dispersed Afrikaner communities of the Transvaal (Lemon; 1991: 67). The city later became the capital city of South Africa and today it is envisaged as “to become the leading international African capital city of excellence that empowers the community to prosper in a safe and healthy environment” (TICDRS; 2005: 5).

## EXISTING SPATIAL FORM

Unfortunately, the city is still in the process of achieving this vision, as it is a well-known fact that Pretoria, just as most other South African cities, has a spatial form that is highly inefficient, inequitable and unsustainable (CTSDS; 2007: 1).

The spatial form of Tshwane even today displays the typical characteristics of earlier urban planning policies which give the city a dual city status in which well-developed, affluent parts coexist with vast stretches of the poorly developed periphery, thus depriving the poorest people from any economic opportunities (CTSDS; 2007: 1).

The more affluent parts of this dual city are characterised by

- Low density sprawl
- Fragmentation of development
- Separation of functions that causes great distances between various urban functions and facilities (CTSDS; 2007: 1).

## NATURE OF THE PROBLEM

The above-mentioned characteristics imply that a lot of time and money is spent commuting to and from the city. This activity directly aggravates poverty, as city living is dependant on the use of private vehicles that many people can't afford. All these vehicles cause traffic congestion and pollution. This results in city streets being predominantly designed for vehicles. In turn this results in a public environment that generates few economic opportunities for small scale traders (CTSDS; 2007: 2).

## SOLUTION

In order to counteract this phenomenon and to achieve the vision of the city of Tshwane, numerous sets of legislation, policies and strategies from national to provincial level exist to address the spatial problems that characterise the city (CTSDS; 2007: 2).

If the goals set out in these documents can be met, a city would be created where

- the Public transport systems works and is supported by higher density development
- internal municipal processes are efficient and corruption free and create a good investment environment
- affordable housing in areas integrated with places of opportunity is available to people close to their jobs
- a balance is achieved between the environment, social needs and economic development (CTSDS; 2007: 2).

From the above it is obvious that the importance of the inner city is once again understood. As Dewar (1991:114) states, people come to the city to experience economic, social, cultural and recreational opportunities.

Unfortunately the problems of the dual city will not vanish overnight. The poor will still struggle to survive on the edges of the city, commuting to the inner city on a daily basis to experience all of the opportunities presented by the city. This complex problem faced by the city can only be solved by implementing various solutions and interventions.

One of the main interventions is public transport. As stated in the *Tshwane Spatial Development Strategy 2010 and beyond*, “the ability to travel from one place to another is a basic requirement of a successful metropolitan area.” It further states that all land use types cause the need to travel - from residents commuting between home and work to goods being distributed (CTSDS; 2007: 24).

One of Dewar's (1991: 114) concerns is that there is little use in providing opportunities in cities if these are only accessible to a limited number of people (those who own private transport). Croeser (2005: 12) further remarks that there is a definite need in South Africa to upgrade the public transportation system.

The movement system of a metropolitan area is very important as it ensures that people have greater

accessibility to jobs and social and recreational opportunities, while all these opportunities are accessible at a lower cost, in shorter periods of time and with more convenience (CTSDS; 2007: 24). This movement system also contributes to the linkage of Tshwane with the rest of the Gauteng urban region, which will contribute to Tshwane's attractiveness as an investment destination (CTSDS; 2007: 28).

The present traffic situation in Tshwane is characterized by extreme congestion. This is on the increase due to the peripheral urban growth that feeds the urban sprawl pattern. The insufficient public transport system diminishes the quality of the life of the urban citizen as time and money are wasted daily in travelling to and from places of opportunity (CTMMTDD; 2006: 1).

The *Integrated Development Framework of August 2007* states that the strengths of the existing system must be recognized and expanded. The existing system together with the proposed new Bus Rapid Transit system (BRT) will form the new inner city transport system (IDF; 2007: 77).

It is important to note that the new Bus Rapid Transit system won't replace the existing system, but supplement the systems already in place, thus ensuring the optimal use of existing and planned infrastructure (IDF; 2007: 77). The *BRT Planning Guide of June 2007* also mentions

that the planning and implementation of a BRT system can't be done in isolation, and that the most effective BRT systems are integrated with all the other transport systems (BRTPG; 2007: 6). After the completion of a scoping study conducted in 2007 (BRTOP; 2008: 2), the City Council of Tshwane gave the go-ahead for the new proposed Bus Rapid Transit system project. A full operational plan for implementing a road based public transport system for Tshwane was developed by the companies appointed, with the emphasis on providing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for the Tshwane metropolitan area. The companies involved were Advanced Logistics Group, S.A. (ALG, the Consultant), Namela Projects (Pty) Ltd and Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona, S.A. (TMB).

BRT is "a high-quality bus based transit system that delivers fast, comfortable, and cost-effective urban mobility through the provision of segregated right-of-way infrastructure, rapid and frequent operations, and excellence in marketing and customer service" (BRTPG; 2007: 11).

According to the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality Transport Development Division, this BRT system will play the following role in the city

- "Support corridor development, which will lead to a more efficient city

- Improve the quality of life of citizens, as travel time will be significantly reduced
- Promote public transport in such a way that it becomes

the preferred mode, even of people who do own a motor vehicle

- Provide a proper feeding system for Gautrain, and in such a way contribute towards efficient public transport within the Province
- Provide proper access to Loftus, one of the 2010 World Cup venues
- Provide proper public transport access to growth points such as Menlyn, Brooklyn, Hatfield, Sunnyside and the CBD
- Provide fast and efficient transport to residents living in the northern areas, the declared 'area of preference' of the city" (CTMMTDD; 2006: 1).

Apart from the proposed BRT system the city is planning an inner city distribution system to help serve the transport nodes at Pretoria railway station, Bello Ombre railway station and the Bloed/Boom Street taxi rank (TSPTPN Appendix B; 2006: 1).

The benefits from the project are

- proper linkage amongst the various transport termini located around the city
- reduced walking distances
- reduction of congestion
- increased accessibility of major land uses within the CBD (TSPTPN Appendix B; 2006: 1).

FIG 1.1\_View of Tshwane inner city



## STUDY AREA

The *Tshwane Inner City Development and Regeneration Strategy of 2005* states that the inner city of Tshwane is made up of the following broad land-use districts where the inner core and Marabastad precinct represents the heart of the inner city and its capital city significance:

- An inner core of mainly office, retail, commercial and residential intensive development in a 2,5 km radius around Church Square
- Marabastad and its finely grained surroundings towards the north-western side of the inner city reminiscent of the city's historic African vibrancy and a zone of extensive urban decay
- The high density residential areas of Sunnyside and Arcadia on the eastern side
- A service industry zone of mostly smaller entrepreneurs towards the western side of the inner city (TICDRS; 2005: 2).

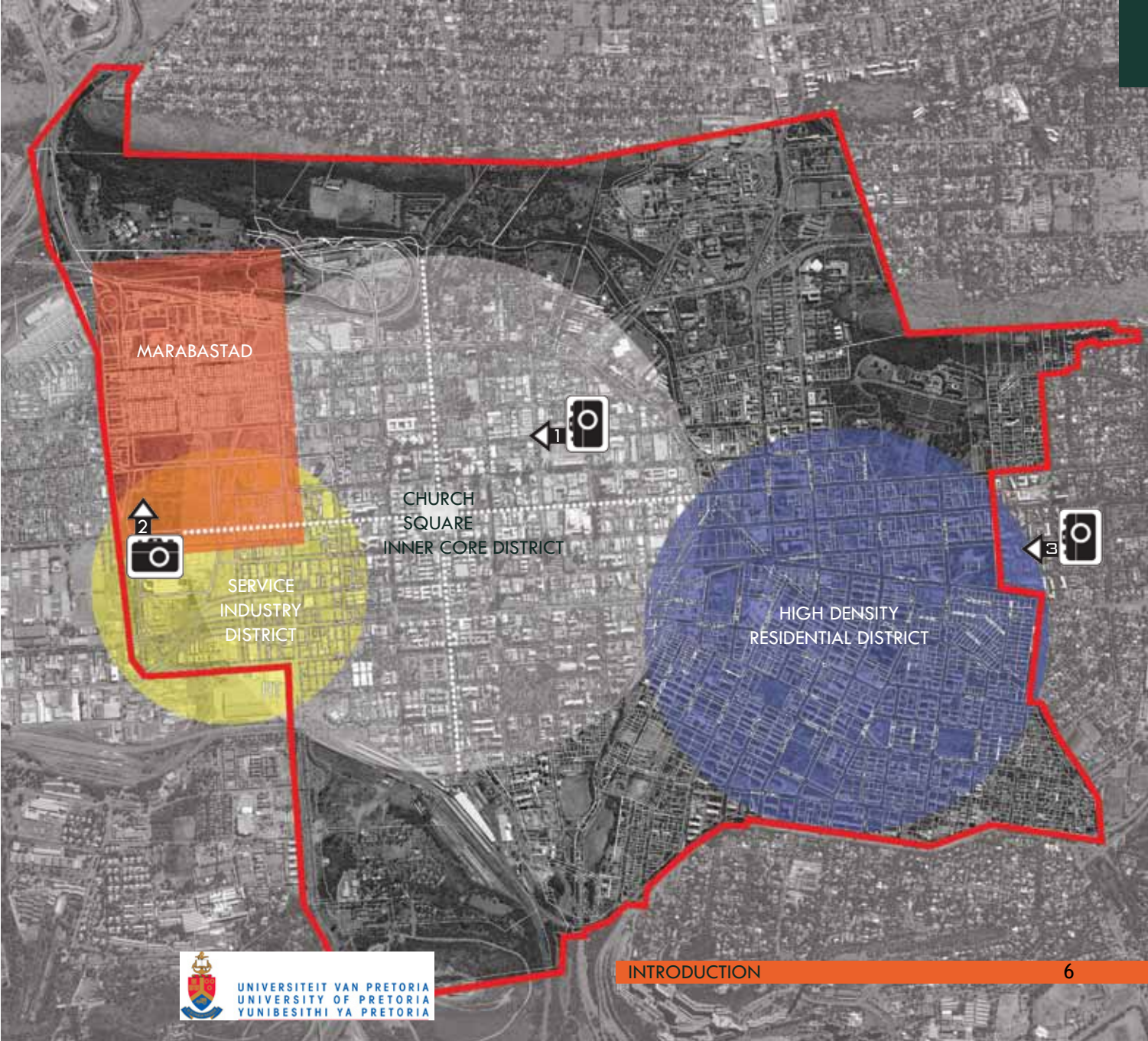
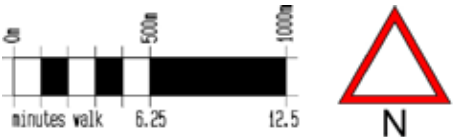
The *Tshwane Inner City Development and Regeneration Strategy* thus focuses its proposal on the inner city core and Marabastad as it is believed that the greatest impact can be achieved by concentrating efforts in these areas (TICDRS; 2005: 2).



FIG 1.5\_broad land use districts of the inner city region

The Tshwane Inner City Development and Regeneration Strategy of 2005 state that the inner city of Tshwane is made up of four broad land-use districts with the inner core and Marabastad precinct representing the heart of the Inner City and its Capital City significance.

-  \_INNER CITY REGION BOUNDARY
-  \_INNER CORE DISTRICT
-  \_HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
-  \_SERVICE INDUSTRY DISTRICT
-  \_MARABASTAD



The *Tshwane Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Operational Plan* presented by Advanced Logistics Group on 24 April 2004 states that they adopted a layered approach for planning the proposed new network. The existing rail system will be at the top of the hierarchy of modes, followed by the BRT system, then the enhanced corridor and finally the feeder services (BRT Operational Plan; 2008: 4). During the planning of the system a number of corridors have been examined for the new BRT system, and the system for phase one is as follows

- Line 1: Bus Rapid Transit route between Mabopane and Pretoria Station
- Line 2: Bus Rapid Transit route between Belle Ombre Station and Mamelodi
- Line 1: Enhanced bus corridor on Church Street between Atteridgeville and Hatfield
- Line 2: Enhanced bus corridor on Church Street between DF Malan and Mamelodi
- Feeder routes to provide access to the BRT services (BRT Operational Plan; 2008: 4).

BRT terminals for phase one are proposed at the following sites

- Line 1: Mabopane Station and Pretoria Station
- Line 2: Belle Ombre Station and Mamelodi
- Depot facilities will be provided at the end of lines 1 and 2 at Mabopane and Mamelodi respectively (BRT Operational Plan; 2008: 4).

Because of Marabastad's significance in Tshwane and of the new proposed BRT system with its line 2 terminals planned to be located at the Belle Ombre Station, a transport interchange at the Belle Ombre train station in Marabastad was chosen as the topic for this thesis project.



ADVANCED LOGISTICS GROUP

FIG 1.6\_ Advanced Logistics Group logo

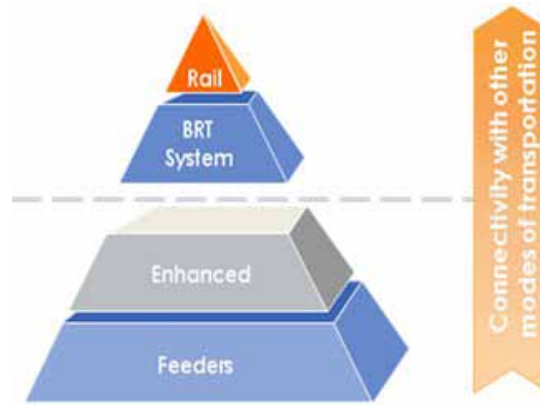
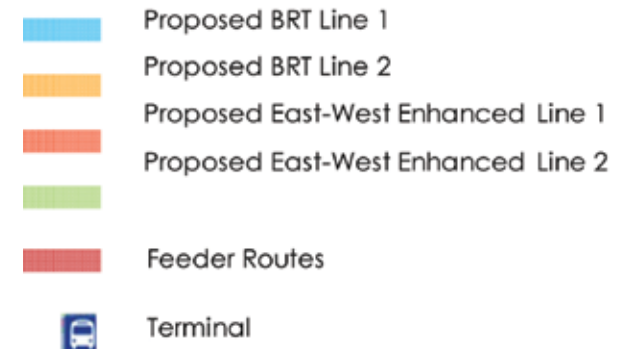


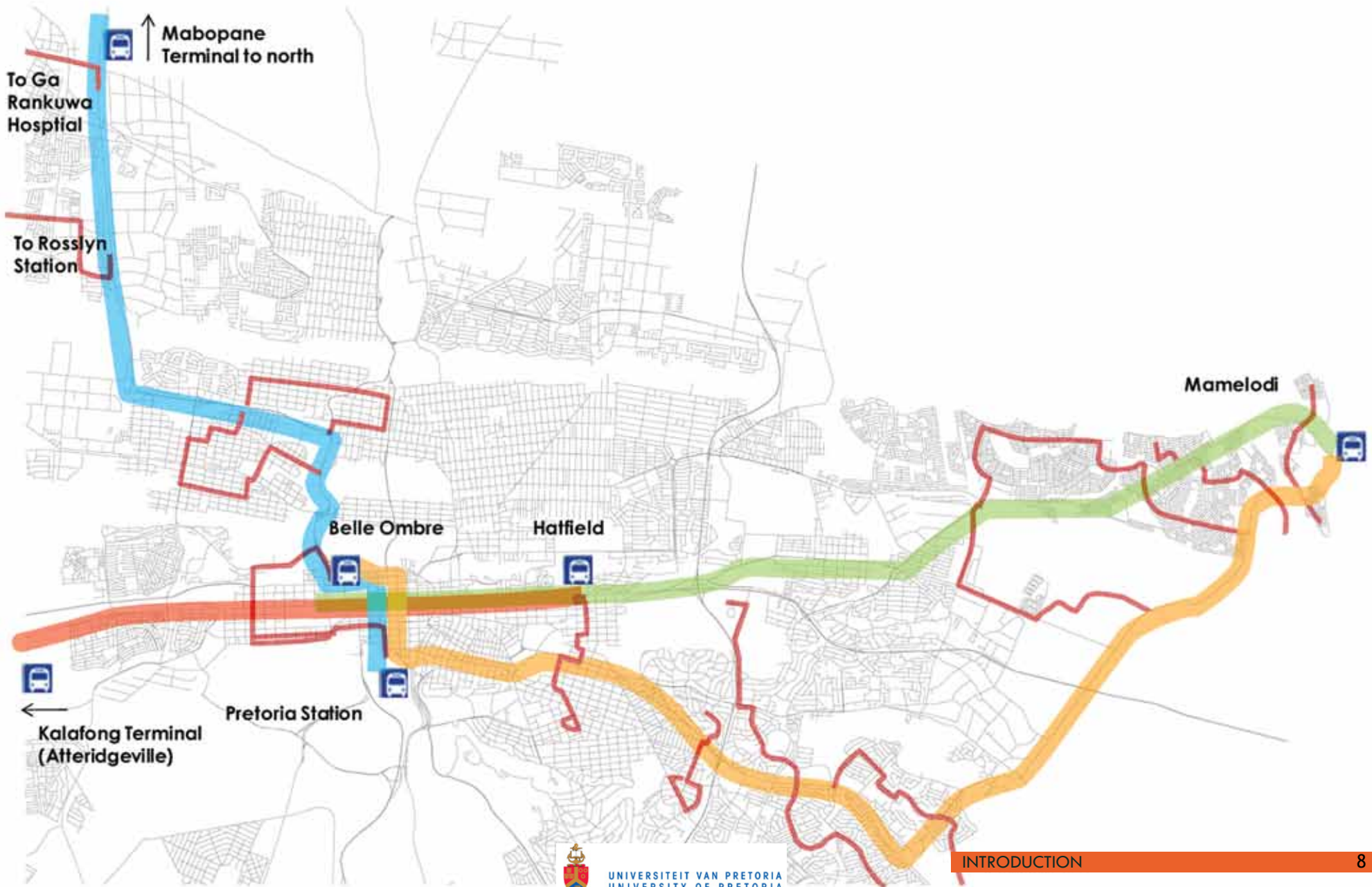
FIG 1.7\_ Layered planning approach of BRT

FIG 1.8\_Proposed BRT routes for Tshwane

Key features of the proposed BRT corridors include:

- Links priority townships such as Soshanguve and Mabopane to the north and Mamelodi to the east to the city centre and other key centres such as Menlyn, Hatfield and Rosslyn.
- The two lines overlap between Belle Ombre Station and Pretoria Station to provide optimal service through the CDB area.
- Serves Loftus Stadium, a 2010 World Cup venue.
- Provides links to key rail stations and the Gautrain project.
- High demand throughout corridor, in particular along the R80 corridor.
- Transit mall stations in Church Square with reduced mixed traffic access and parking.
- Bus Rapid Transit to have priority in Paul Kruger corridor in alignment with ReKgabisa precinct planning between Boom Street and Pretoria Station with reduced mixed traffic lanes and access, reduced parking and improved pedestrian amenity (BRTOP; 2008: 5).





## Route Characteristics - BRT Line 2 Alternative 2

- Directly links CBD economic hub with Sunnyside, Menlyn Park and key population area of Mamelodi.
- Directly links CBD and 2010 World Cup venue at Loftus Stadium.
- Ease of construction through Skinner Street.
- Central route through Sunnyside.
- Existing public transport demand between CBD and Mamelodi: estimated at 6000 pph.
- Exclusive Right-of-Way lanes due to demand and to facilitate optimal journey times and allow for configuration of median bus-ways and median stations.
- Passing lanes to facilitate express and limited stop services.

FIG 1.9\_BRT line 2 characteristics

System Overview	Line 1	Line 2	Combined
Total Corridor Length	37.3km	33.2km	67.6km
Dedicated Bus Lanes (both directions)	74.6km	66.4km	135.2km
Number of Stations	17 Stations + 2 Terminals	36 Stations + 2 Terminals	47 Stations + 4 Terminals
Average Station Spacing	1.960m	870m	1.320m

FIG 1.11\_BRT system overview

### Pros

- Provides improved CBD access and links through Paul Kruger / Boom Street and Church Square "Capital Core Anchors" (IDF).
- Aligns with Re Kgabisa with focus on full length of Paul Kruger corridor.
- Direct links to Pretoria and Belle Ombre Stations.
- Direct links to Gautrain Station at Pretoria Station.
- Fewer lane kilometres of infrastructure required.
- Allows for the two BRT lines to overlap between Belle Ombre Station and Pretoria Station along the length of Paul Kruger providing maximum service to this key corridor and maximum transfer points between the two lines.

### Cons

- Not as conducive to accessing Hatfield node.
- Physical constraint at railway bridge overpass on Walker Street.
- Slightly higher potential difficulty to construct via Boom – Paul Kruger – Walker Street route than D.F. Malan – Skinner Street.
- Less central route through Sunnyside.

FIG 1.10\_BRT line 2 pro's and con's

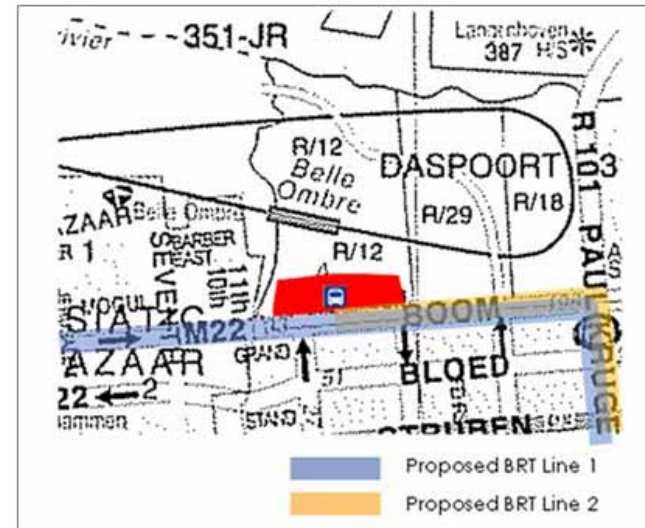


FIG 1.12\_Terminal position of Line 2 identified by the BRT Operational guide



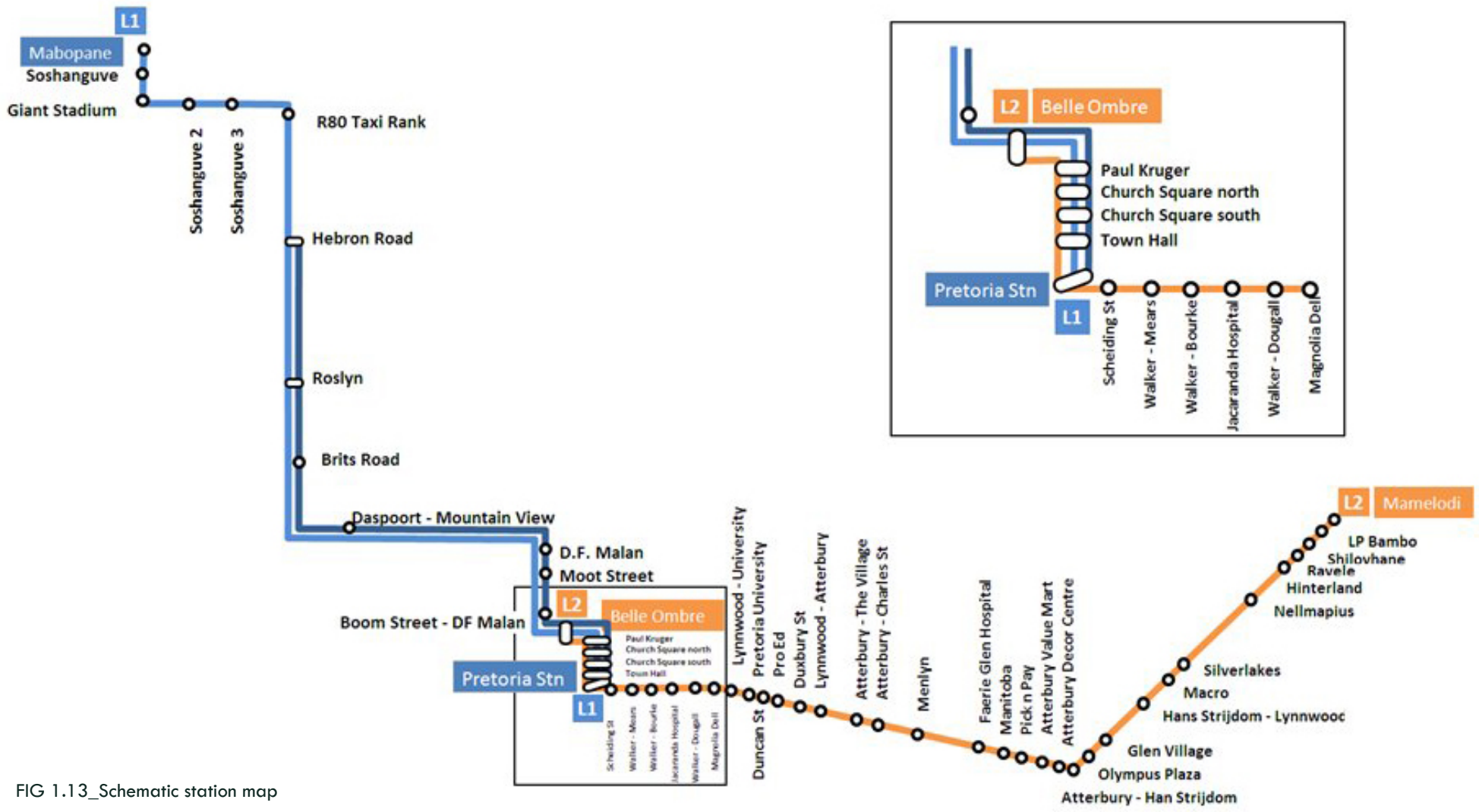


FIG 1.13\_Schematic station map

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# PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

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## CONNECTING TSHWANE

As stated previously the *Tshwane Spatial Development Strategy 2010 and beyond* states that “the ability to travel from one place to another is a basic requirement of a successful metropolitan area.” (CTSDS; 2007:24).

It is this movement that ensures accessibility to jobs, social and recreational opportunities. It is of great importance that all these opportunities can be accessed at a lower cost, in a shorter period of time and with more convenience (CTSDS; 2007: 24).

The strategy identifies 5 points that form the basis for an efficient metropolitan movement system that connects strategic areas in Tshwane (CTSDS; 2007: 24):

1\_ **Highways.** These form corridors for large-scale economic development. They also connect Tshwane to the rest of the Gauteng and the country.

2\_ **Public transport system.** Forming the basis for this system is the existing rail system and proposed Bus Rapid Transit system:

- The **existing rail system** should become the basis of public transport throughout Tshwane and should become the primary movement system over long distances.
- The proposed **new Rapid Bus Transit system** will deal with transport problems over short to medium distances and connect metropolitan activity nodes that fall outside the areas serviced by the rail network.

3\_ Completing the **concentric road network** that serves the multi-nodal structure of Tshwane.

4\_ The **Gautrain development** that links Tshwane to Johannesburg.

5\_ The development of **Wonderboom Airport.**

## IMPACT AREA

As stated previously, the *Tshwane Inner City Development and Regeneration Strategy* focuses its proposal on the inner city core and Marabastad as it is believed that the greatest impact can be achieved by concentrating efforts in these areas (TICDRS; 2005: 2).

In 1999 the architectural firm of Aziz Tayob Partnership Architects Inc. compiled an *Integrated Urban Design Framework for Marabastad* for the City Council. They were re-appointed in 2002 to prepare an updated version of the document for the fast-changing realities of Marabastad. The framework states that its main aim is to ensure the reintegration of Marabastad within the grid of the inner city (IUDFM; 2002: 15).

This re-integration should occur in the physical urban environment and the socio-economic environment (IUDFM; 2002: 191).

The physical re-integration deals with:

- Interpenetrating of Urban Character
- Public Green Open Spaces
- Church Street west
- Zoning Overlaps
- Transport Links (IUDFM; 2002: 191).

The socio-economic deals with:

- Land ownership
- Social outreach programmes
- Cultural outreach programmes
- Economic support
- Publicity campaigns (IUDFM; 2002: 194).

The main feature defining Marabastad's character today is the public transport systems (railway station, two bus ranks and major taxi activity) contributing to the area as an intermodal transport node (IUDFM; 2002: 253). The *Inner City Development Framework* (in IUDFM; 2002: 194), however, describes modal integration of public transport in Marabastad as being poor, forcing modal competition rather than modal integration (IUDFM; 2002: 253).

It is envisaged that in the future Marabastad will be a major station for several modes of transport networks. Marabastad will act as one of the three major public transport nodes in the inner city, the others being the Pretoria Central Station and the taxi ranks at the zoological gardens (IUDFM; 2002: 253).

The transport facilities planned for Marabastad will be concentrated around Belle Ombre Railway Station (IUDFM; 2002: 253).

This is also the site proposed for the new BRT terminal for line 2 of phase one of the system (BRT Operational Plan; 2008: 4).

Trade in Marabastad is largely dependent on the movement of commuters, and this holds great potential for business opportunities around these transport facilities (IUDFM; 2002: 253).

One of the other dominant main features of Marabastad is the Steenhoven Spruit - despite it being canalized. The development plan for Marabastad allows for the redevelopment of the entire length of the spruit, from Princess Park in the south to Boom Street in the north. The vision for the spruit is to be developed into a public green belt to form part of the city's open green systems (IUDFM; 2002: 231).



FIG 2.1\_Belle Ombre metro rail station



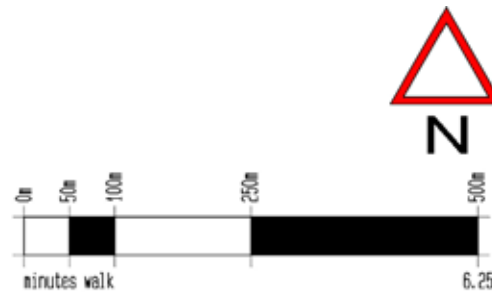
FIG 2.2\_Belle Ombre metro bus rank



FIG 2.3\_Taxi ranks at Belle Ombre Train station

FIG 2.4\_The *Integrated Urban Design Framework* by Aziz Tayob Partnership Architects Inc.

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## INTERVENTION

To deal with the spatial problems in the City of Tshwane, the *Tshwane Inner City Development and Regeneration Strategy* defines eight building blocks to start with the restructuring process of the city (TICDRS; 2005: 11).

The eight building blocks are:

- Announcing the destination
- Cultural circle
- Capital precinct
- Mandela development corridor and Apies River precinct
- Tshwane crossing
- Zone of urban regeneration
- Movement
- Exceptional public environment

It is also important to note that in order for these building blocks to be sustainable, they must be supported by an economically and socially sound environment. Five socio-economic building blocks are defined to ensure this (TICDRS; 2005: 22):

- Safety and security
- Development facilitation
- Identity and branding
- People's place
- Informal trade

The building blocks that will be tapped into in this thesis will be:

- Zone of urban Regeneration
- Movement

- Exceptional public environment
- People's place
- Informal trade

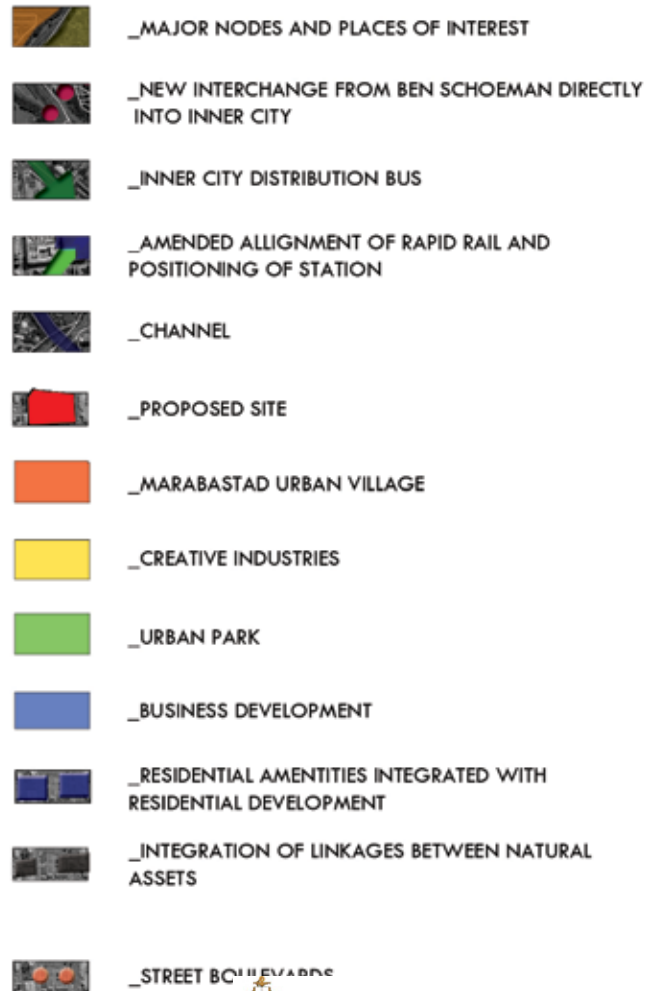


FIG 2.5\_Building Blocks



FIG 2.6\_Gradual Development of Marabastad - Current condition (IUDFM; 2002: 263)



FIG 2.7\_Gradual Development of Marabastad - Stage 1 (IUDFM; 2002: 263)

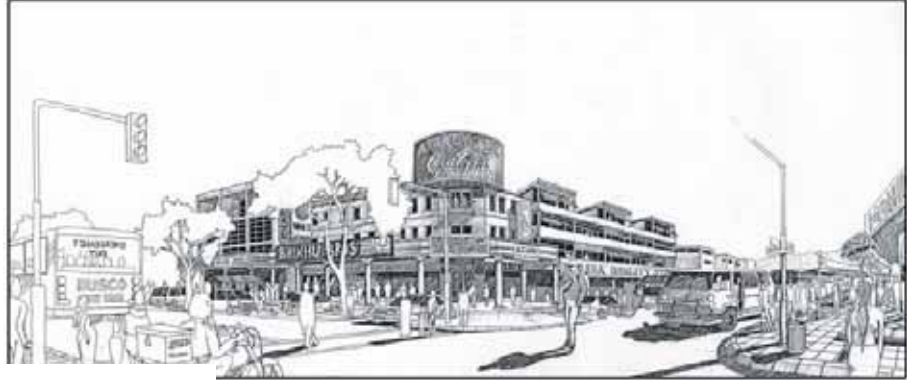


FIG 2.8\_Gradual Development of Marabastad - Stage 2 (IUDFM; 2002: 263)

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# SITE & CONTEXT



FIG 3.1 \_World Map



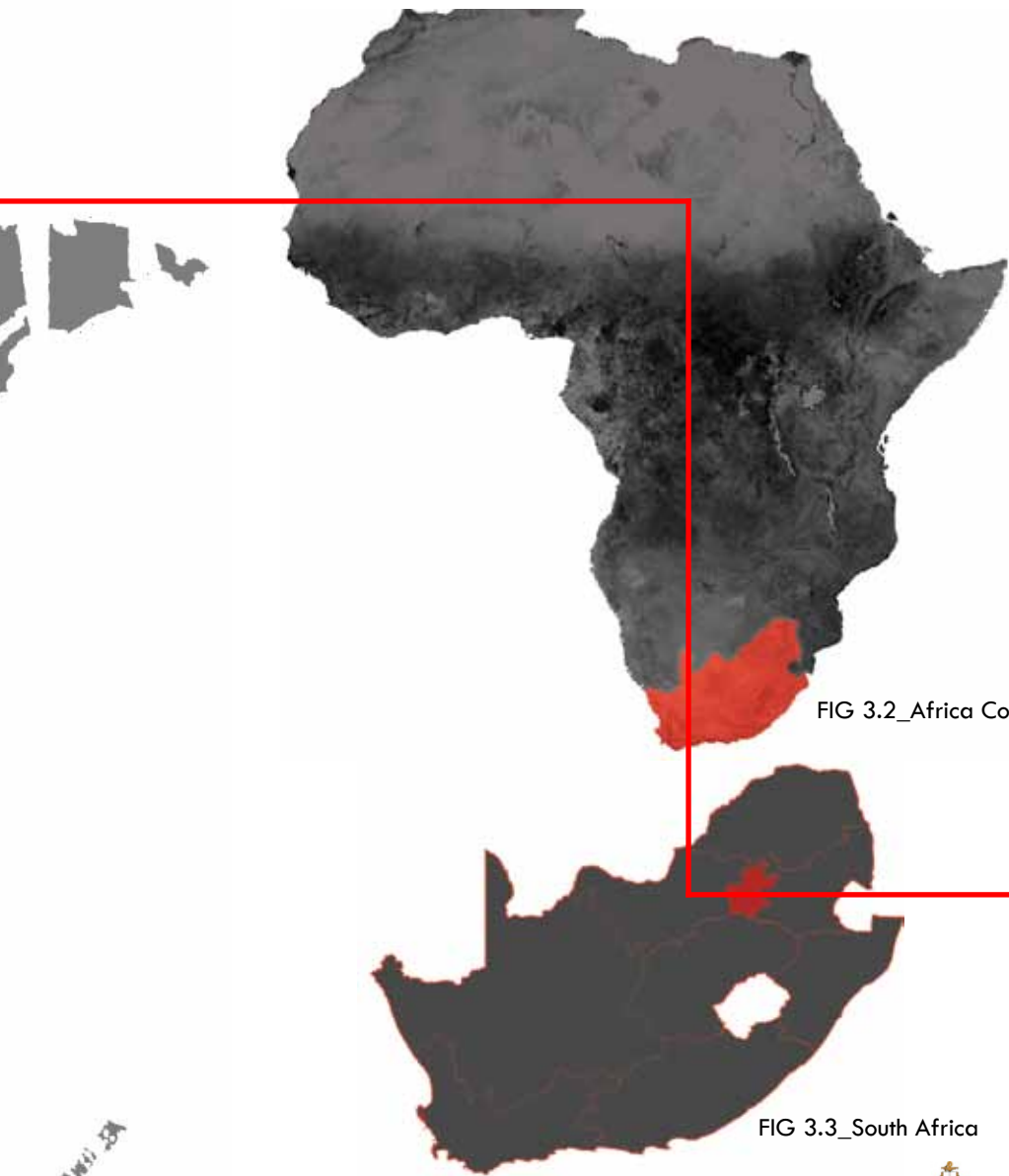


FIG 3.2\_Africa Continent

FIG 3.3\_South Africa



FIG 3.5\_Location of Site within the inner city region

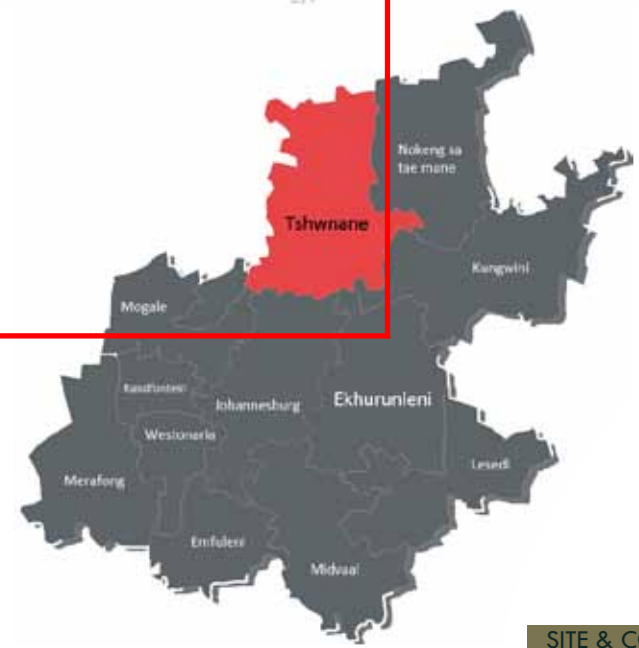


FIG 3.4\_Gauteng Province

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FIG 3.6\_ Tshwane Inner City Region

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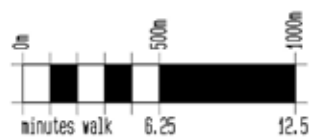


FIG 3.7\_Proposed Marbastad integration into inner city region

-  \_HIGH DENSITY HOUSING
-  \_RAILWAY CONNECTIONS
-  \_MAIN ROADS FOR GREATER METROPOLITAN CONNECTIONS
-  \_HISTORICAL TOURIST ROUTE
-  \_FEEDER AND OFF-FEEDER ROADS THROUGH URBAN TRAFFIC
-  \_CHURCH STREET WEST UPGRADE TO ATTRACTIVE URBAN SPINE

LEGEND



FIG 3.8\_ PROPOSED TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION

LEGEND

-  \_MAJOR ONE-WAY ROAD SYSTEMS
-  \_PARKING AREAS
-  \_PROPOSED GREEN AREAS
-  \_HIGH VOLUME ACTIVITY STREETS
-  \_PREDOMINANT PEDESTRIAN ROUTES
-  \_ROAD TO BE REALIGNED
-  \_TAXI HOLDING AREA
-  \_RAILWAY STATIONS
-  \_BUS TERMINAL
-  \_FULLY PEDESTRIANISED STREETS
-  \_TAXI STOPS



FIG 3.9\_Proposed Marbastad green areas

-  \_PARKING
-  \_PROPOSED GREEN AREAS
-  \_PROPOSED TREES ON PARKING SITES
-  \_STEENHOVEN SPRUIT
-  \_TREES ALONG ROADS

LEGEND

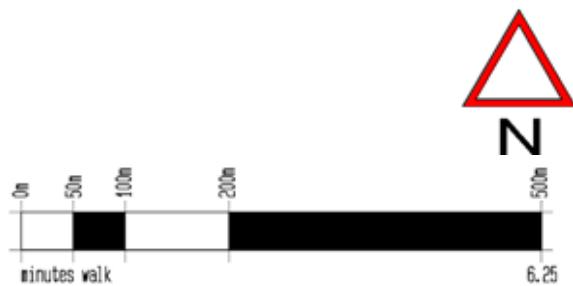


FIG 3.10\_Proposed Marbastad specific land use

-  \_MARABA SHOPPING CENTRE
-  \_MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (3 STOREY)
-  \_HI DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (6 STOREY)
-  \_MIXED USE
-  \_PARKS & OPEN SPACES
-  \_BUSINESS & TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IDEALLY DEVELOPED FOR LOCAL INVESTMENTS.
-  \_BUS TERMINUS
-  \_RAILWAY PURPOSES
-  \_EDUCATIONAL
-  \_RELIGIOUS
-  \_TAXI TERMINUS

LEGEND

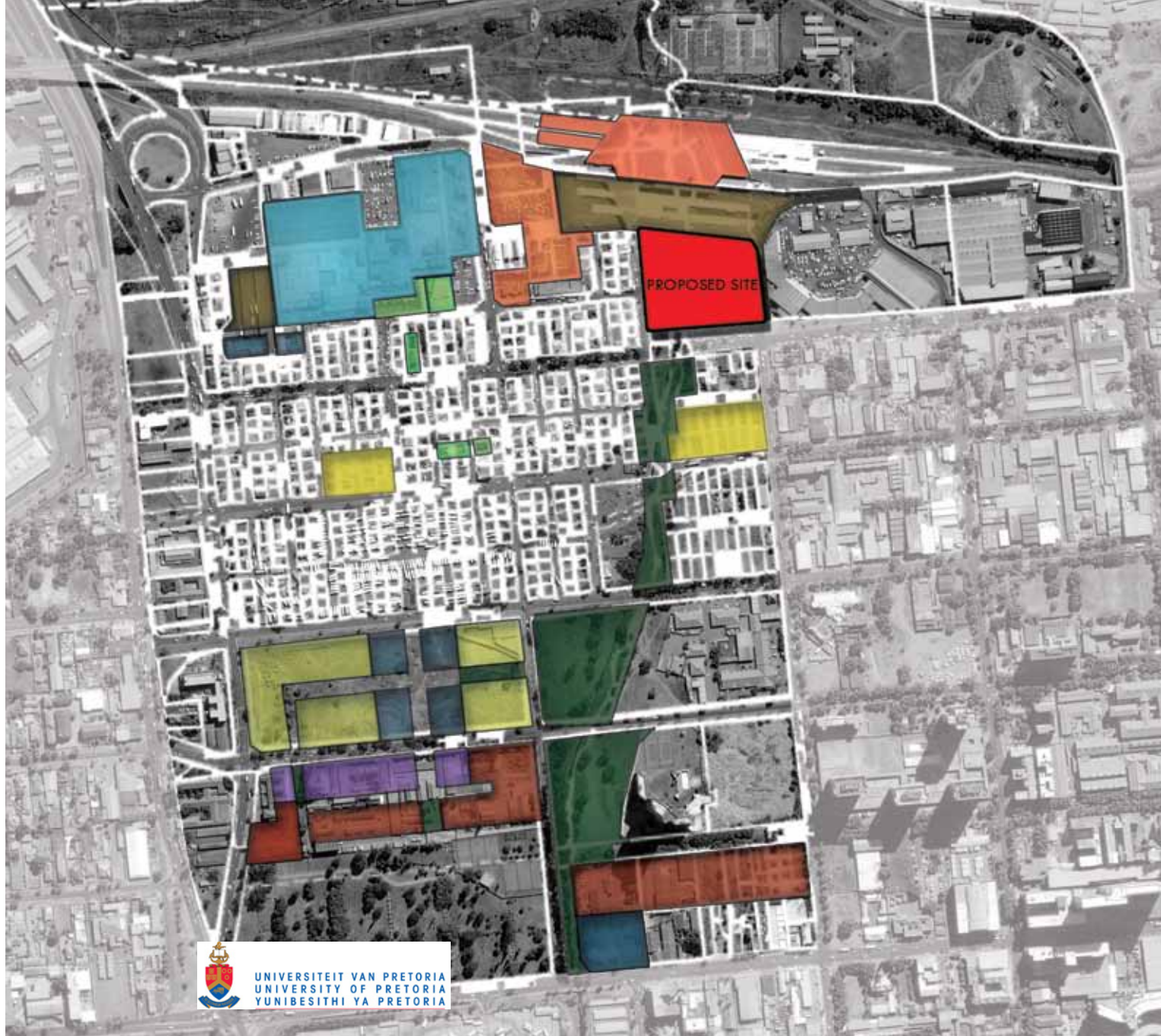









FIG 3.11\_Existing Transport Node of Marbastad

-  \_EXISTING BELLE OMBRE RAIL STATION
-  \_EXISTING METRO BUSES RANK
-  \_PROPOSED NEW INNER CITY DISTRIBUTION BUS ROUTE
-  \_PROPOSED NEW BRT TERMINAL
-  \_EXISTING TAXI RANK

LEGEND

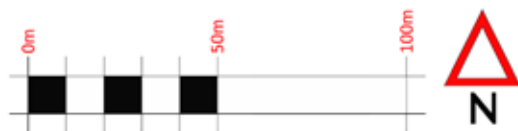


FIG 3.12\_Access and circulation by various transport modes

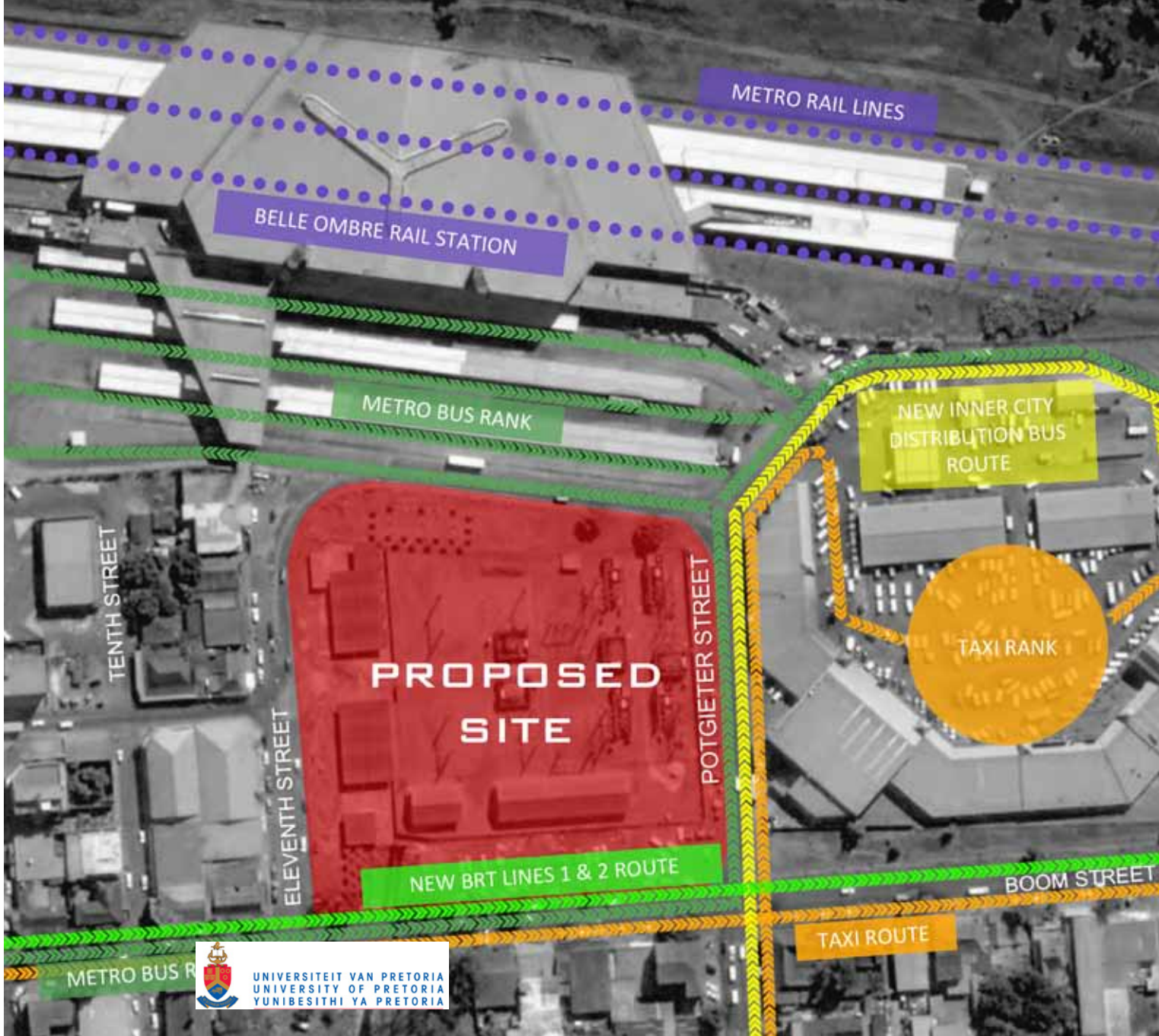






FIG 3.13\_Existing municipal information

-  \_PROPOSED SITE
-  \_BOUNDARY LINES
-  \_ERF NUMBERS
-  \_SEWER LINES AND CONNECTION POINTS

LEGEND

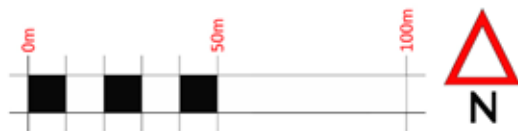




FIG 3.14\_ Steenhoven Spruit during rainfall









FIG 3.15\_ Steenhoven Spruit during rainfall



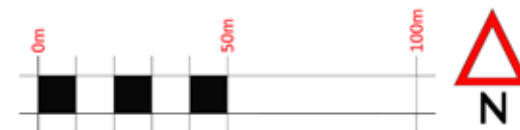
FIG 3.16\_ Current condition of Steenhoven spruit

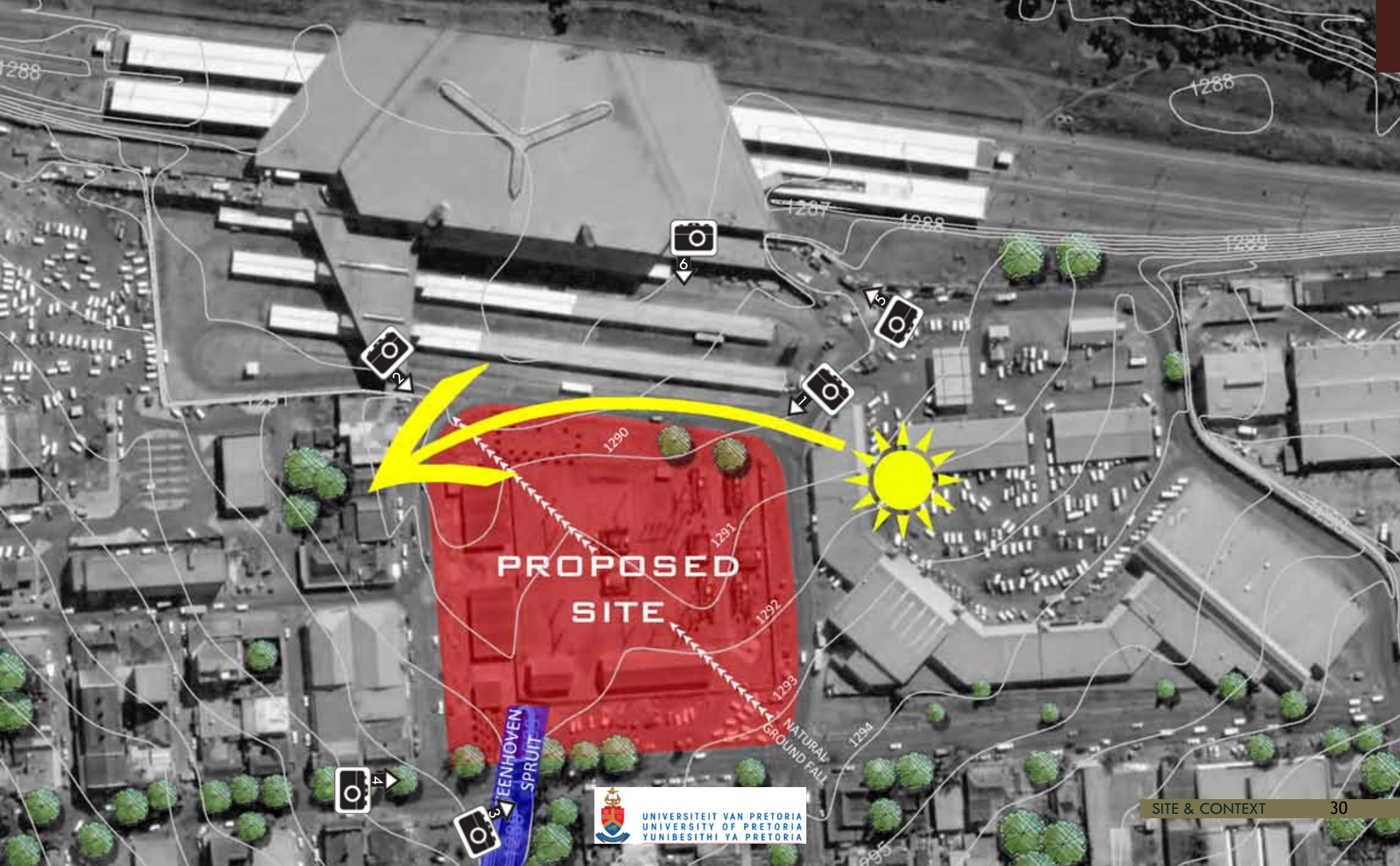
FIG 3.17\_ Natural conditions on site

The Steenhoven Spruit will form a green strip that runs through the Marabastad area that pulls all the various new developments together planned for the area. The channel cross section will also be reconfigured to make it more human friendly. The intended green strip will terminate in the new public square planned at the Belle Ombre train station, forming a spill out point for all the commuters using the various transport modes surrounding the new public transport hub.

-  \_PROPOSED SITE
-  \_STEENHOVEN SPRUIT
-  \_NATURAL GROUND FALL
-  \_1m CONTOURS
-  \_EXISTING TREES
-  \_SUN PATH

LEGEND





**PROPOSED  
SITE**

**VON HOOVEN  
SPRUIT**



FIG 3.18\_North Eastern view of site



FIG 3.19\_North western view of site



FIG 3.20\_Existing site conditions  
on southern side of site



FIG 3.21\_South Western view of site



FIG 3.22\_View of Eastern Main entrance to the Belle Ombre train station



FIG 3.23\_Northern view of site



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# 4



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## GOOD URBAN FORM

Many authors have written about various goals that urban planners, urban designers and architects should strive towards and promote for the achievement of good urban environments. These authors include urban theorists such as Kevin Lynch; Ian Bentley; Appleyard and Jacobs and Dewar and Uytendogaardt.

In their writings they discuss goals such as: vitality, sense, fit, access, control, liveability, identity and control, Authenticity and meaning, efficient use of resources, opportunity generation, convenience, choice, quality of place and sustainability.

### 4.1 \_ GOALS

The following chapter is dedicated to briefly discuss these goals for good urban environments.

The author combined the various authors' goals and grouped them to form several goals that cover all the various goals set out by the urban theorists mentioned previously.

These groups of goals are:

Vitality/Liveability;

Choice/ opportunity generation/ Diversity;

Access/ permeability;

Sense/ Identity/ Legibility/Authenticity and meaning;

Scale/Fit and Sustainability.

#### 4.1.1\_Vitality/ Liveability

“The degree to which the form of the settlement supports the vital functions, the biological requirements and the

capability of human beings- above all, how it protects the survival of the species” ( Lynch; 1984:118).

“A city should be a place where everyone can live in relative comfort” (Appleyard & Jacobs; 1987:495).

There are a number of performance dimensions for city form that group themselves under vitality (Lynch; 1984:121).

#### 4.1.2\_Opportunity generation/ Diversity/ Choice

“Settlements which perform well are multi-faceted places. They offer a diversity and thus choice, of places, lifestyles, activities and interaction opportunities” (Dewar, Uytendogaardt & Todeschini: 4).

People come to cities to experience economic, social, cultural and recreational opportunities and facilities that can be generated through the physical collection of large numbers of people. The places of greatest interaction in cities are the places of greatest opportunity (Dewar & Uytendogaardt 1991:17).

With great opportunity, variety is increased which increases choice (Bentley; 1995:27).

An important part of generation is allowing people sufficient freedom and choice to maneuver, in order to find opportunities to express their own ingenuity and creativity (Dewar & Uytendogaardt 1991:16). When people are offered rich choices and freedom to make those choices, true participation is promoted, therefore, urban environments should promote the maximum positive freedom for individuals to act, and in so doing creating a diverse and complex environment as stated in the next quote:

“Appropriately, the creation of urban structure should be so judged as to release the energies and talents of many people in the making of environments. Only in this way can truly stimulating, diverse and complex environments emerge” (Dewar & Uytendogaardt 1991:19).

People have a choice of living in intense, vibrant environments, or in quieter, more private areas. Places vary from person to person and over the life-cycle of households (Bentley; 1995:27).

On the one hand, positively performing settlements offer opportunities for human contact and interaction. They also provide opportunities where people can live on their own but not be alone. People also have the choice concerning the extent they want to engage in social activity (Dewar, Uytendogaardt & Todeschini: 4).

On the other hand people also want places that are private, mainly in the sense of knowing who lives in an area and who the strangers are (Dewar, Uytendogaardt & Todeschini: 4). Dewar, Uytendogaardt & Todeschini then states: “The challenge is to encourage environments that provide a diversity of choice, so that people don't have ‘either-or’ choices, but rather choices which relate to relative degrees of privacy or exposure”

The key in achieving this lies in the hierarchies of movement, public spaces and social institutions, and the design of living areas (Dewar, Uytendogaardt & Todeschini: 4).

In developing countries, where rates of urban growth are very quick and there are high levels of poverty and unemployment is the need to generate opportunities for small scale, self generated economic activity. The formal economy is incapable to absorb new entrants into the job market that leads to these people creating self-generated employment, usually in the informal sector. These people

have to find places to manufacture trade or provide services at no or very little overheads within the urban system in order to survive (Dewar & Uytendogaardt; 1991:16).

#### 4.1.3\_Access/ Permeability

The ideal city is imagined by some as being a great center where one has easy access to an enormous variety of goods, services and other people (Lynch; 1984:186). Dewar and Uytendogaardt (1991:16) states that all inhabitants should enjoy relatively easy and equitable access to urban opportunities. They also state that it is little use generating opportunities if access to these is limited to a very limited number of people. Bentley (1995) says that only places that people can access can offer them choice. Lynch (1984:1920) says that a good environment is a place that affords obvious and easy access to a moderate variety of people, goods, and settings.

Access may be classified according to the features to which access is given and to whom it is afforded.

Most basic is access to other people: to kin, friends, and mates and to a variety of more casual acquaintances. Humans are social beings and regularly contact is essential to their well being.

Next in importance is access to certain human activities. The key activity for adults may be work, but other important services are financial, medical, recreational, educational and religious. These activities either represent opportunities for the person to do something or they supply a valued service.

Access is also acquired to certain material resources like food, water, energy and various other goods.

People also want access to places- to shelters, open

spaces, centers, symbolic places and natural environments (Lynch 1984:188).

#### 4.1.4\_Sense/ Identity/ Legibility/ Authenticity and meaning

Kevin Lynch (1984) describes the sense of place as the “clarity with which it can be perceived and identified, and the ease with which its elements can be linked with other events and places in a coherent mental representation of time and space and that representation can be connected with non spatial concepts and values”.

Sense depends on spatial form and quality, but also on culture, temperament, status, experience and current purpose of the observer. The sense of a place will vary for different observers (Lynch; 1984:131).

There are three elements of sense, Identity, Formal structure and those qualities which help us to connect settlement form with other features of our lives.

Identity: “Identity is the extent to which a person can recognize or recall a place as being distinct from other places- as having a vivid, or unique, or at least a particular character of its own” (Lynch; 1984:131).

Formal structure: Which at a scale of a small places, the sense of how its parts fit together, and in a large settlement the sense of orientation (Lynch; 1984:134). The practical significance of orientation is clear enough: poor orientation means lost time and wasted effort. Good orientation also enhances access and so enlarges opportunity (Lynch; 1984:134).

next come the qualities that help to connect settlement

form with other features of people’s lives.

The first level is called congruence: the purely formal match of environment structure to non spatial structure.

Transparency is a component of sense. That is the “degree to which one can directly perceive the operation of the various technical functions, activities and social and natural processes that are occurring within the settlement” (Lynch; 1984:139).

Congruence, transparency and legibility are components of sense, which describe explicit connection of settlement form to non spatial concepts and values (Lynch; 1984:139).

Another component of sense is legibility. Legibility is the way people orientate and navigate themselves within a city (Carmona; 2003:88).

Before the twentieth century traditional cities worked well in terms of legibility. The places that looked important were in fact important and public spaces could easily be identified (Bentley; 1995:42).

The biggest open spaces were related to the most important public facilities. Figure illustrates this (Bentley; 1995:42).

The buildings with the greatest public relevance stood out from the rest, for example churches (Bentley; 1995:42).

The buildings that needed privacy and security allowed the passer-by to see the activities inside, for example the black smith in the picture below (Bentley; 1995:42).

The modern cities are also legible but only in a certain sense. In the modern city the biggest buildings are the big financial institutions and occupy the key centre position

of the city. These big buildings overwhelm the publicly-relevant places and facilities, confusing important activities and buildings (Bentley; 1995:42).

The confusion people experience is made worse because the important public buildings and publicly-relevant buildings often look the same (Bentley; 1995:42).

“People should be able to understand their city, its basic layout, public functions and institutions, they should be aware of their opportunities. An authentic city is one where the origins of things and places are clear” (Appleyard & Jacobs; 1987:496).

This above quote from Appleyard and Jacobs (1987) mean that an urban environment should reveal its important meaning, it should not be dominated by one type of group, and neither should the public places be hidden.

#### 4.1.5\_Scale/ Fit

“The fit of a settlement refers to how well its spatial and temporal pattern matches the customary behaviour of its inhabitants” (Lynch; 1984:151).

Fit is linked to characteristics of the human body and of physical systems in general. This perspective is general, but since fit is the match between place and whole patterns of behaviour, it is dependent on culture: on expectations, norms, and customary ways of doing things (Lynch; 1984:151).

Places are modified to fit ways of behaviour, and behaviour is changed to fit a given place (Lynch; 1984:151).

The term fit is loosely associated to such words as comfort, satisfaction and efficiency.

#### 4.1.6\_Sustainability

Sustainability has two main dimensions, the one relates to the built environment and the natural landscape and the other is the degree to which the settlement reflects, ‘timeless’ qualities (Uytenbogaardt et al;1997: 5).

Settlements that exist are depended on recourses drawn from a much larger area and adapted to fit the landscape it exists on. There are two central issues to achieve environmental sustainability. The first is to work with the natural landscape in such a way that the natural system is not broken down.

The second issue is to recycle wastes to the greatest extend (Uytenbogaardt et al;1997: 5).

The second element of sustainability is the level to which the settlement reflects, in its structure and form, ‘timeless’ qualities (Uytenbogaardt et al;1997: 5).

Sustainable settlements can handle growth and change well, and are in turn enriched by processes of change. These sustainable settlements have three primary characteristics, namely: they are scaled to the pedestrian, they reflect a structural order and they have a strongly spatial feel, with defined and generously made public spaces that are not made for the immediate development need, but made with the acknowledgment that public space is important in its own right (Uytenbogaardt et al;1997: 5).

### 4.2\_HOW TO ACHIEVE GOALS FOR GOOD SETTLEMENTS

#### 4.2.1\_Public Space

Carmona (2003) defines public space as the “sites and settings of public life”. He also states that the public realm ideally functions as a forum for political action and

representation; as a neutral ground for social interaction, intermingling, and communication; and as a stage for social learning, personal development and information exchange (Carmona; 2003:109).

Many people have observed that the public realm, has declined, recognized in part to the reduced availability of public space and public life. They observed that the traditional public space have transferred to private realms for example leisure activities, entertainment, gaining information and consumption all are undertaken at home through television and the internet. Activities that traditionally could only be available in collective public forms have increasingly become available in private forms, while the use of public space has been challenged by lots of different developments, such as increased private mobility. Private cars facilitate an essential private control over public space. The decreases in public space are consequences of the trend towards privatisation. Some factors that lead to privatisation are: Social, political and economic factors (Carmona; 2003:110).

#### 4.2.3\_Qualities of good Urban Space

A good public space has got certain qualities to be successful. They are enclosed by buildings, are part of activity system, have expressed building facades, and the spaces themselves are well treated.

##### 4.2.3.1\_Space enclosed/ Defined by building

A good open space will be defined or enclosed. Buildings serve this function; they must be adjacent to one another and flush with the street or space. There facades form the walls of the open space, they convey the buildings

identity and character (Carmona; 2003:68).

#### 4.2.3.2\_Part of activity system

A good space must be part of the activity system, which means that it must be a place where people want to go to use it. If there were no activities then there wouldn't be any reason to visit that specific open space.

#### 4.2.3.3\_Building facades

As stated before the building facades form the walls of the open space which defines it and conveys the buildings identity and character.

#### 4.2.3.4\_Well treated space

Any good open space that people would want to visit will be well looked after. It will be neat, clean. The surface also makes a difference for example if an open space had grass or a paved floor.

### 4.3\_THE ELEMENTS OF THE CITY

Mental maps of places are central to studies of environmental perception in urban design and the key work in the field is Kevin Lynch's *The Image of the City* (1960) based on mental mapping techniques and interviews with people from Boston, Jersey City and Los Angeles (Carmona ;2003:88).

He was originally interested in legibility and argued that "the ease with which we mentally organise the environment into a coherent pattern or 'image' relates to our ability to navigate through it" (Carmona; 2003:89). Through his

research, he found that the minor theme of orientation grew into the major theme of the city's mental image, and observation of cities with districts, landmarks and pathways that were easily identified led to the definition 'imageability', "that quality in a physical object which gives it a high probability of evoking a strong image in any given observer" (Carmona; 2003: 89).

Through mental mapping exercises Lynch (in Carmona; 2003:89) aimed to identify aspects of the environment that left a strong image in the people's minds and from his research he derived five key physical elements, namely: Paths, edges, districts, nodes and landmarks.

**Paths:** Paths are the channels along which the observer moves and were often the predominant elements in people's maps with other elements arranged around them. Paths can be important in images for a few reasons, including regular use, special uses, characteristic spatial qualities and visual proximity (Carmona; 2003:89).

**Edges:** Edges are linear elements that are not seen or used as paths and often form boundaries between areas. Shores, railroads, edges of development and walls are just some examples of edges. Edges can be barriers (that can be penetrable) that enclose regions and can act like an organising element because of its ability to hold areas together (Carmona; 2003:90).

**Districts:** "Districts are the medium-to-large sections of the city, conceived of as having two dimensional extent, which the observer mentally enters 'inside of', and which are recognisable as having some common, identifying character." (Lynch; 1960:47).

Districts may have definite boundaries or soft uncertain ones (Carmona; 2003:90).

**Nodes:** Nodes are points in the city the observer can physically enter, and which are the intensive foci to and from one is travelling. Nodes may be primarily junctions, places of a break in transportation, or a crossing of paths. Nodes can also be a concentration of certain places on street corners or a type of a public square. Nodal points are almost found in every image and are sometimes the dominant feature (Lynch; 1960:48).

**Landmarks:** Landmarks are point references that the observer cannot enter. They are usually simple defined physical objects like a building, sign or mountain. Some landmarks are distant ones seen from many angles and distances where other landmarks are primarily local, being only visible from certain approaches (Lynch; 1960:48).

CHAPTER:

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# — PRECEDENTS

Many people have observed that the public realm has declined, partly due to the reduced availability of public space and public life. They observed that the traditional public space have transferred to private realms for example leisure activities, entertainment, gaining information and consumption all are undertaken at home through television and the internet. Activities that traditionally could only be available in collective public forms have increasingly become available in private forms, while the use of public space has been challenged by lots of different developments, such as increased private mobility (Carmona; 2003:110).

Keeping this in mind and reviewing writings of urban theorists, it is easy to come to the conclusion that the public-transport interchanges in the context of South African cities have the ability to exhibit the desirable qualities for good urban places and spaces.

*“Transport interchanges have become the agora of the newly democratic state, the place of maximum commercial exchange and social interaction”* (Deckler; 2006: 59).

The last few years have shown a tremendous increase in providing formal facilities for the taxi industry. Transport interchanges with a variety of supporting functions for example the Baragwanath Public Transport interchange and traders market, the Faraday market and Transport Interchange, and the Claremont Public Transport Interchange all show innovative thinking for these important nodes in the city landscape.

Although this thesis project focusses more on the new proposed BRT system for Pretoria, the local precedents for transport interchanges are mostly for the taxi and local bus services. The public nature of these facilities are

of great value in understanding the working of public facilities where vehicles and pedestrians meet.

According to the Bus Rapid Transit Planning Guide of June 2007 there exists only two truly “full BRT” systems in the world namely Bogota in Columbia and Curitiba in Brazil (BRTPG; 2007: 14).

Most new BRT systems today are based on the systems of these two cities (BRTPG; 2007: 25).

For the typological investigation international precedents the “TransMilenio” of Bogota and the BRT of Curitiba will be looked at and locally the new Rea Veya BRT system of Johannesburg.

The investigation of the Reya Veya system is of great value due to the fact that it is the first BRT system implemented in South Africa.

The aim of precedent study is to gain a greater understanding of the working of these BRT systems with their supporting facilities. The investigation will focus mostly on the design and working of the stations themselves as this is of great importance for designing the station facilities for the intended transport interchange for the thesis project.

The investigation into the local transport interchanges will also contribute to gaining valuable insight in the working of these transport facilities in the public environment of South Africa.



FIG 5.1 \_Rea Veya BRT Johannesburg







FIG 5.3 View of Traders Market at the Baragwanath Public Transport Interchange and Traders Market

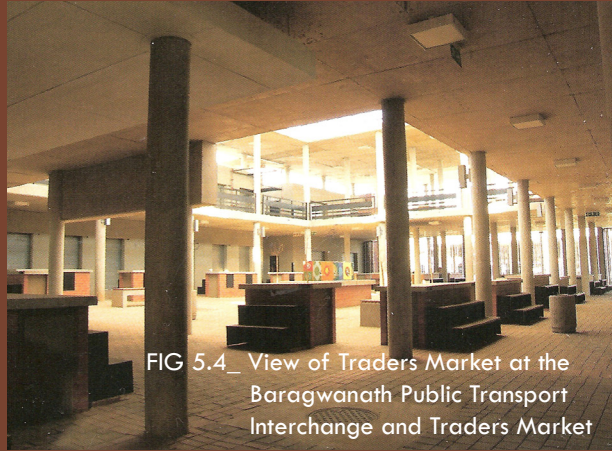


FIG 5.4 View of Traders Market at the Baragwanath Public Transport Interchange and Traders Market



FIG 5.6 TransMilenio Bogota



FIG 5.2 TransMilenio Bogota



FIG 5.5 BRT Station Tube in Curitiba



FIG 5.7 Informal traders at Baragwanath Public Transport Interchange and Traders Market

## INTERNATIONAL PRECEDENTS

This is until the “TranMilenio” BRT system in Bogota radically transformed the perception of BRT around the world. Today the system is serving over 1.2million passenger-trips per day. It is estimated that by 2015 when the entire system is completed an estimated 5million passenger-trips per day (BRTPG; 2007:25).

The success of the system can be linked to various key elements that increase the efficiency of the system. Curitiba’s BRT system also implements the same elements that contribute to the success of the system. These elements will briefly be looked at in the next section.

## FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM

The method the fare collection will have a great impact on the operational efficiency of the system (BRTPG; 2007: 441). An efficient fare collection system can have an impact on boarding and alighting time, time queuing for tickets and clearing turn stiles.

The two systems that can be implemented are: Off-board fare collection and on-board fare collection. From the investigation it was found that off board fare collection is the better option for an efficient BRT system, as it reduces long delays that generally accompany on-board fare collection, it eliminates the risk of the bus being robbed for the fare money.

It is important to note that if such a collection system is chosen a closed station construction is needed. There must exist a physical separation between the customers who paid and those who have not. Other benefits that a closed station provides is protection from the elements and increases safety for the commuters (BRTPG; 2007: 442).

## TURNSTILE OPTIONS

The closed station design with off board fare collection requires access control in the form of turnstiles. The TransMilenio makes use of a rotating arm turnstile for its protection against fare evasion and safety when passing through together with a drop-arm turnstile to allow people with special needs to easily gain access to the station platform (BRTPG; 2007: 453).

## PLATFORM

Most BRT systems have introduced ‘platform level boarding’. This means the platform is the same height as the vehicle floor, that allows for faster boarding and alighting, and also provides easy access for persons in wheelchairs, parents with strollers, young children and the elderly (BRTPG; 2007:259).

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Pedestrians prefer at-grade crossings due to the directness of access these crossings provide. Stairs and ramps cause inconvenience and can cause the physical disabled to lose access to the facility (BRTPG; 2007: 485).

## BICYCLE FACILITIES

The area of the BRT catchment area can significantly be integrated with bicycle usage. If secure bicycle parking facilities are provided customers will be confident to leave the bicycle at the station or terminal during the day (BRTPG; 2007: 7).



FIG 5.8\_Curitiba BRT StationTube



FIG 5.9\_At-grade crossing at TransMilenio



FIG 5.10\_Access control at TransMilenio



FIG 5.12\_At-grade crossing at TransMilenio



FIG 5.14\_level boarding at Trans Milenio



FIG 5.11\_Access for people with special needs



FIG 5.13\_Bicycle facilities at TransMilenio stations



## REA VEYA BRT STATION JOHANNESBURG

The Rea Veya BRT station in Johannesburg provides a great opportunity to study a BRT station in its built form, as this is the first BRT station in South Africa, based on well known international precedents such as the BRT of Curitiba & TransMilenio Bogota.

### 1) PASSANGER AMENITIES (Combined busstop design)

#### a) Shelter

- i) Protection against weather
- ii) Rain
- iii) Sun
- iv) Wind
- v) Cold
- vi) heat

#### b) Information

- i) Transit Route details
- ii) Advertising
- iii) Schedule and delay info
- iv) Signage (facilitate passenger convenience)

-Electronic display of expected bus arrival

-Entry for disable

- v) Audio systems for visually challenged people

#### c) Furniture

- i) seating
- ii) Leaning rails
- iii) dustbins

### 2) SAFETY AND SECURITY (Combined busstop design)

- i) visibility – commuters should be able to see the surrounding areas and be seen from outside the stations
- ii) adequate illumination
- iii) closed circuit television

### 3) BARRIER FREE DESIGN (Combined busstop design)

- i) accessibility for the physically challenged
- ii) station to facilitate easy circulation
- iii) access via ramps for stations with raised platform

### 4) BRT PLATFORM DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS (Combined busstop design)

-commuters should be able to clear the platform before the arrival of the subsequent bus.

-platform vehicle interface influence boarding and alighting speeds.

-high platform level boarding obtained through precision docking

-platform size – enough space for waiting commuters, commuters flowing in and out.

### 5) CLIMATIC PROTECTION (Combined busstop design)

- i) Passive solar design and natural cooling techniques
- ii) Energy demand / source

### 6) FARE COLLECTION (Combined busstop design)

- i) off board fare collection reduces bus dwell time and enables rapid boarding
- ii) station divided into paid areas and free areas



FIG 5.15 Automatic sliding doors at Rea Veya



FIG 5.16\_Electronic schedule board



FIG 5.19\_Ramped boarding platform for easy docking of BRT bus



FIG 5.21\_At-grade crossings



FIG 5.17\_Clear signage



FIG 5.20\_Ticket sales inside station



FIG 5.18\_Safety - fire hose



FIG 5.22\_Platform raised for level boarding



FIG 5.23\_Turnstiles for fare collection & access control

# CHAPTER:



# 6

# DESIGN \_DEVELOPMENT



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The design intention of the original design brief written for this thesis document was only concerned designing a BRT terminal on the site at the Belle Ombre rail station identified by the BRT operational guide as discussed previously in this document.

After the investigation into the site and its context, together with the urban design theory, it was obvious that a larger intervention was needed to ensure that the building will become a public space catering for the various needs of the urban dwellers.

With the investigation of the site in its context, together with the study of urban design theory the accommodation list grew to accommodate the BRT, the inner city distribution bus, park and ride facilities (basement for parking ones car and using the BRT system), bicycle parking facilities, accommodating the informal traders on site together with the new small scale trading opportunities that will arise from the construction of such a system. Also let able space will be available for small businesses and transitional housing for people seeking short term housing.

The building thus evolved from being a mono-functional facility to being a structure that is multi-functional in its nature, defining space, creating a link between the various public transport systems and becoming a good public space for the urban dwellers.

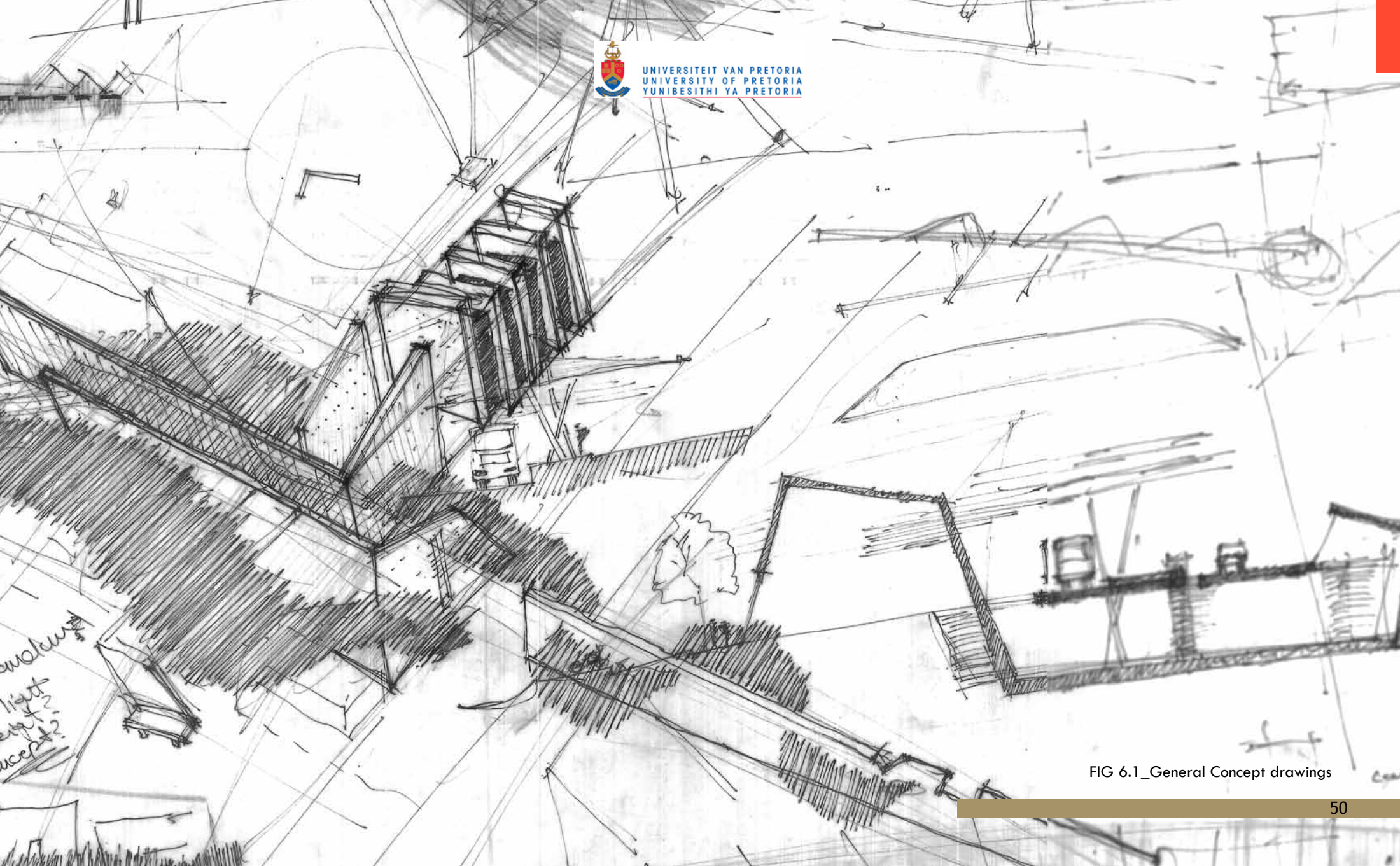
The next section is to enable the reader to see the maturing of the design, from being a building that is very expressive in its nature to one that only seeks to ensure the basic need of shelter. Finally a balance was struck between the two original concept designs and the final product reflects the combination of the two, being a building that uplifts the area and caters for the needs of the people.



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FIG 6.1\_General Concept drawings

## CONCEPT 1

The first attempt to solve the design problem quickly evolved into a structure that was concerned with the movement of commuters to and from the BRT platforms.

As the busses are expected to arrive every 90 seconds in peak time, sky bridges and tunnels were created in order to ensure the safe passage of the people. This idea was soon scrapped as bridges and tunnels are very unaffected ways of moving to and from a destination, as it adds a great distance to the route. Also it creates dangerous pockets of spaces that are unsafe and due to its lack of visibility of the public eye.

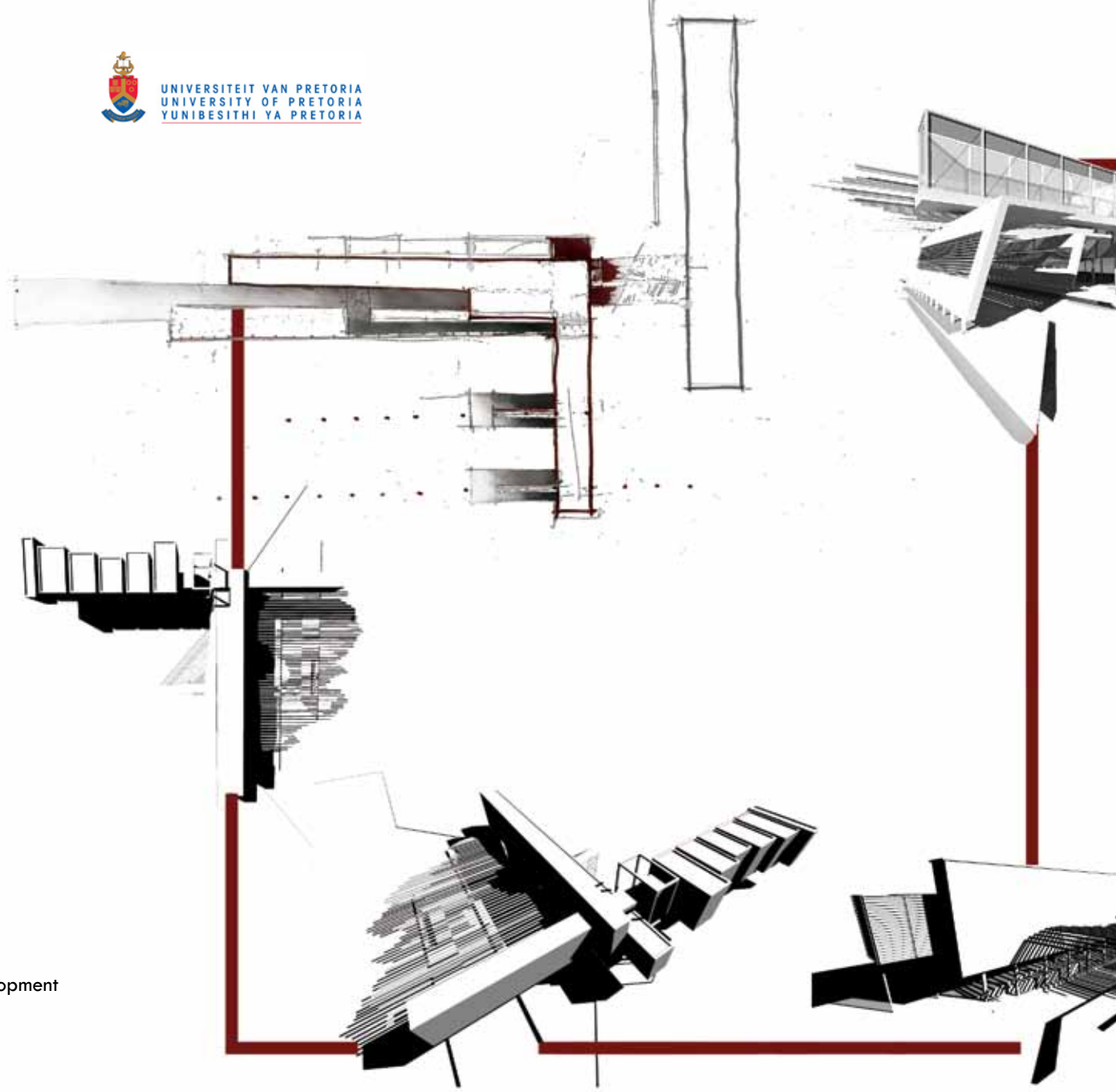
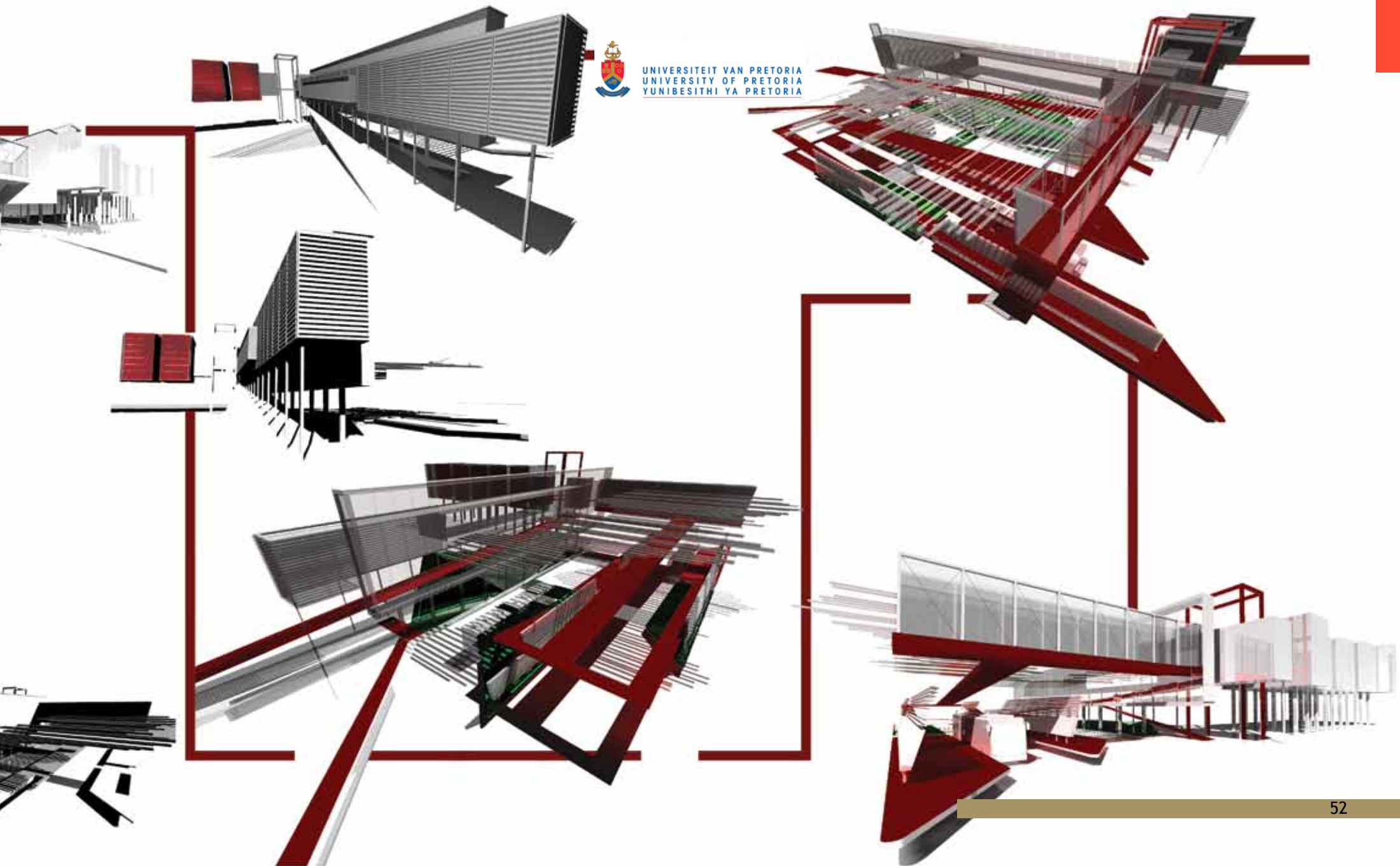


FIG 6.2\_Concept 1 development



## CONCEPT 2

The aim of this design concept was to simplify the problem, and to solve the urban design issues of the site and to fall into the urban design framework for Marabastad. The building defined the public square that is situated at the end of the green strip that follows the Steenhoven Spruit that runs through the Marabastad area. Also all public movement and activities were moved to the ground level to reduce the formation of unsafe spaces caused by ramps and tunnels. The design was still very much concerned with only the BRT side of the building.

The connection of the building to the site was from this point forward looked at.

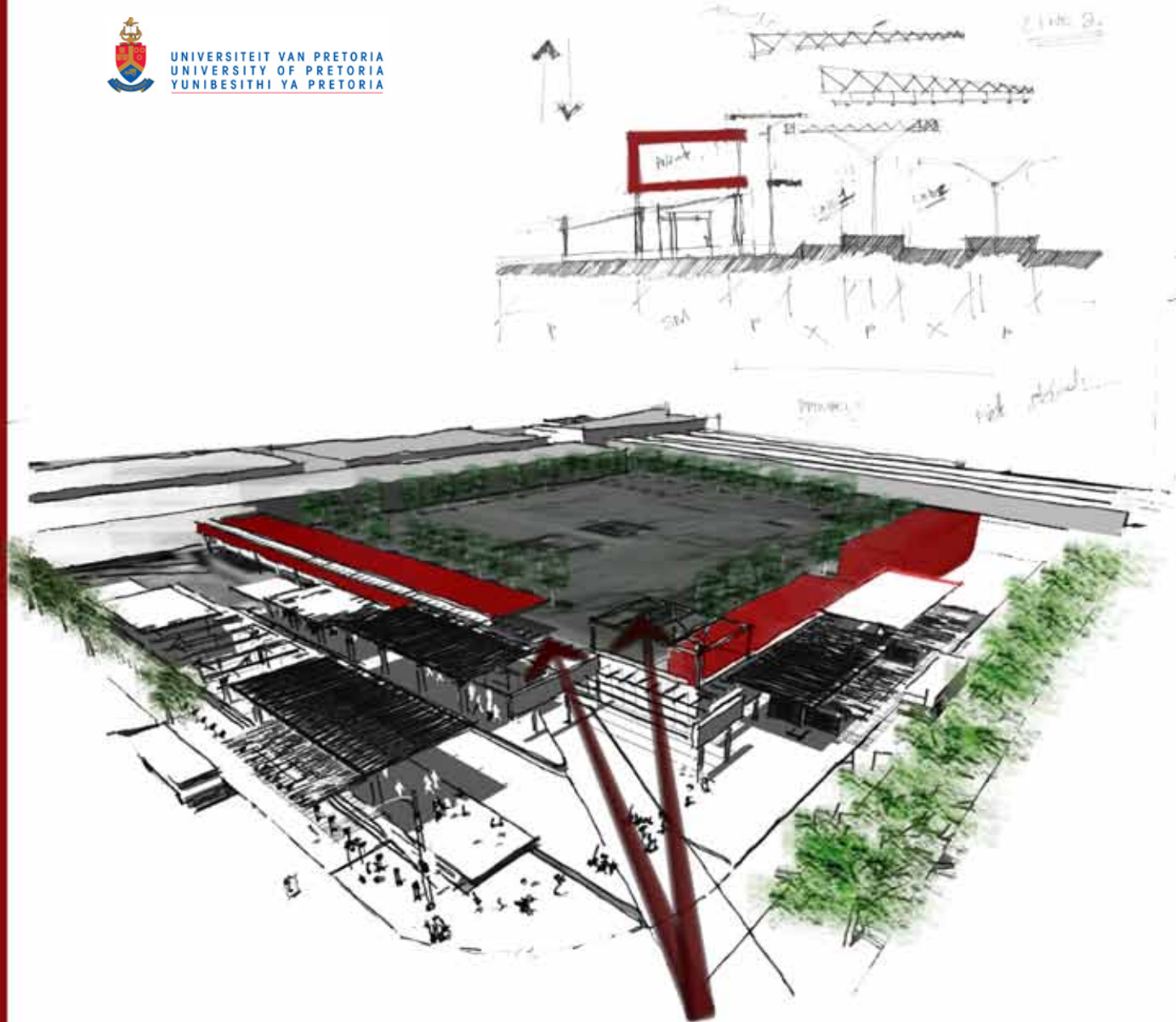
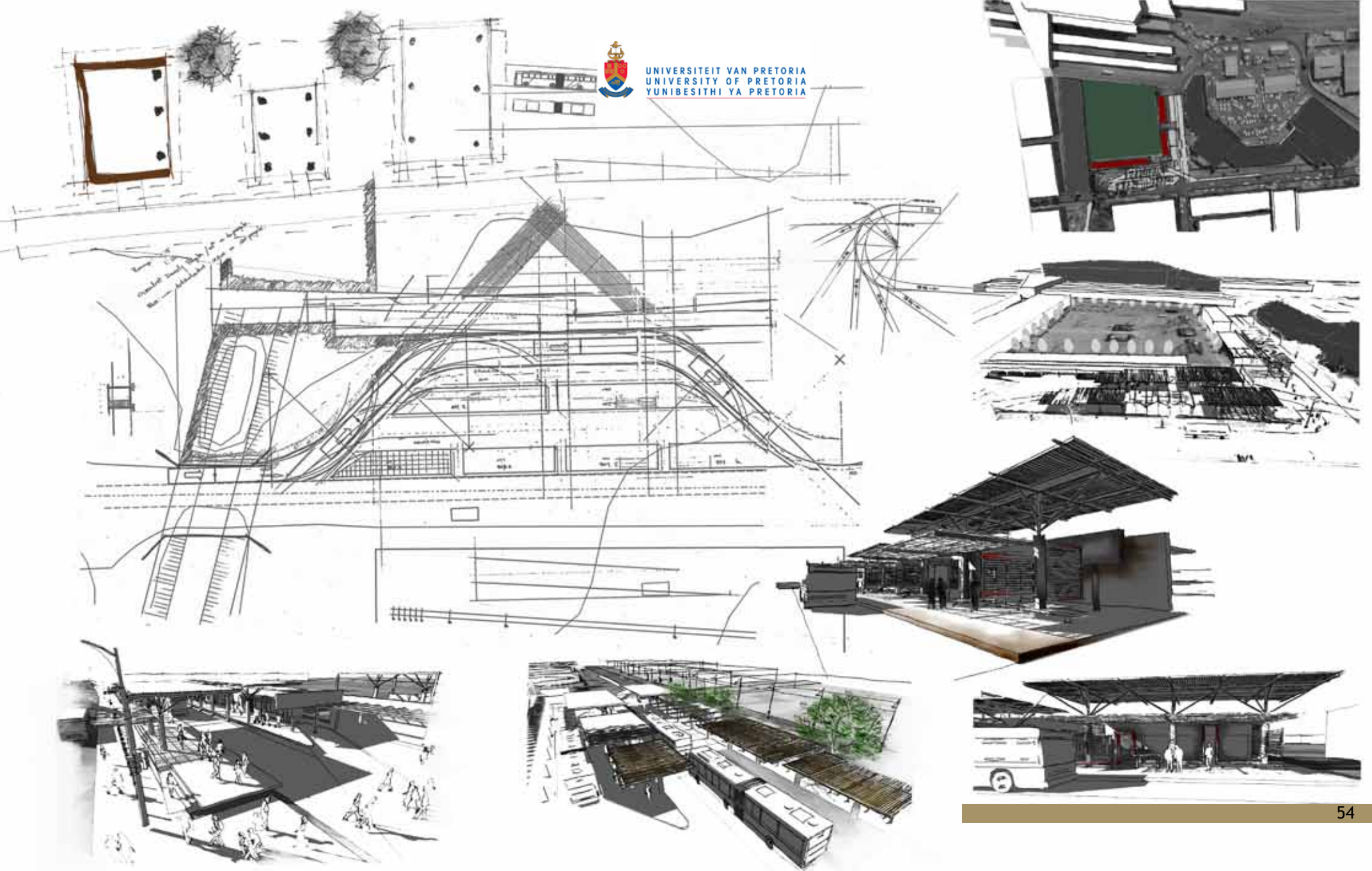


FIG 6.3\_Concept 2 development





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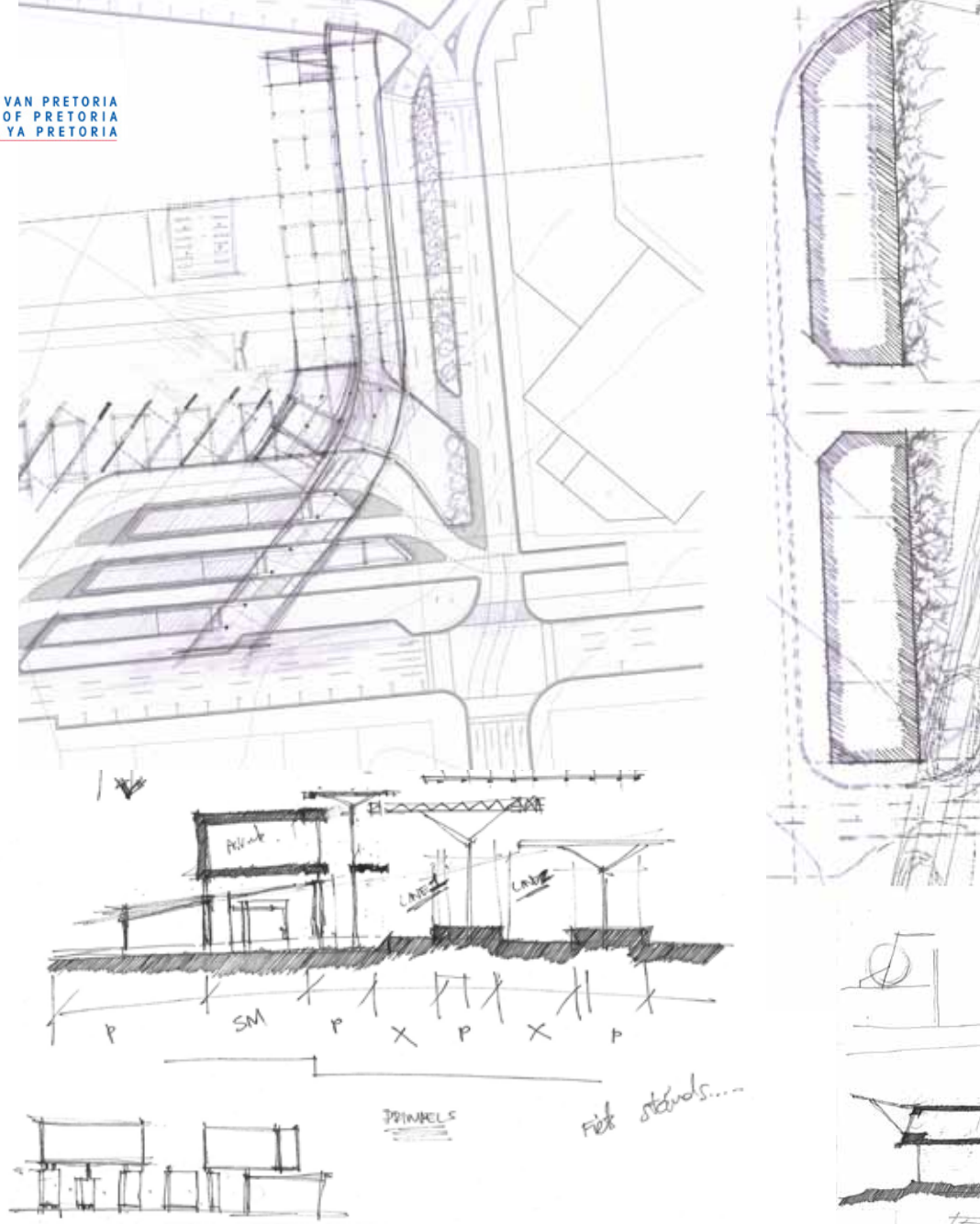
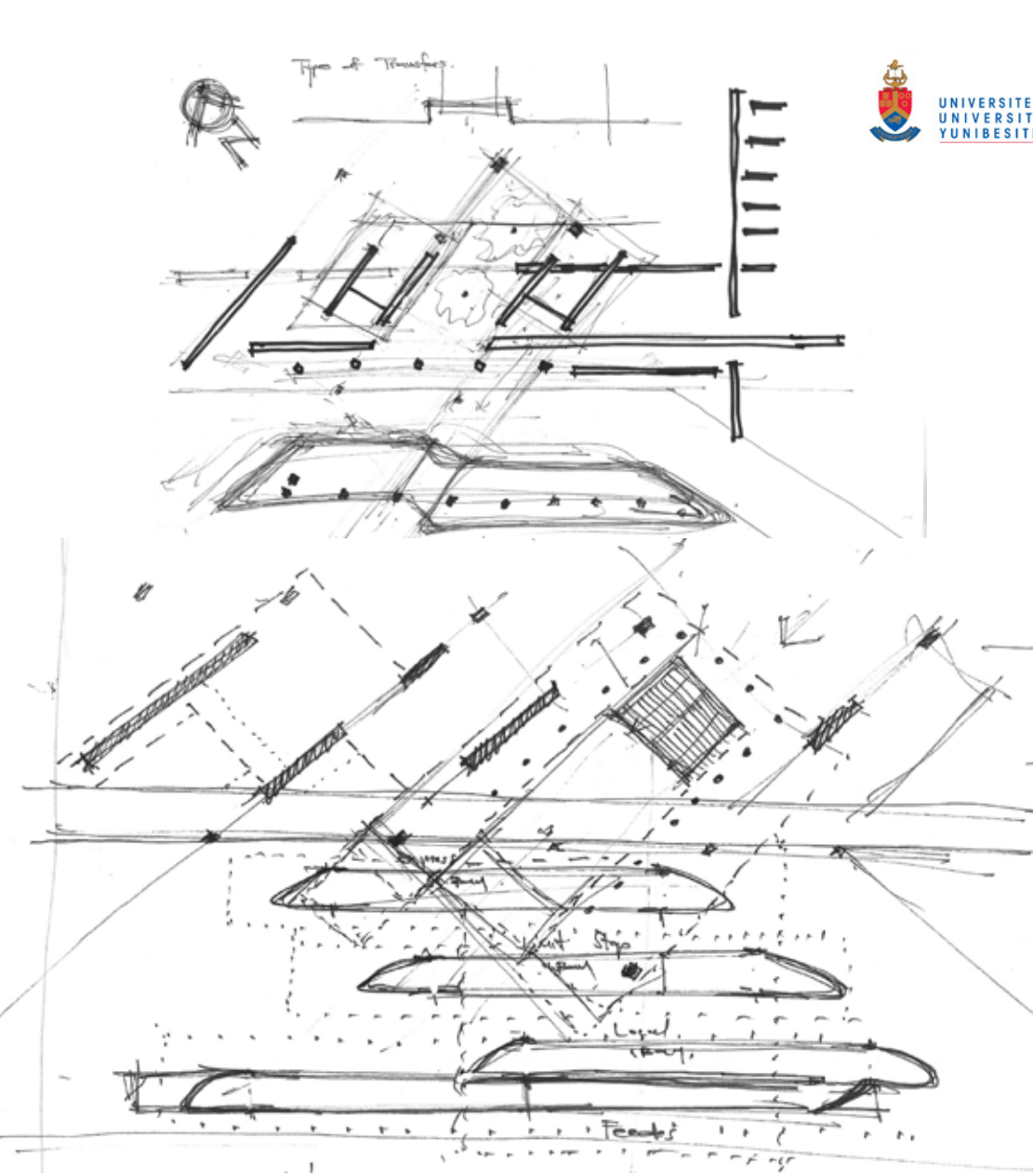
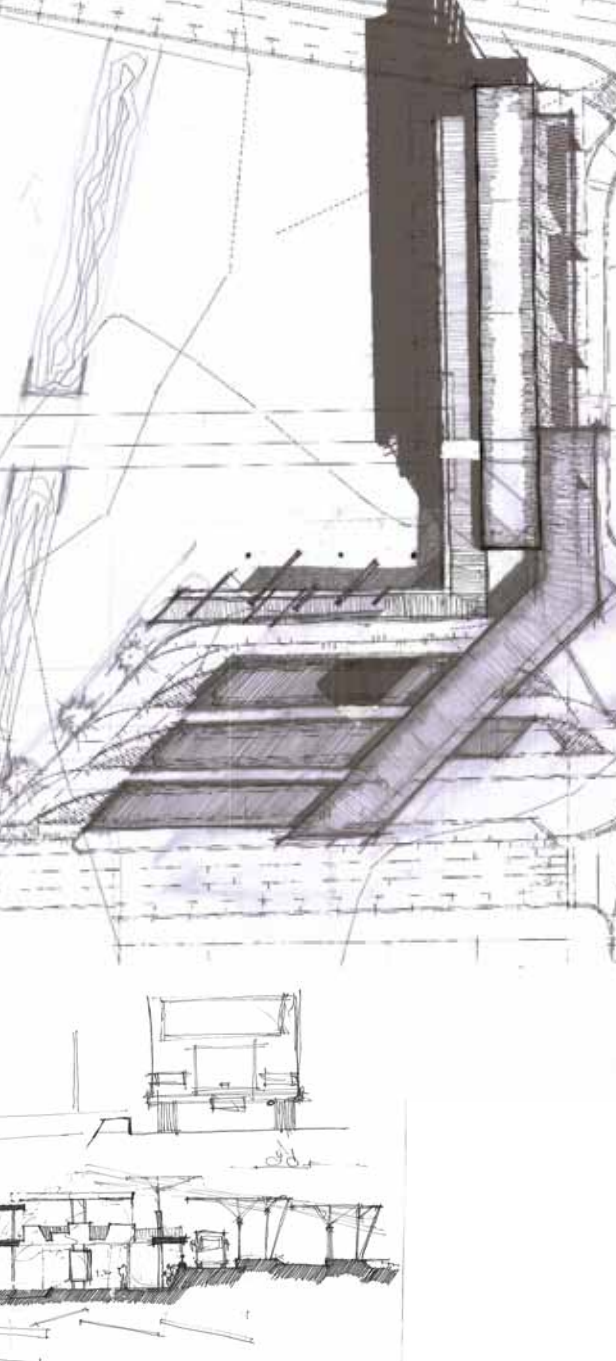


FIG 6.4\_Concept 3 development



### CONCEPT 3



Concept 3 started to critically address the problems presented by the site and its specific conditions. The question of how does the building react to this new public square arose, and the connection of the building to the train station.

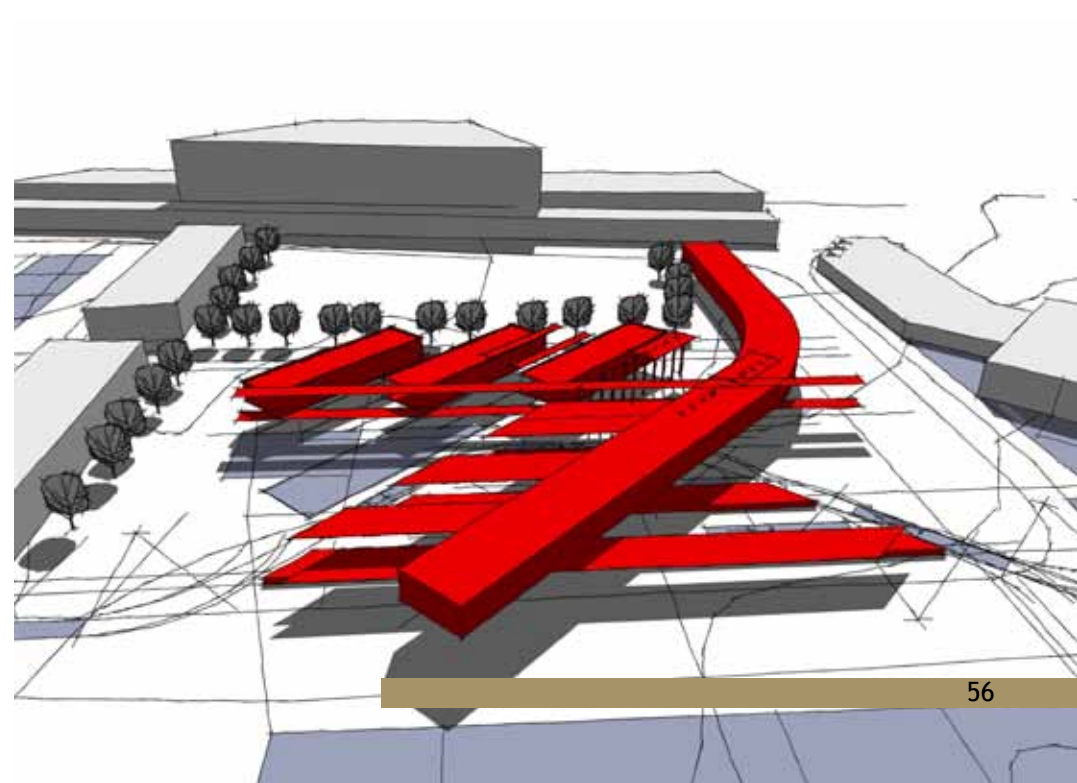
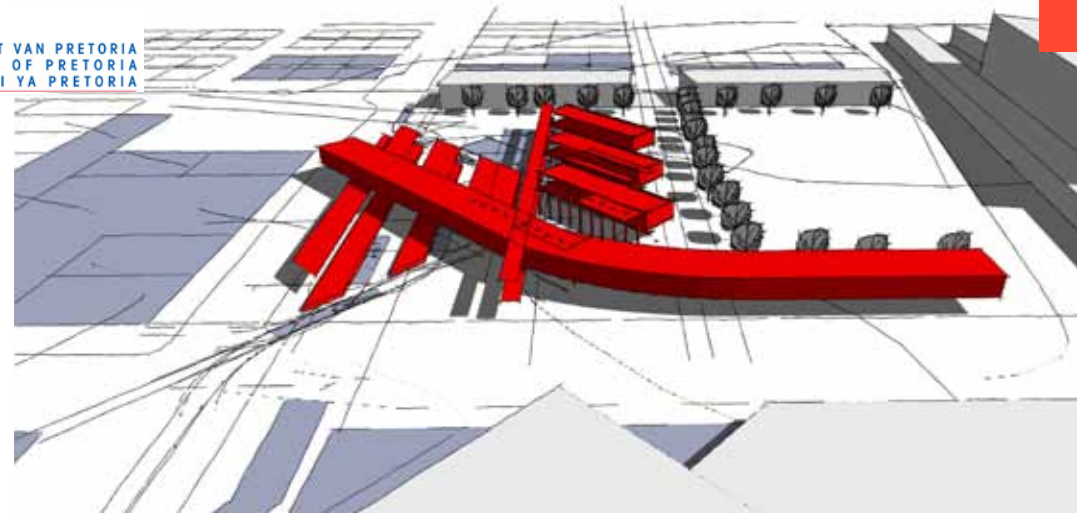
The solution was to create pockets of public space in the form of courtyards that acts as the transition spaces between the public square and the programs of the intended building.

Because of the position of the inner city distribution bus stop and the fact that there already exist a main entrance on the eastern side of the train station guided the decision making in the direction seen in the figures presented on this page.

The main access route to the train station also acts as a circulation spine that pulls all the various activities together that takes place along the length of the building towards the train station.

Because of the flow of people down this circulation spine it will be a great place to position informal traders that are already located on site.

The BRT system was also further investigated thus the provision of three bus bays, one for the local bus route, another for the limited stop service and lastly the express route was provided.



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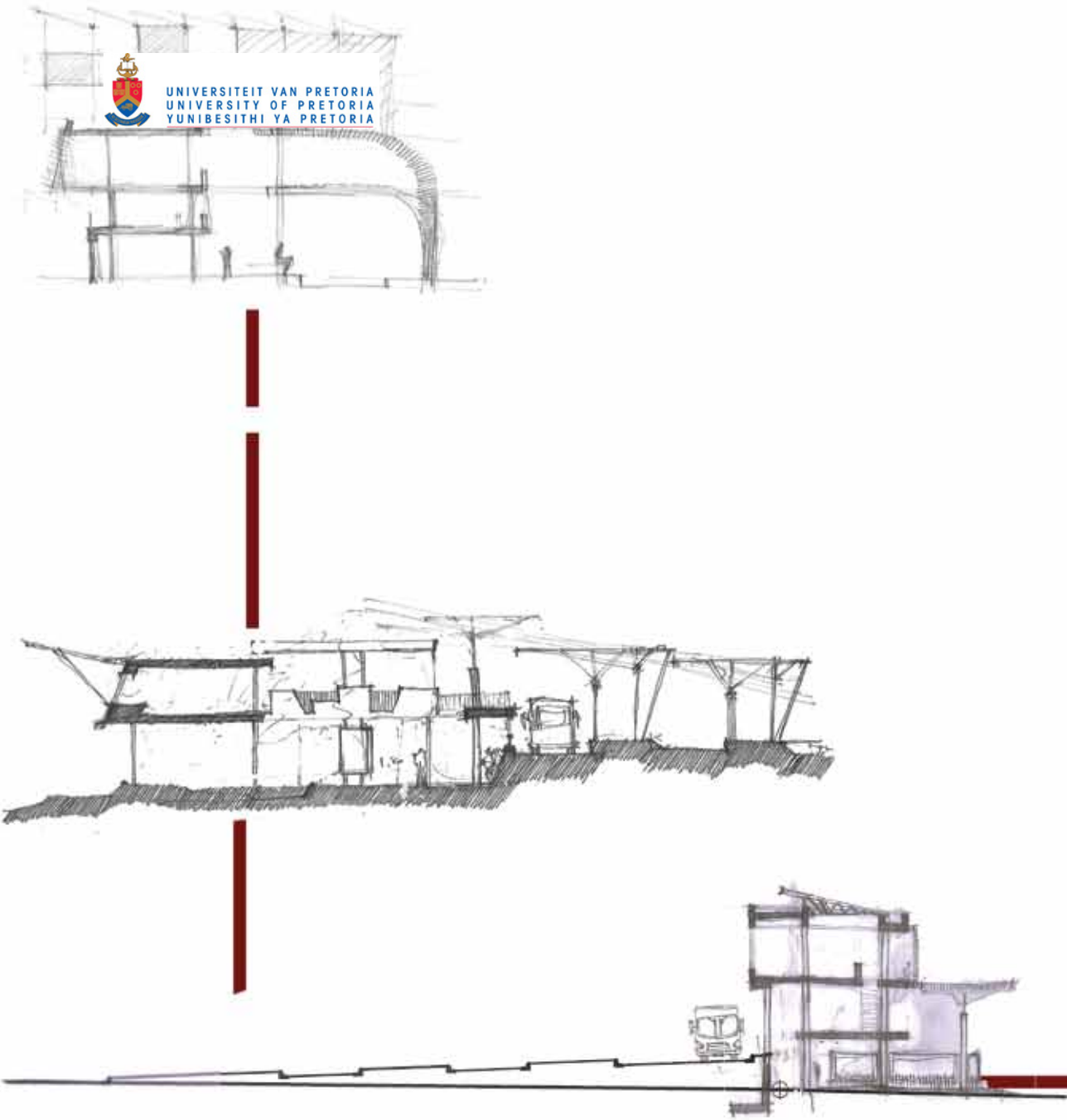
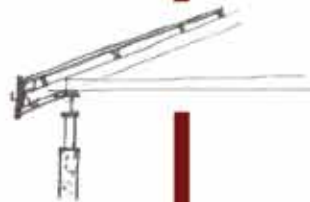
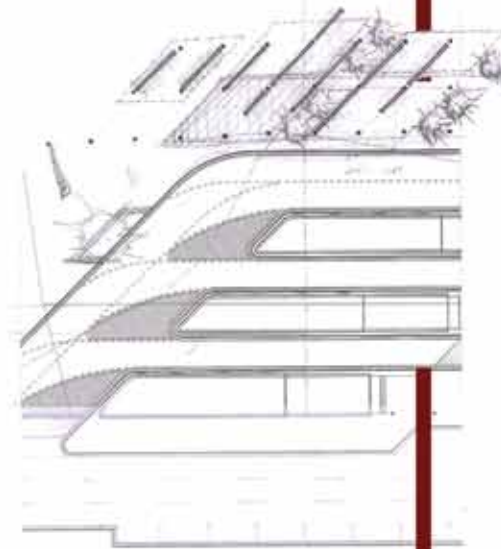
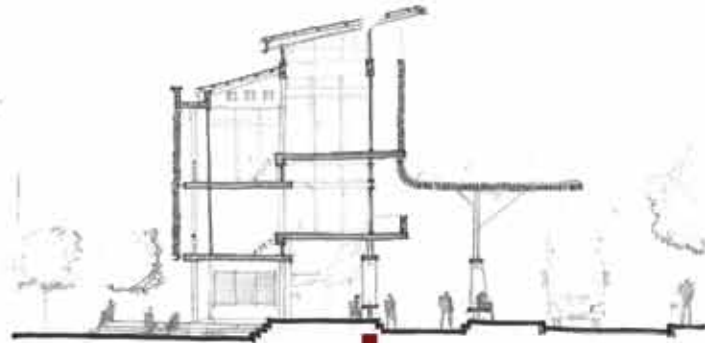
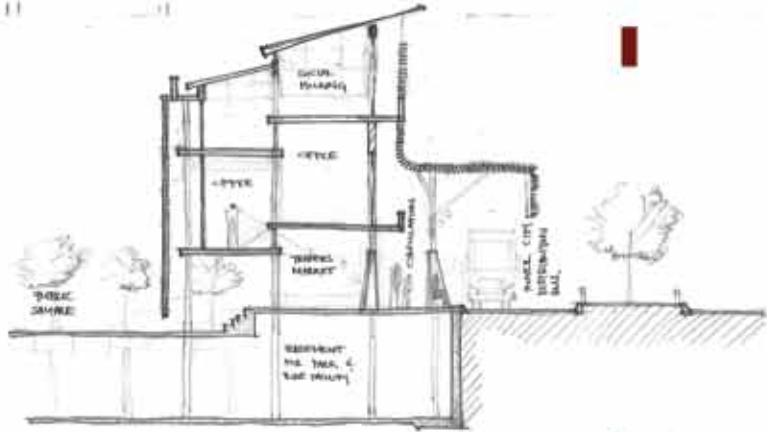
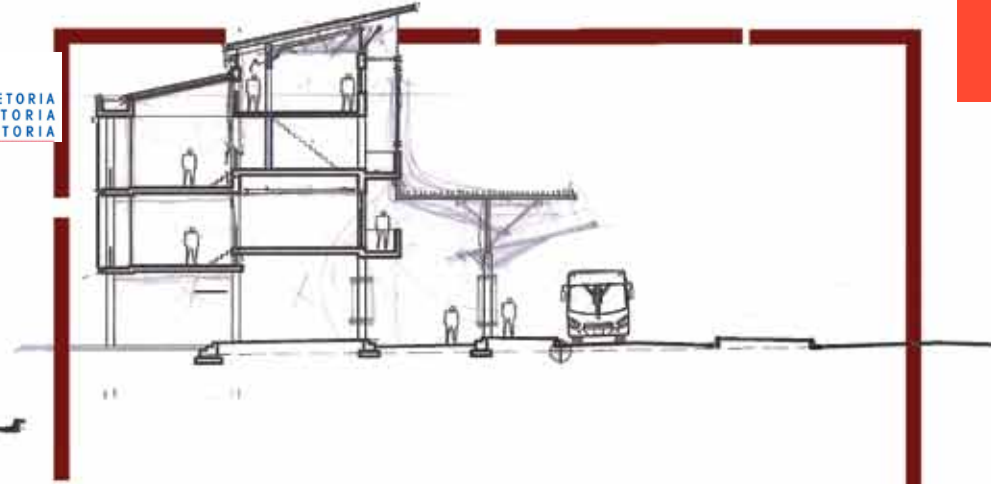
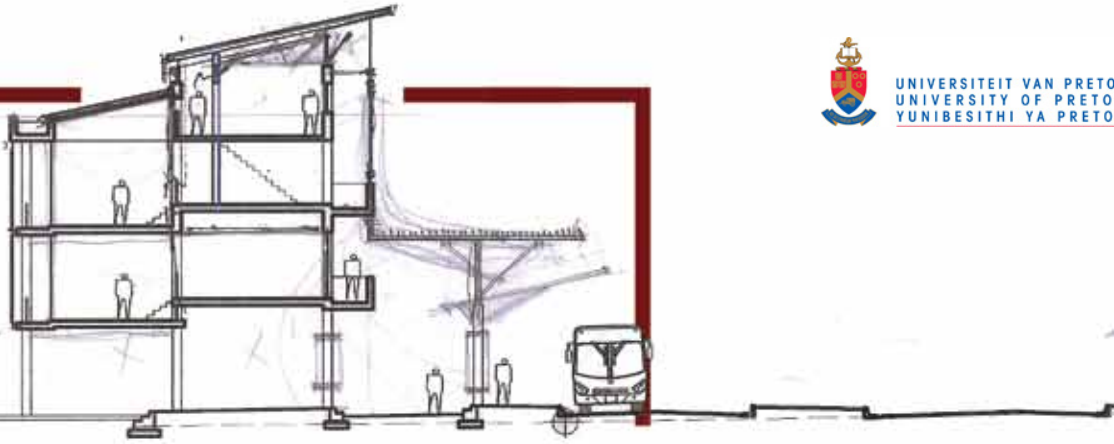


FIG 6.5\_Concept 3 general section development





GENERAL SECTION DEVELOPMENT

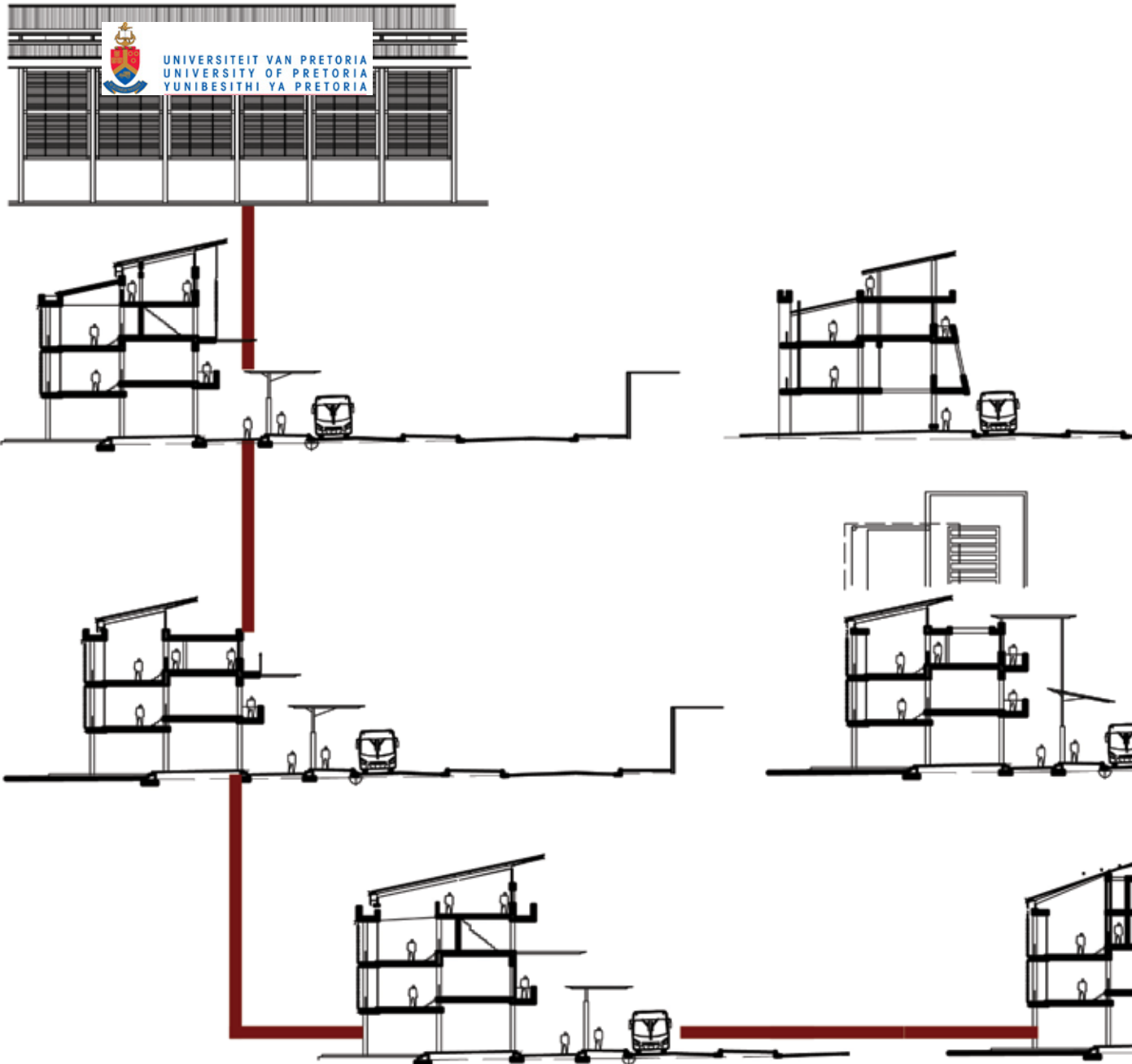
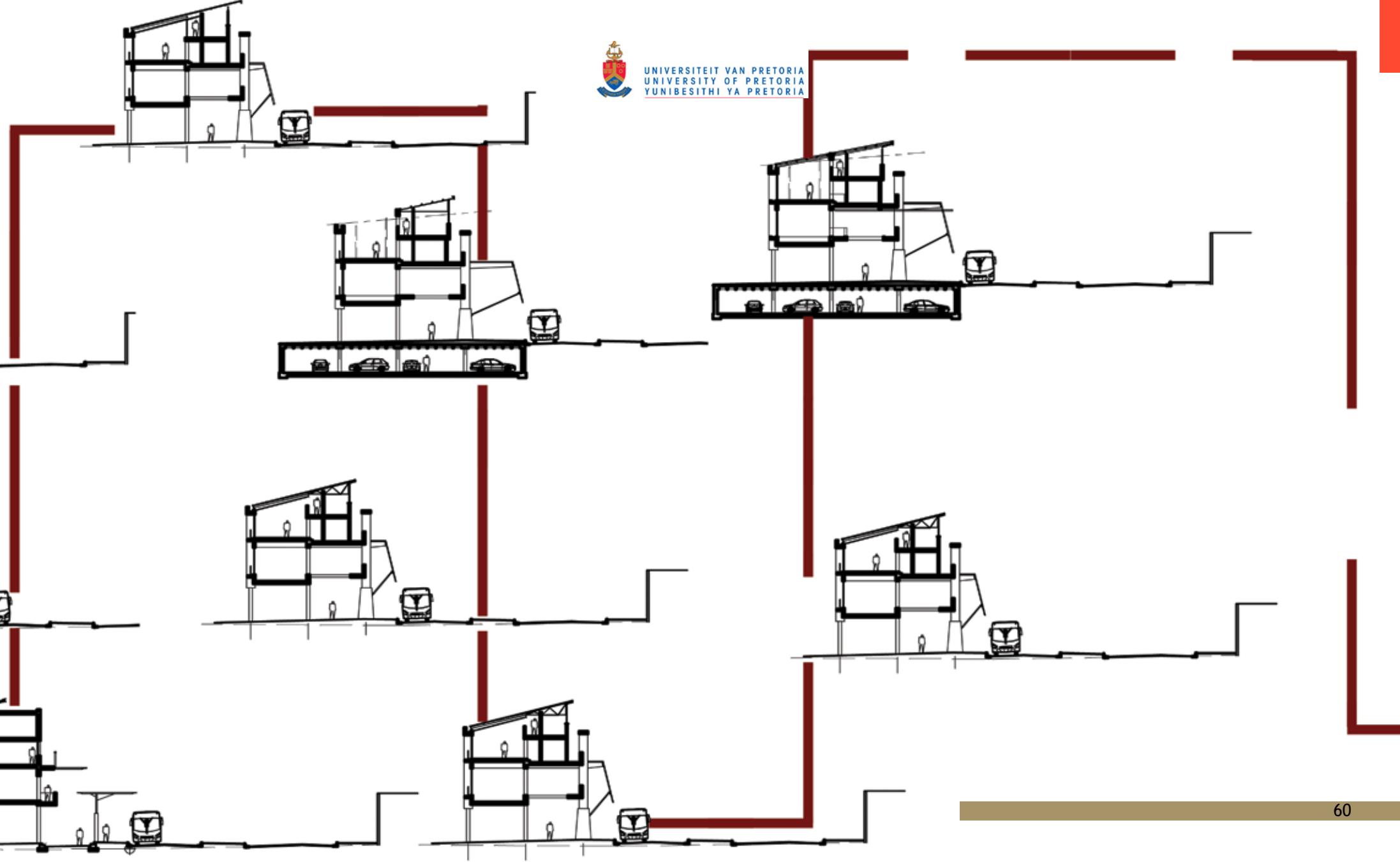


FIG 6.6\_Concept 3 general section development



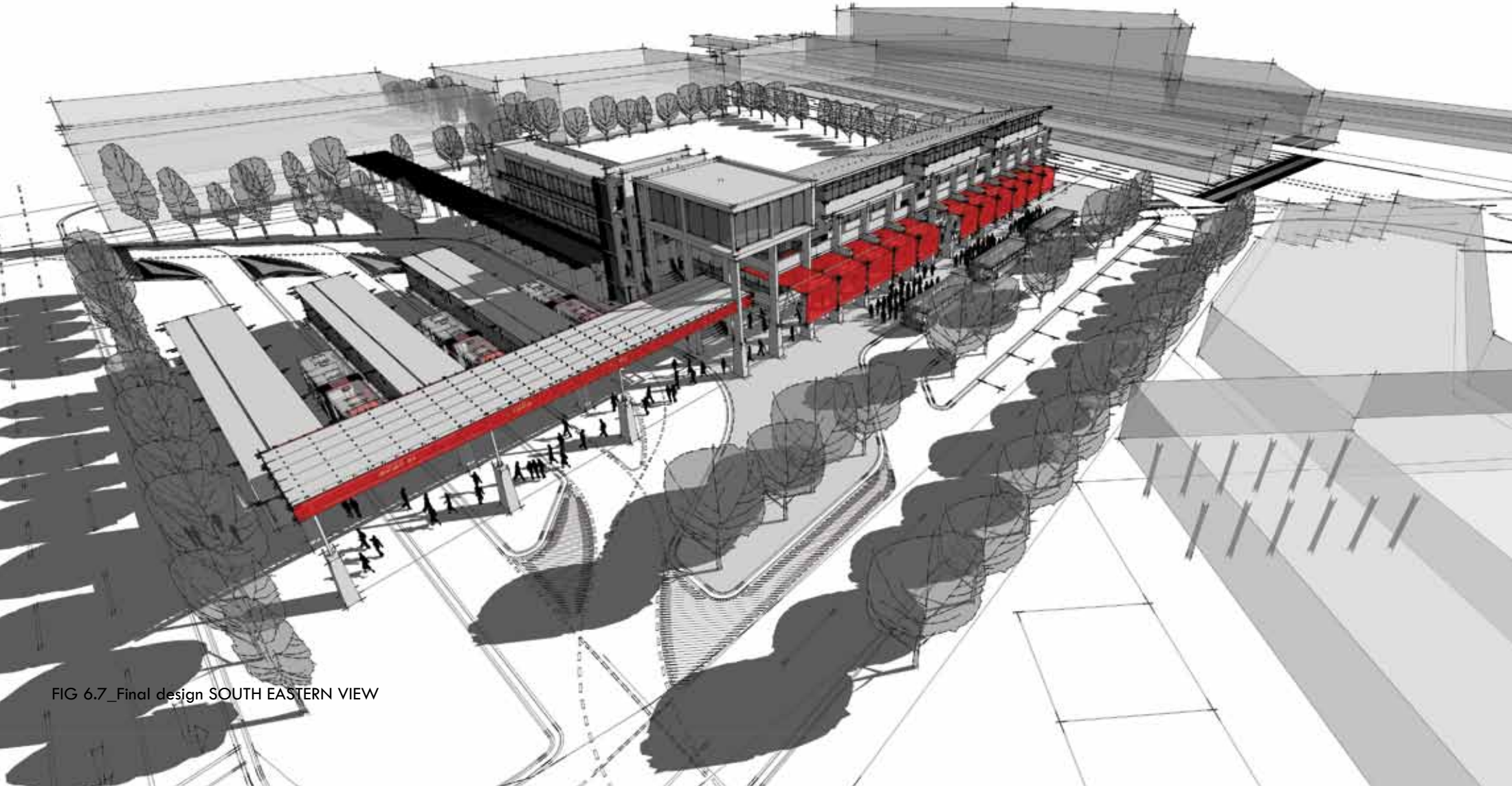


FIG 6.7\_Final design SOUTH EASTERN VIEW

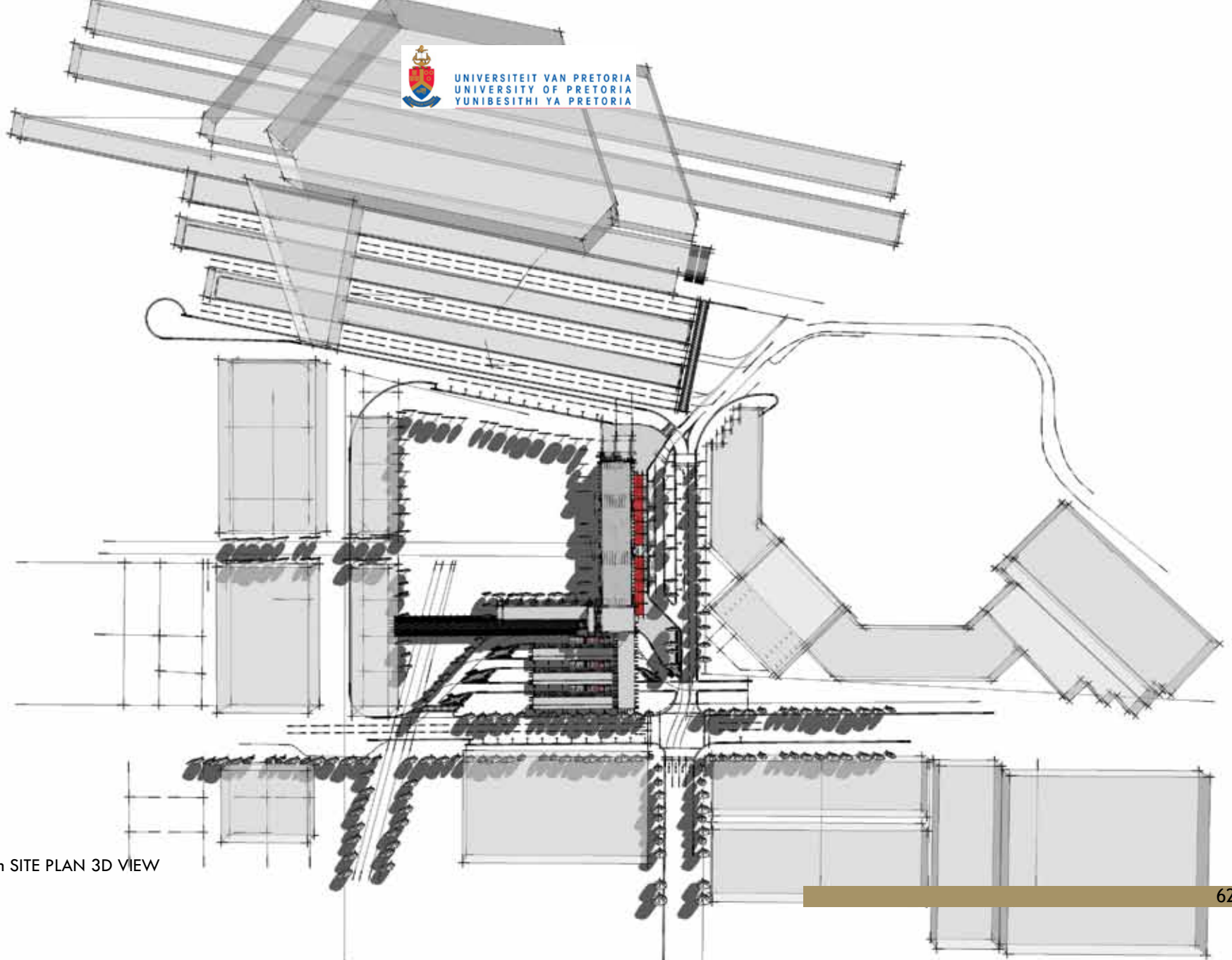


FIG 6.8\_Final design SITE PLAN 3D VIEW



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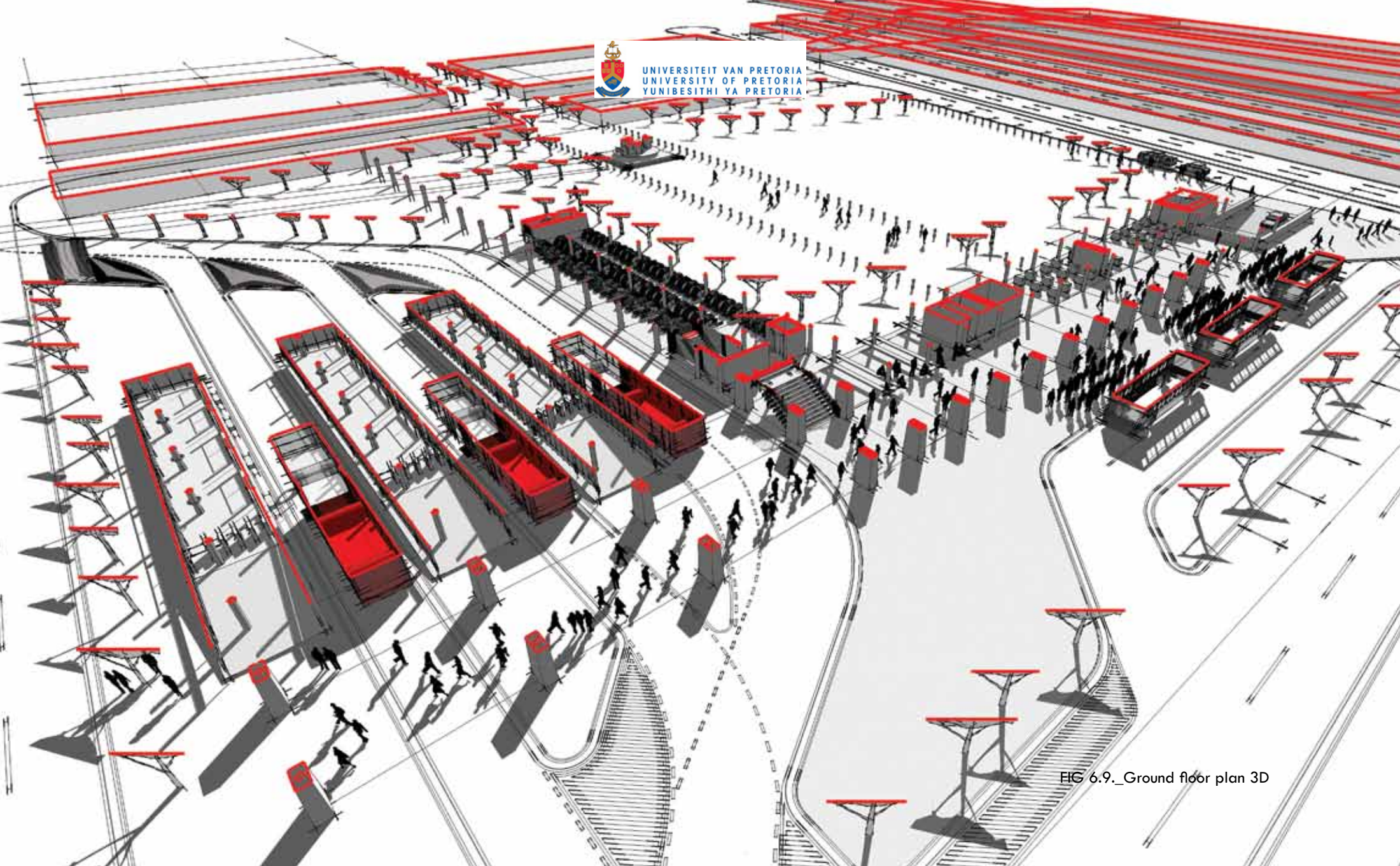


FIG 6.9. Ground floor plan 3D



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to Belle Ombre station

traders market

traders market

inner city distribution bus bays

bicycle parking area

foyer area

covered walkway to Marabastad shopping complex

express route stopping

limited stop route stopping bay

local route stopping bay

BRT stations



FIG 6.10\_Ground floor plan

GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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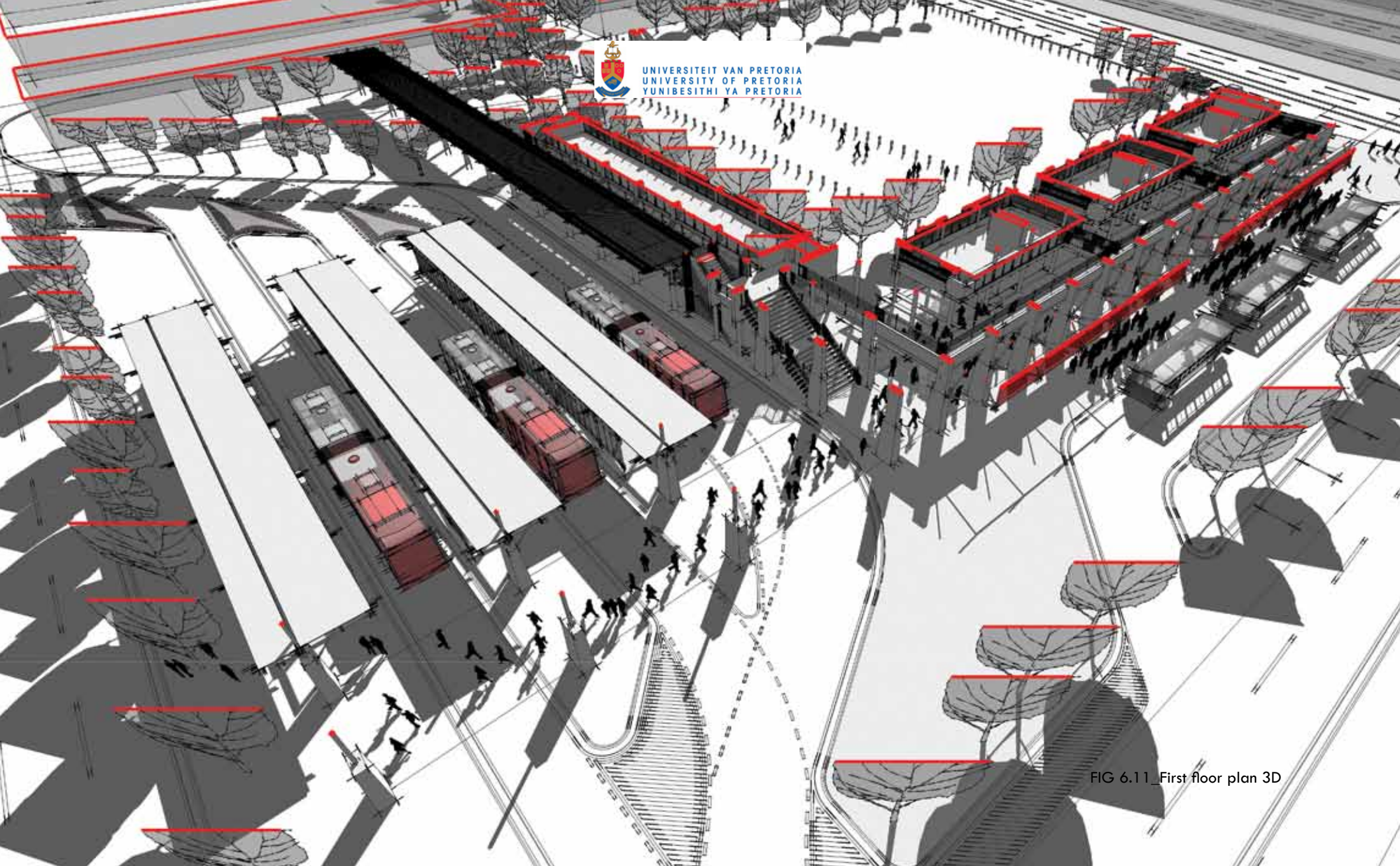


FIG 6.11\_First floor plan 3D



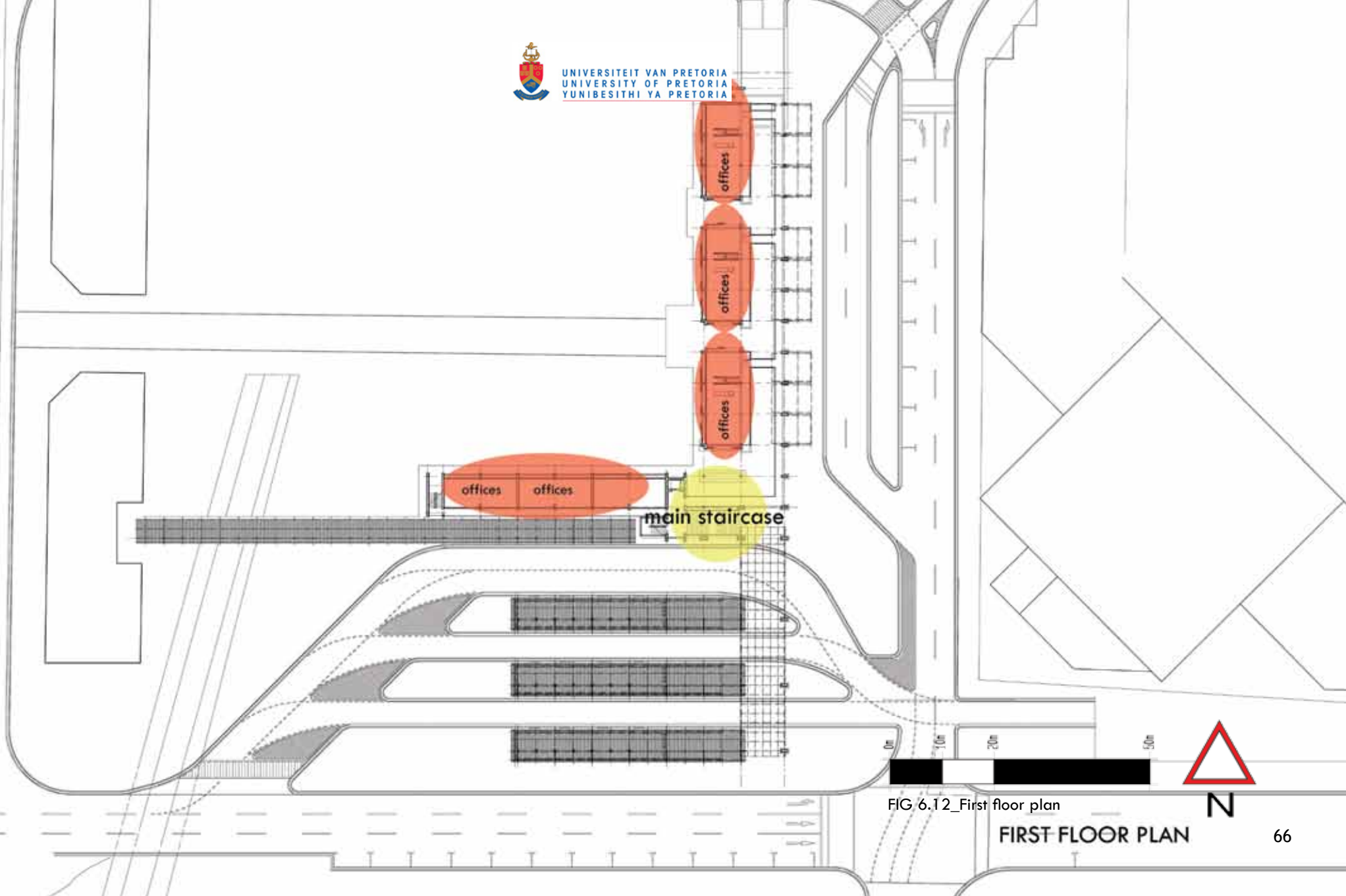


FIG 6.12 First floor plan

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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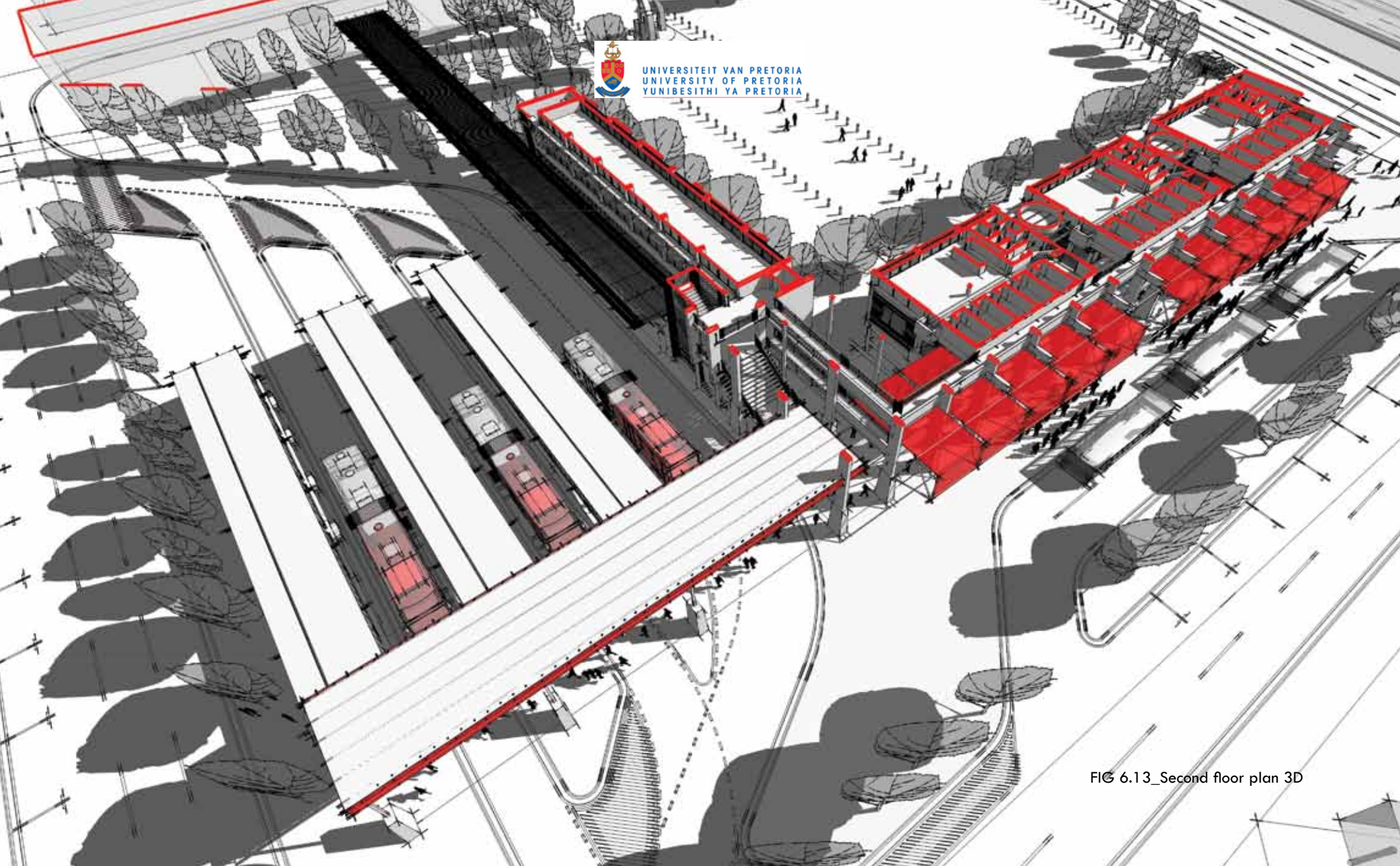


FIG 6.13\_Second floor plan 3D



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FIG 6.14 Second floor plan



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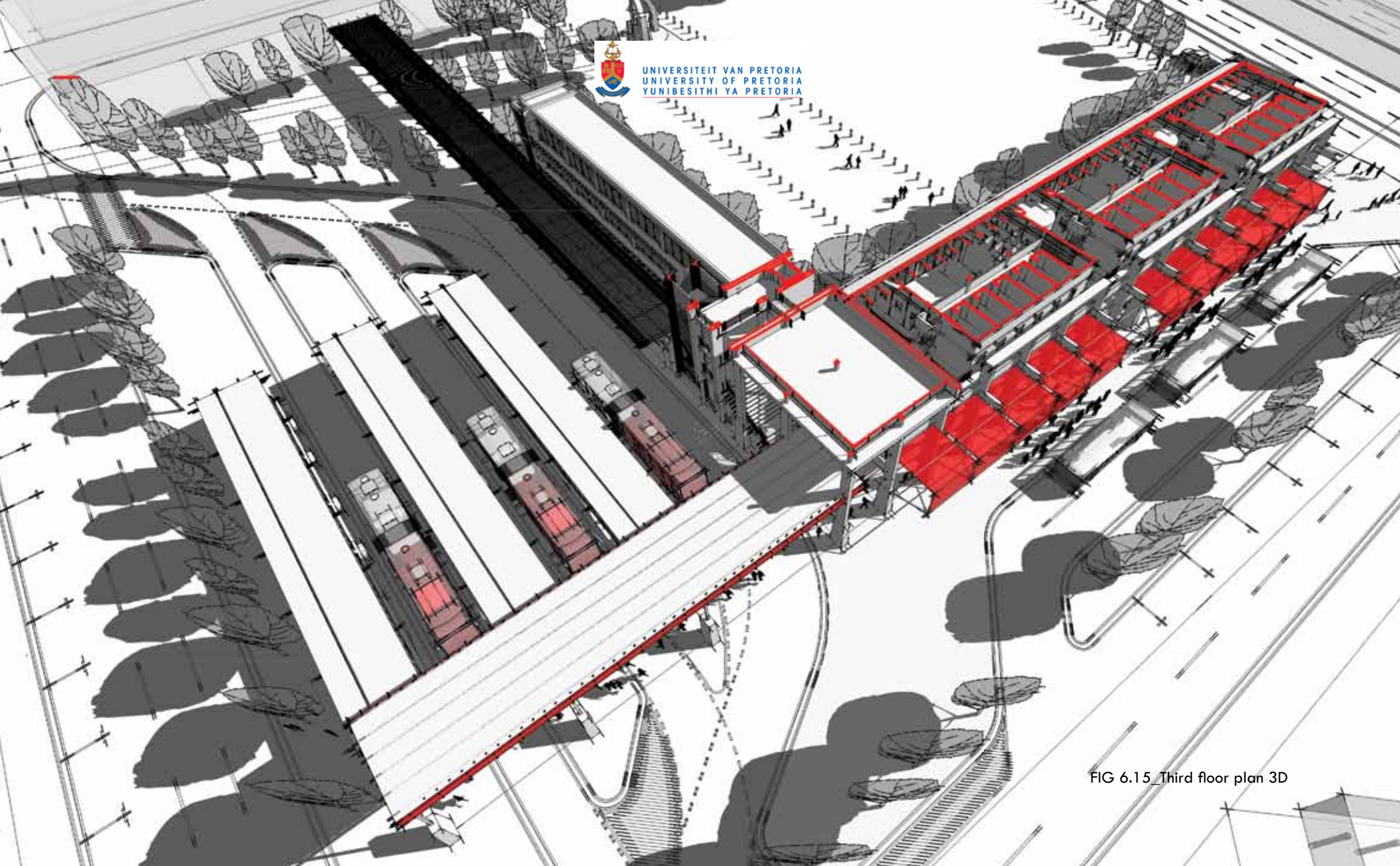


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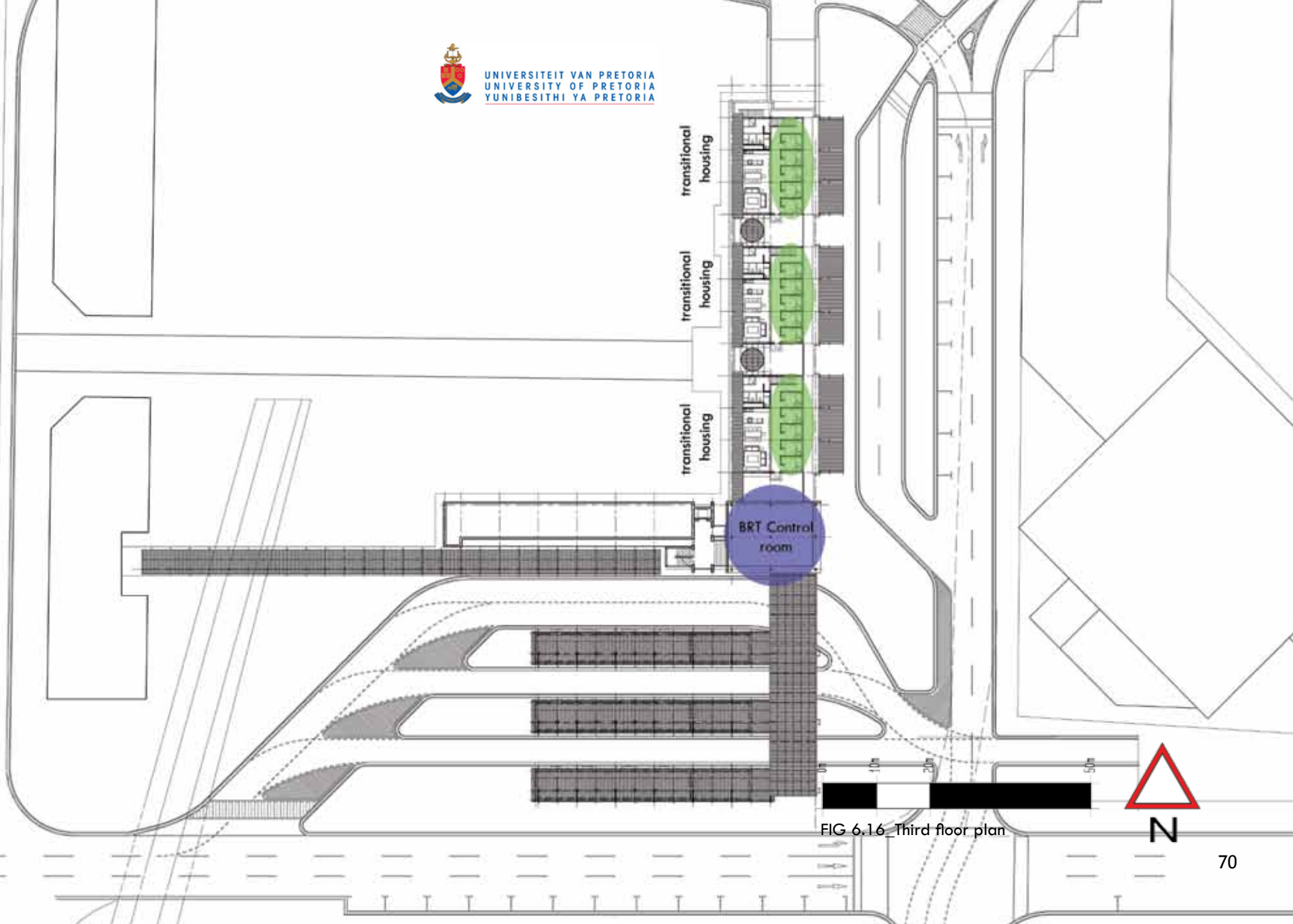


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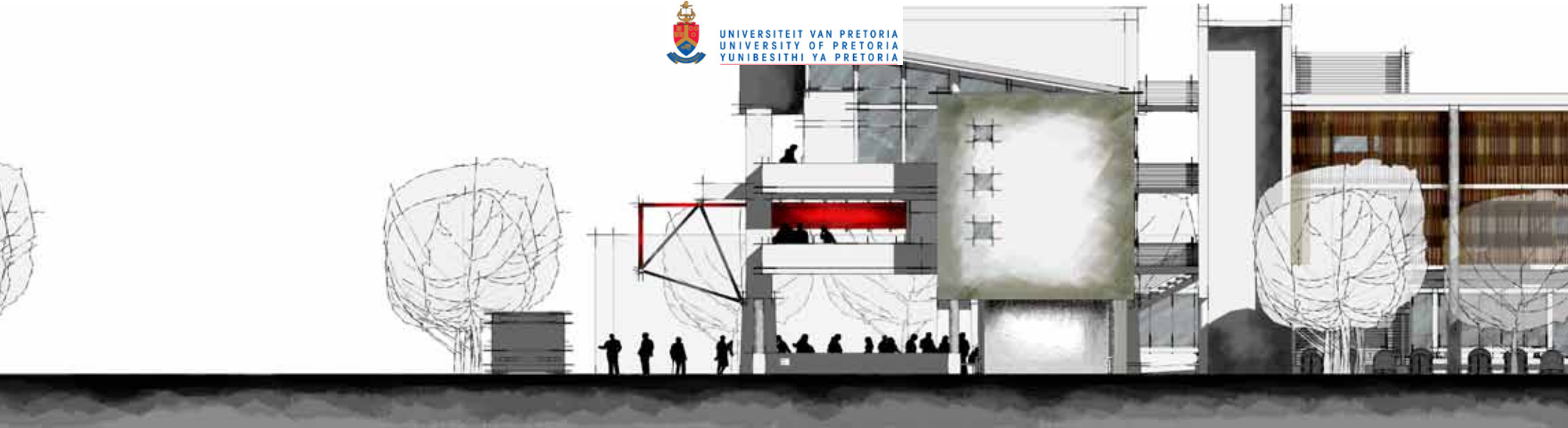


FIG 6.17\_Final design north elevation

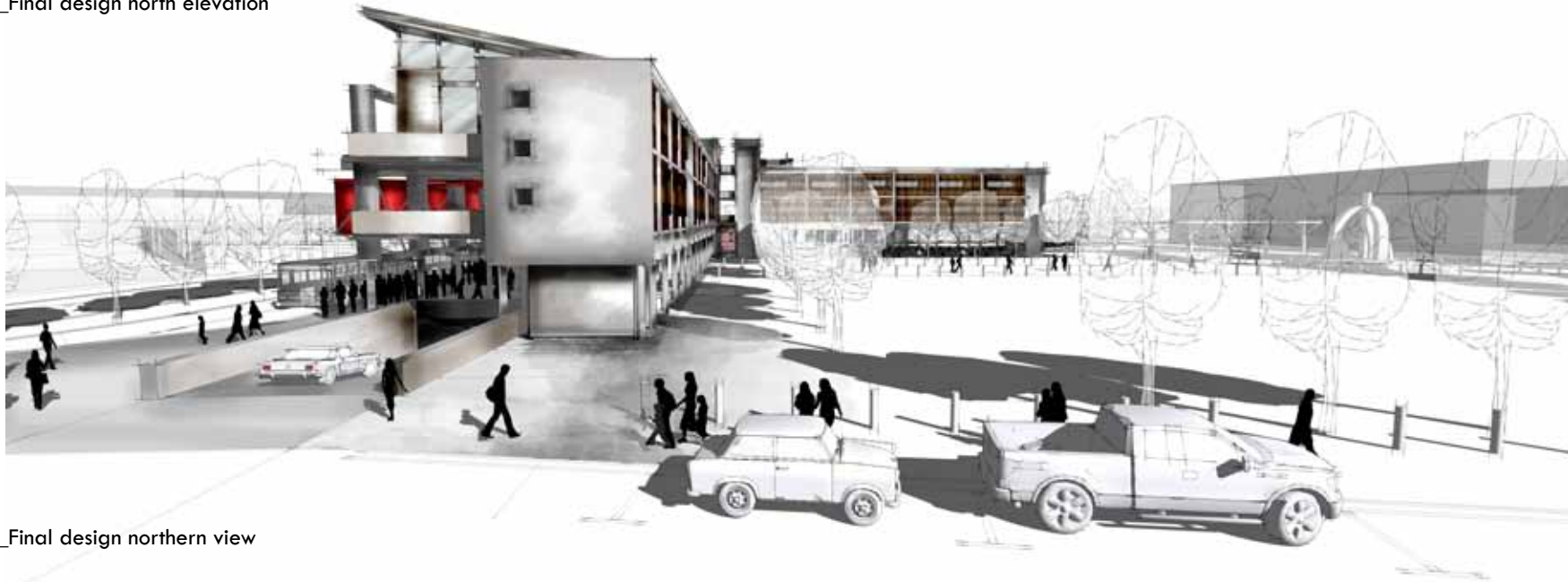


FIG 6.18\_Final design northern view

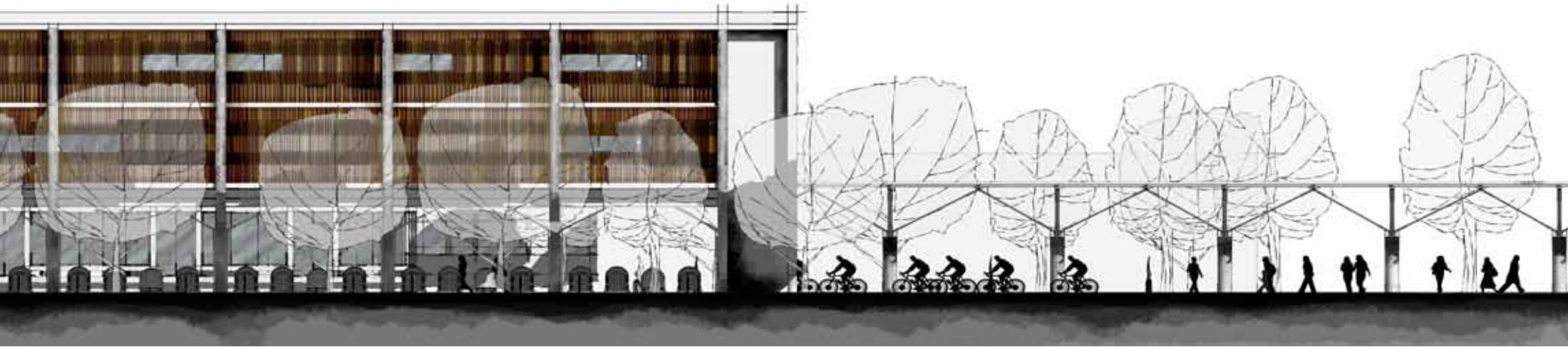




FIG 6.19\_Final design south elevation

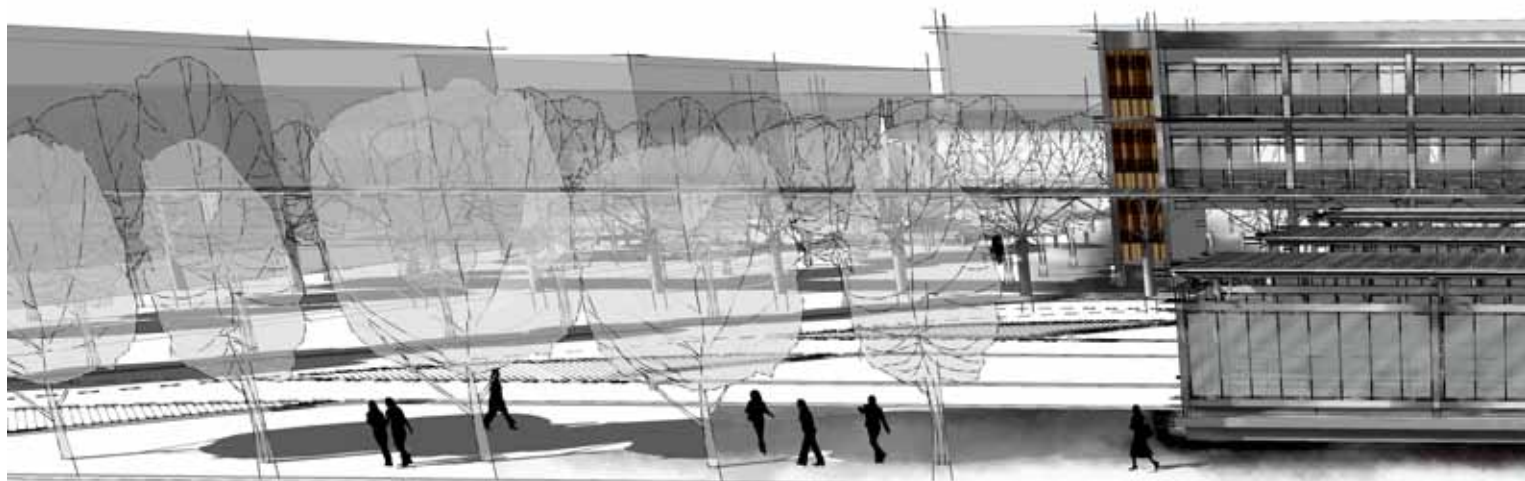
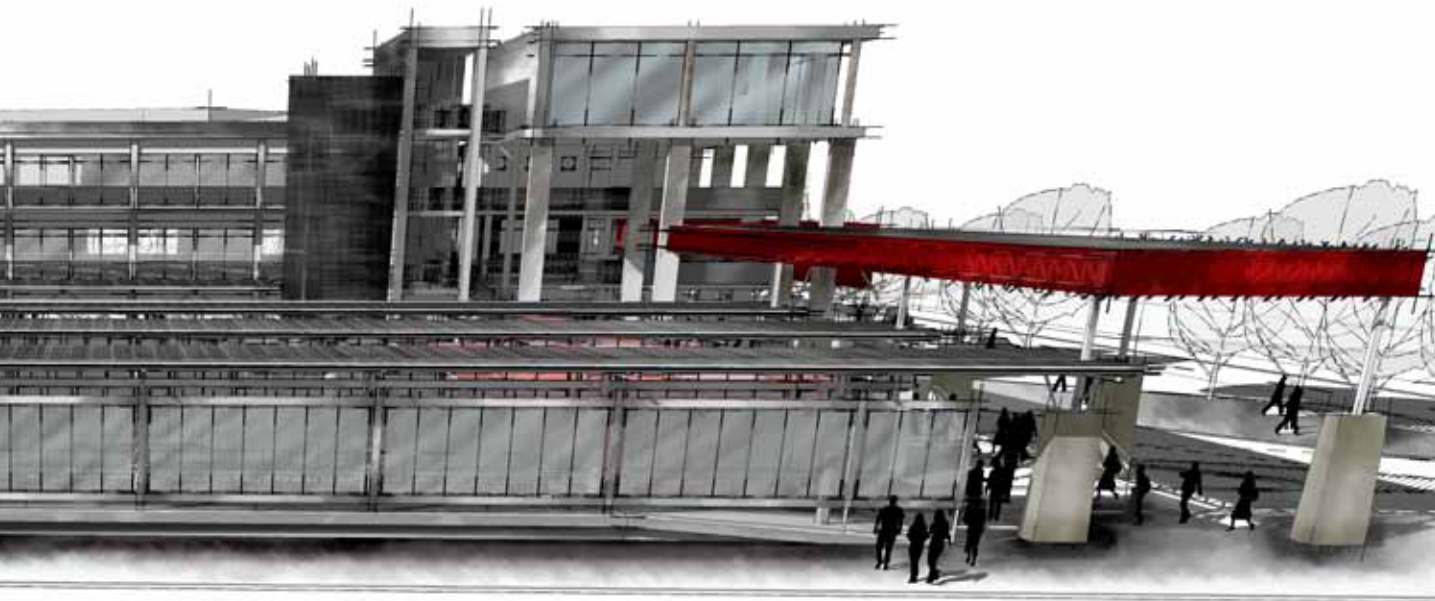


FIG 6.20\_Final design southern view





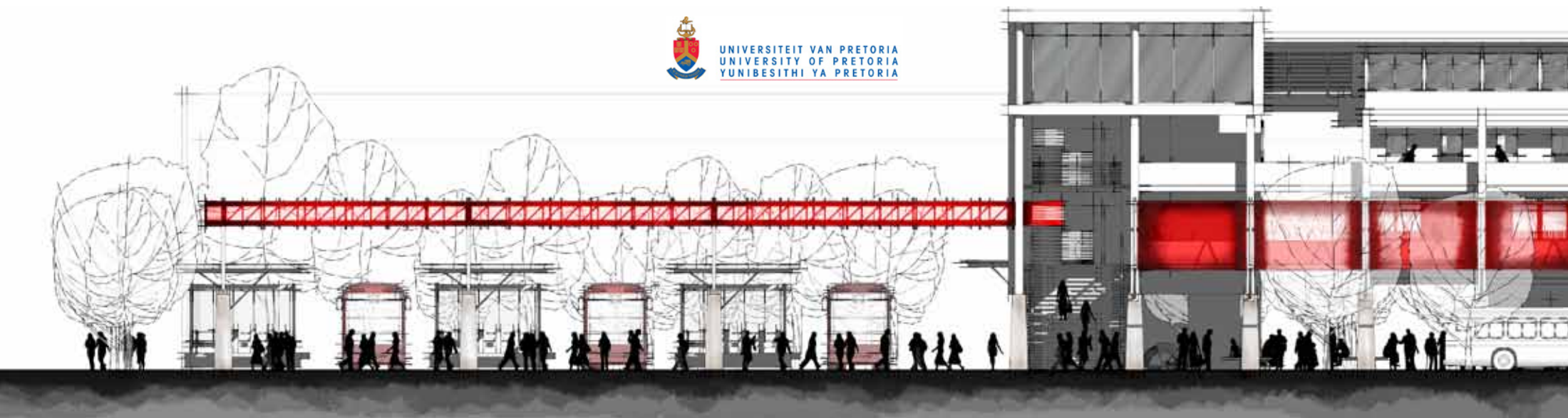


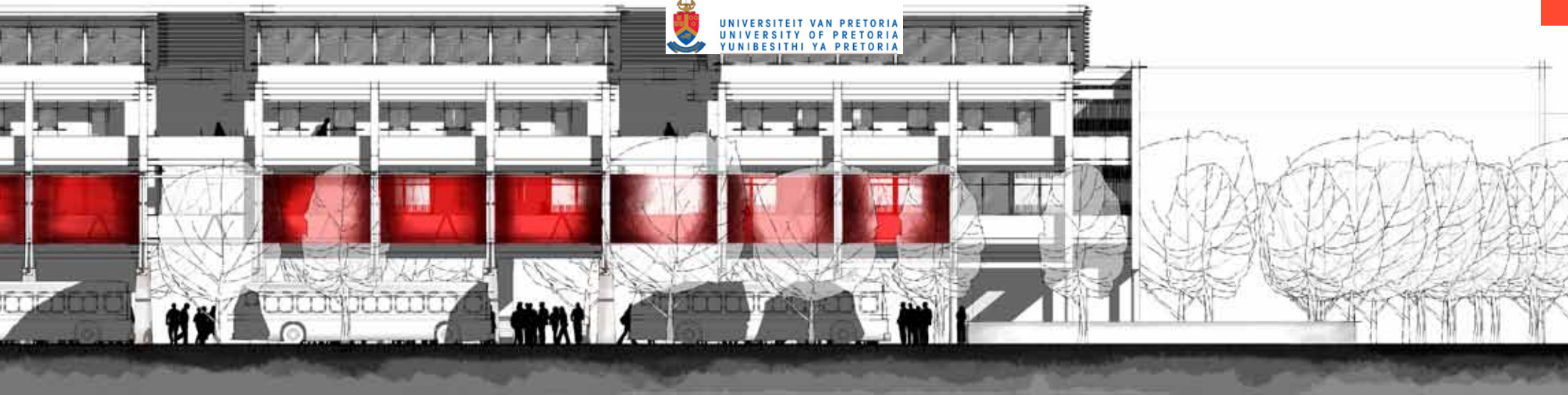
FIG 6.21\_Final design east elevation



FIG 6.22\_Final design eastern view



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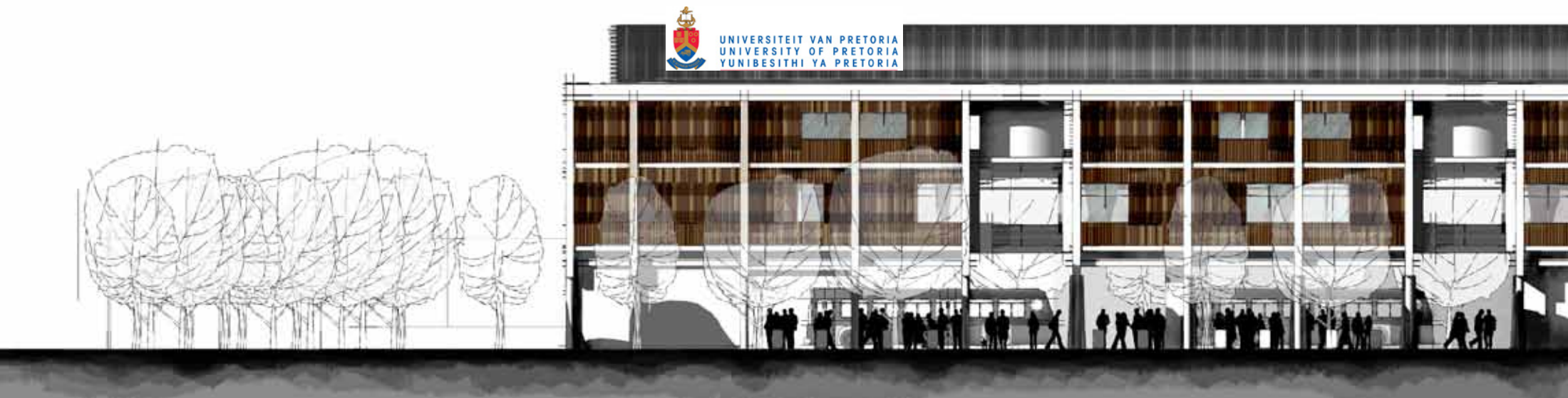
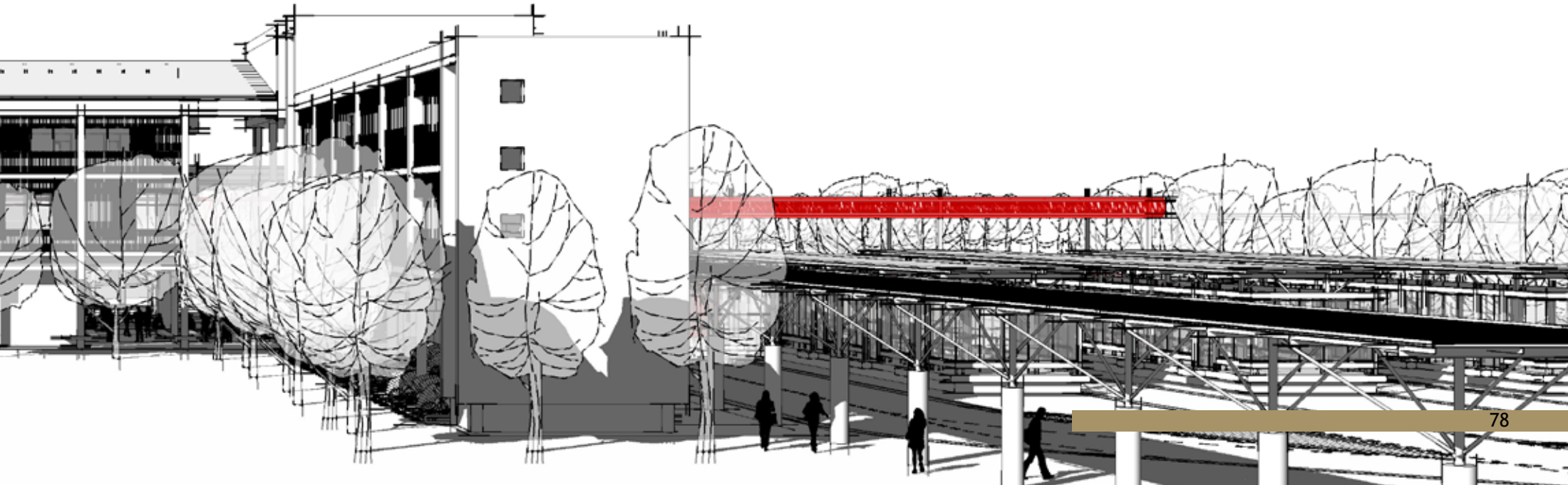
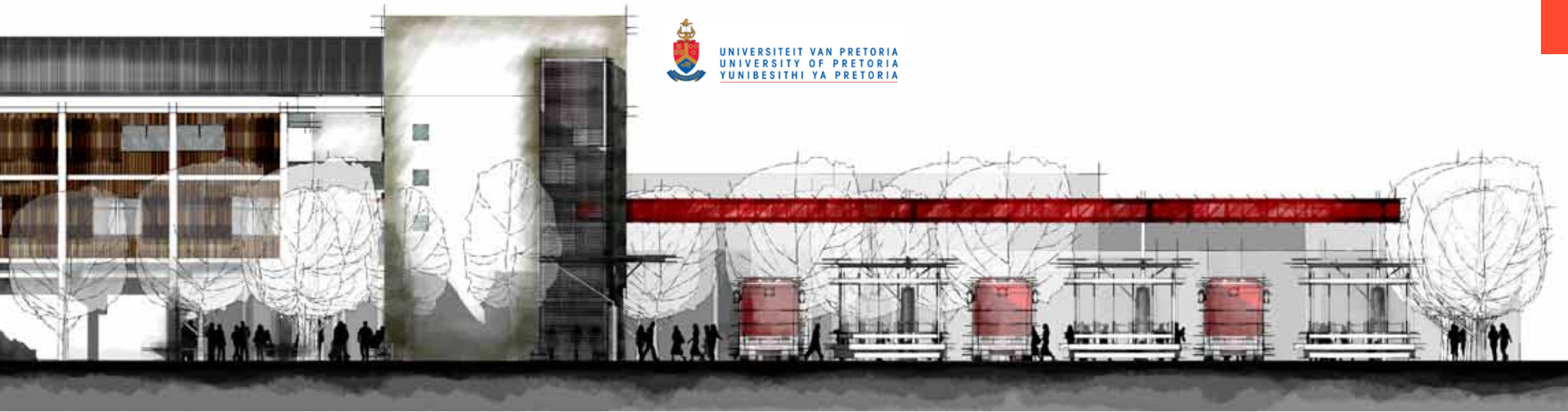


FIG 6.23\_Final design west elevation



FIG 6.24\_Final design western view



# CHAPTER:

# 7



# TECHNICAL \_REPORT

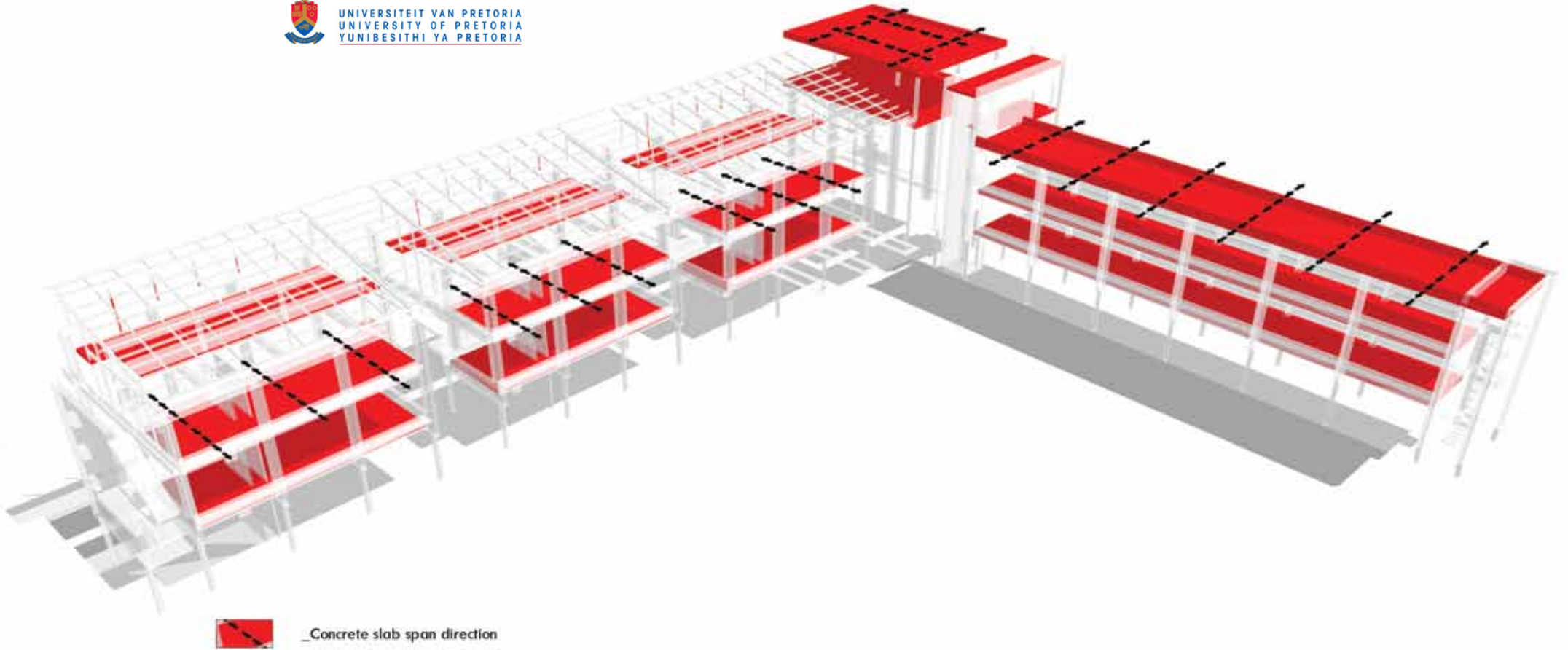
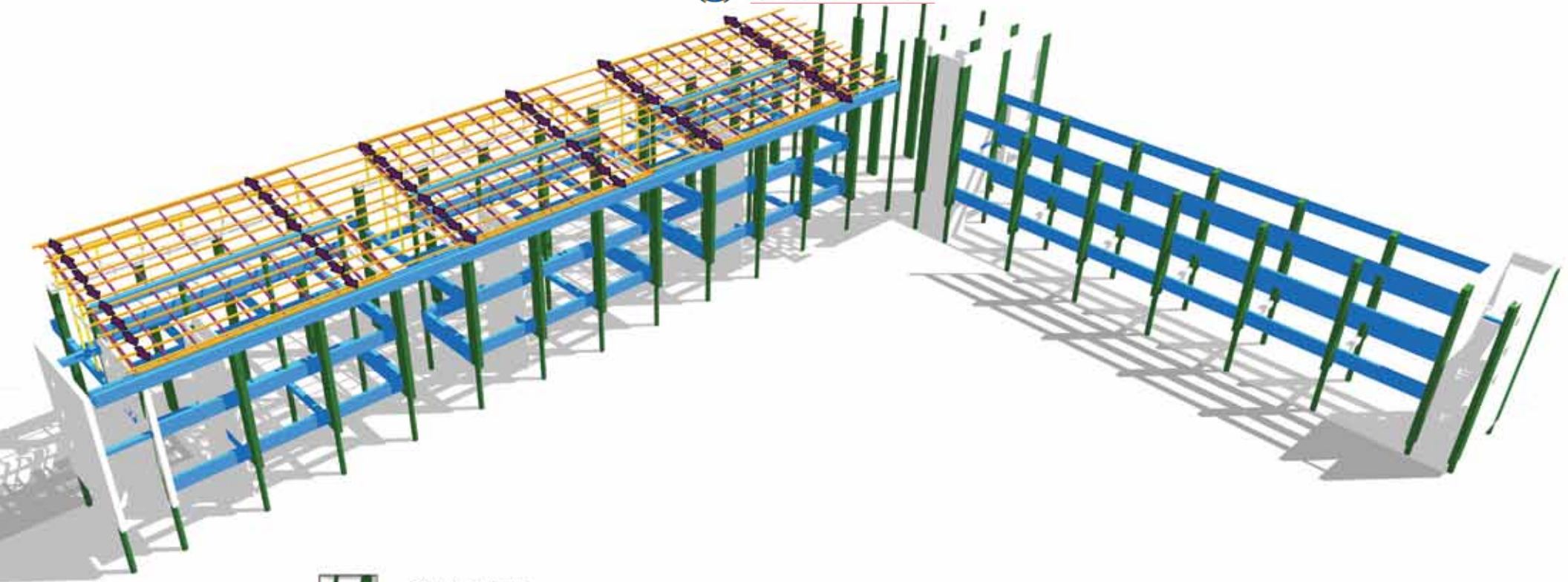


FIG 7.2\_Concrete slab systems

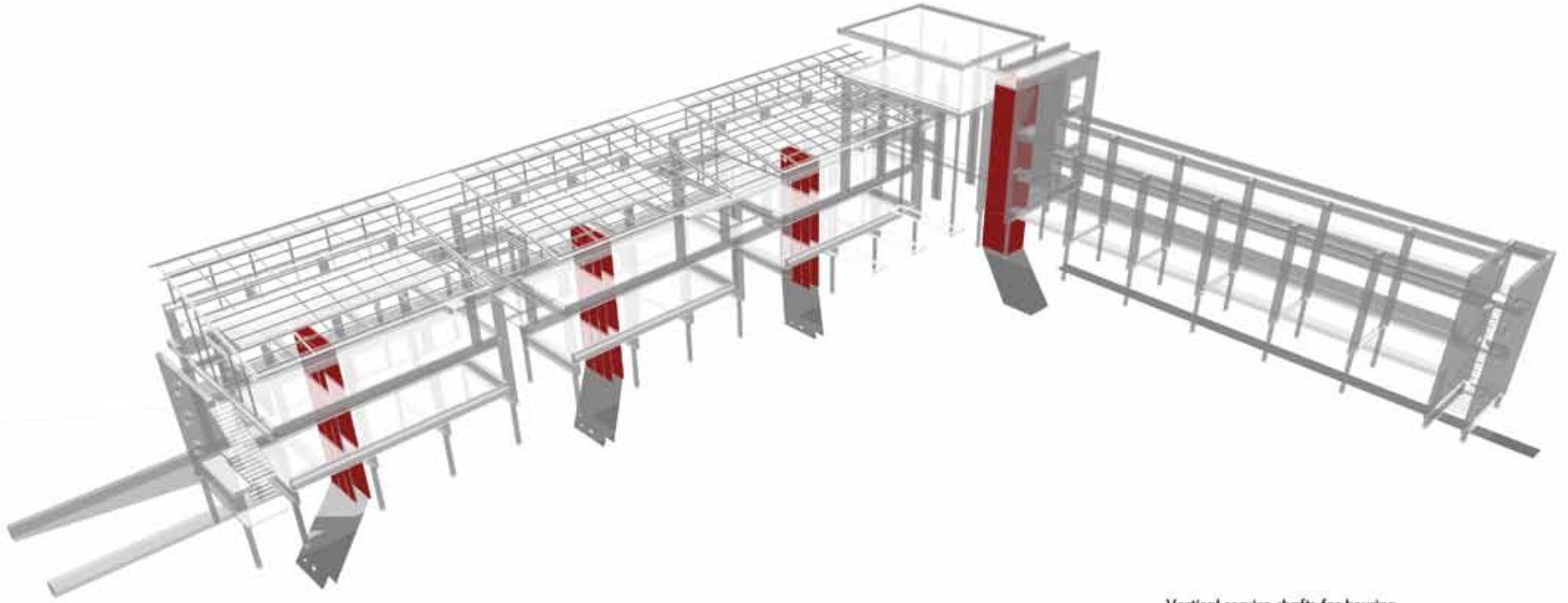




-  \_Concrete columns
-  \_Concrete Beams
-  \_Steel I-section rafters
-  \_Steel I-section roof beam span direction
-  \_Steel lipped-channel purlins

## STRUCTURAL SYSTEM - beam & column

FIG 7.1\_Concrete Column & beam system

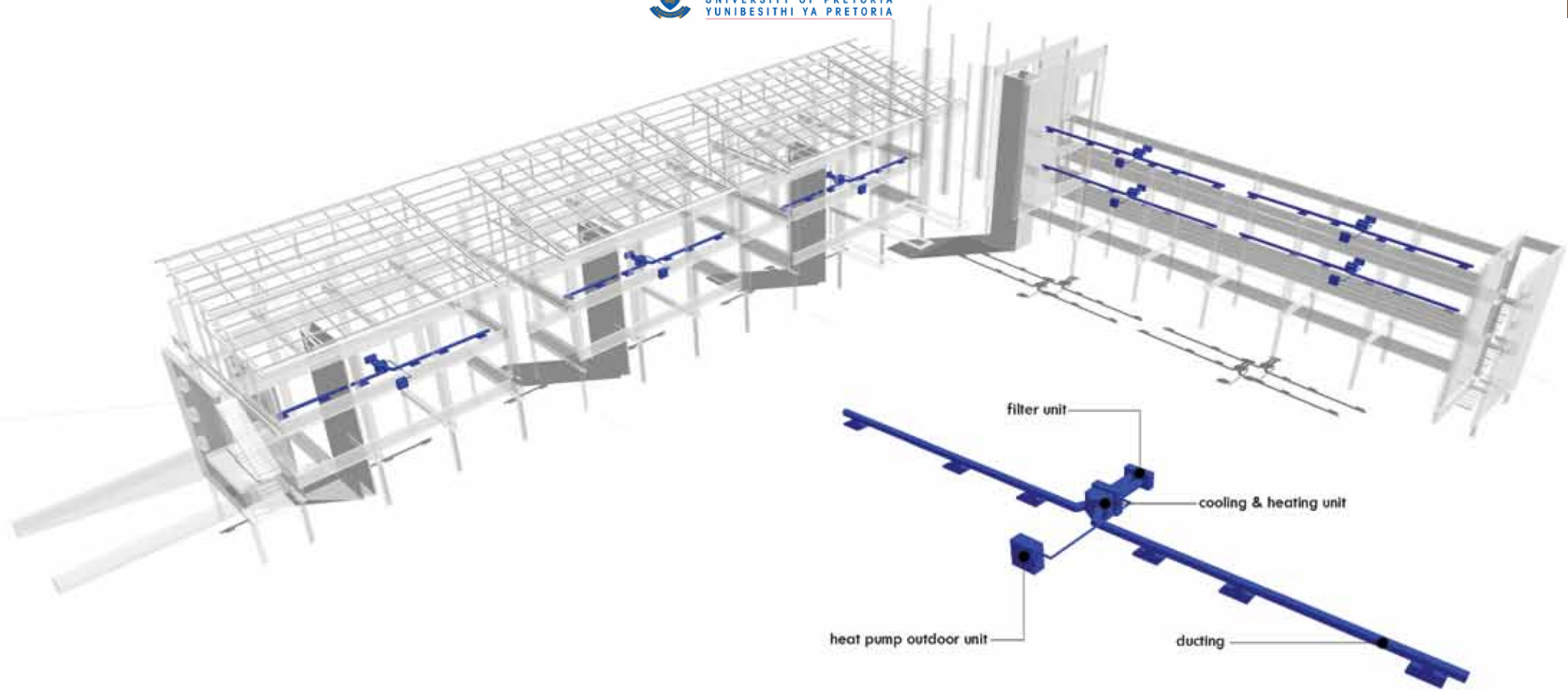


Vertical service shafts for housing:

- \_Water supply pipes
- \_Waste water pipes
- \_Electrical conduits

## SERVICE SHAFTS

FIG 7.3\_Vertical service shafts



## MECHANICAL SYSTEM - air conditioning

FIG 7.4\_Air conditioning system



SITE PLAN

FIG 7.6\_SITE Plan

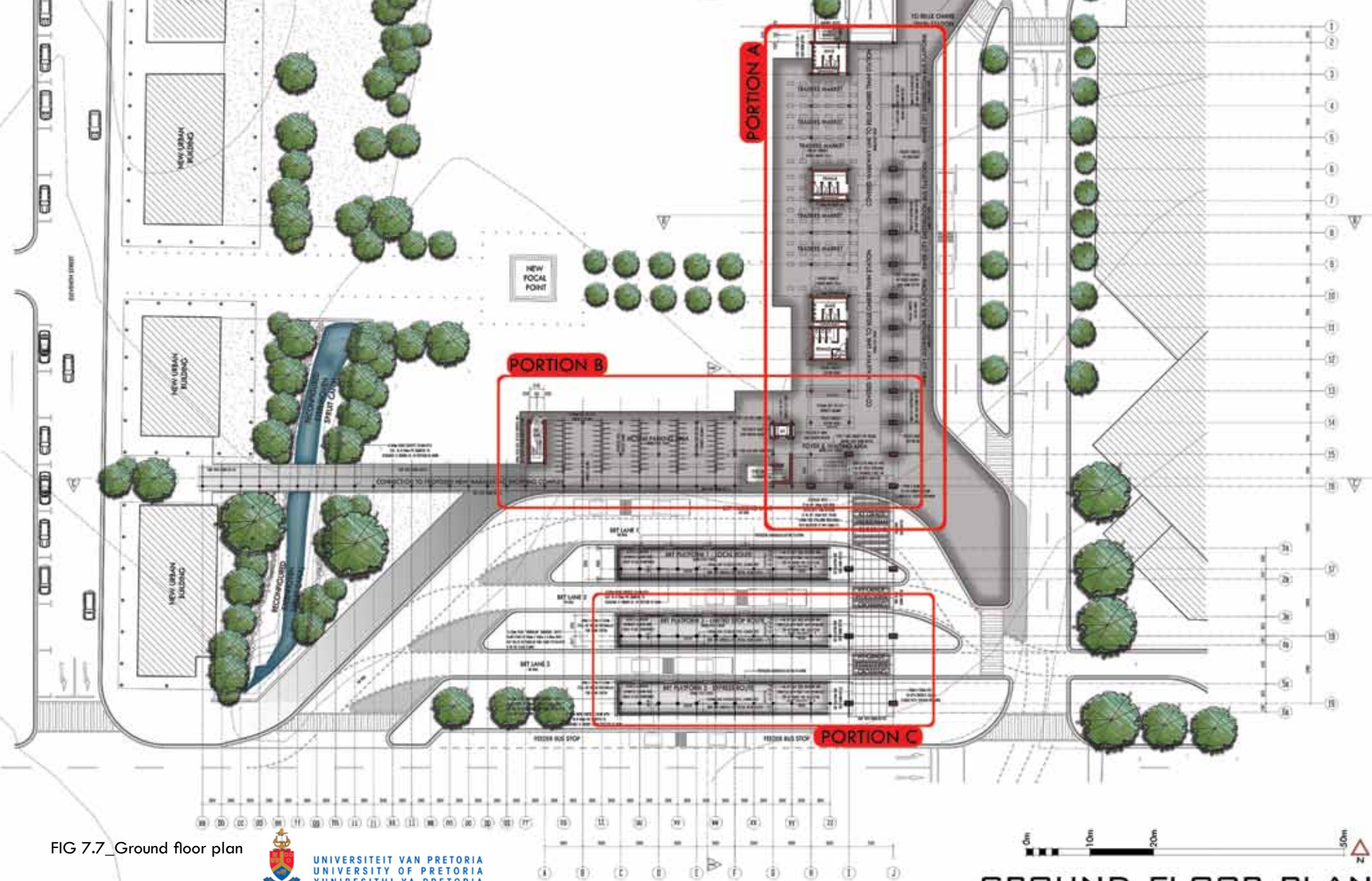


FIG 7.7\_Ground floor plan

FIG 7.8\_Ground floor plan - Portion A

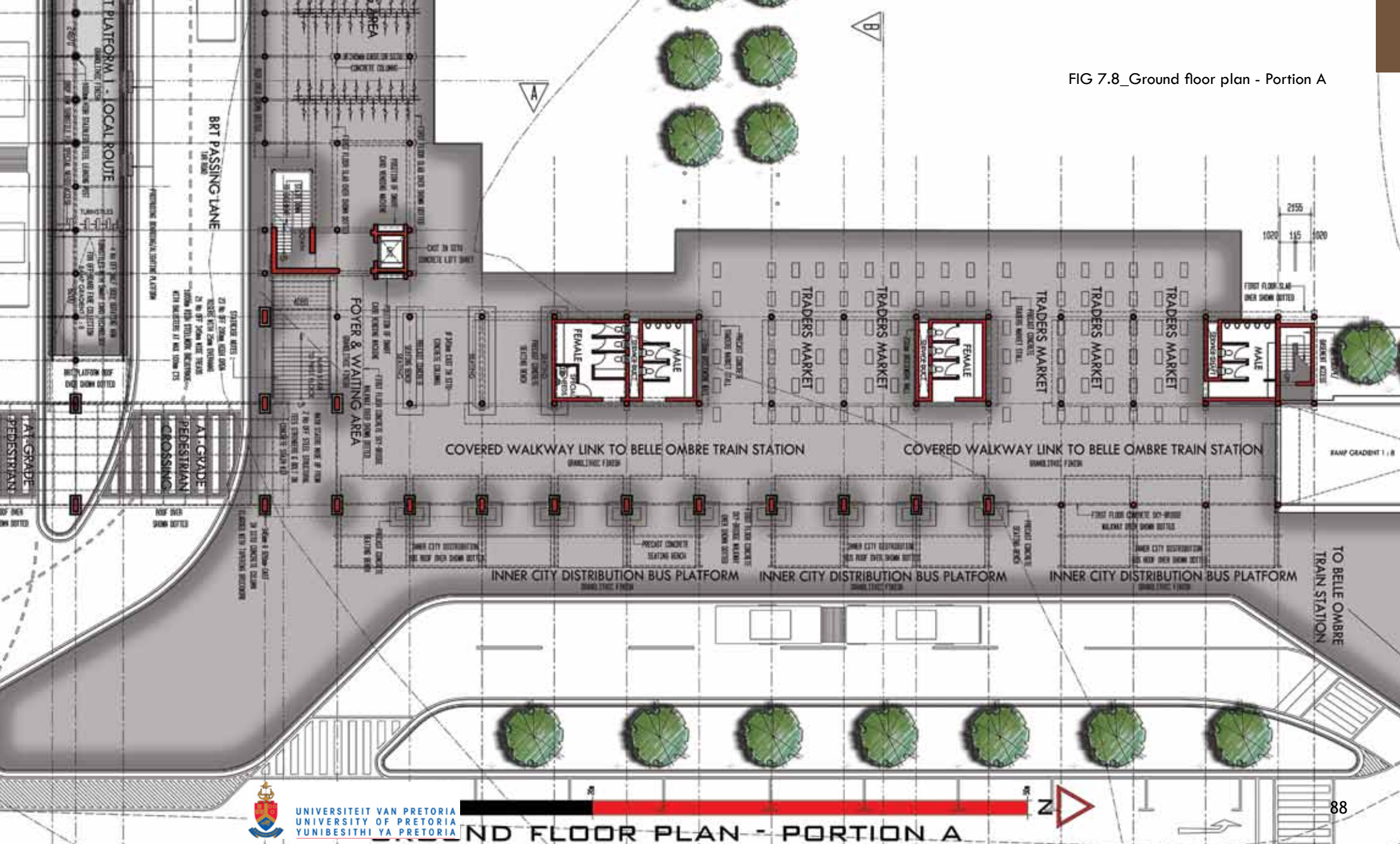
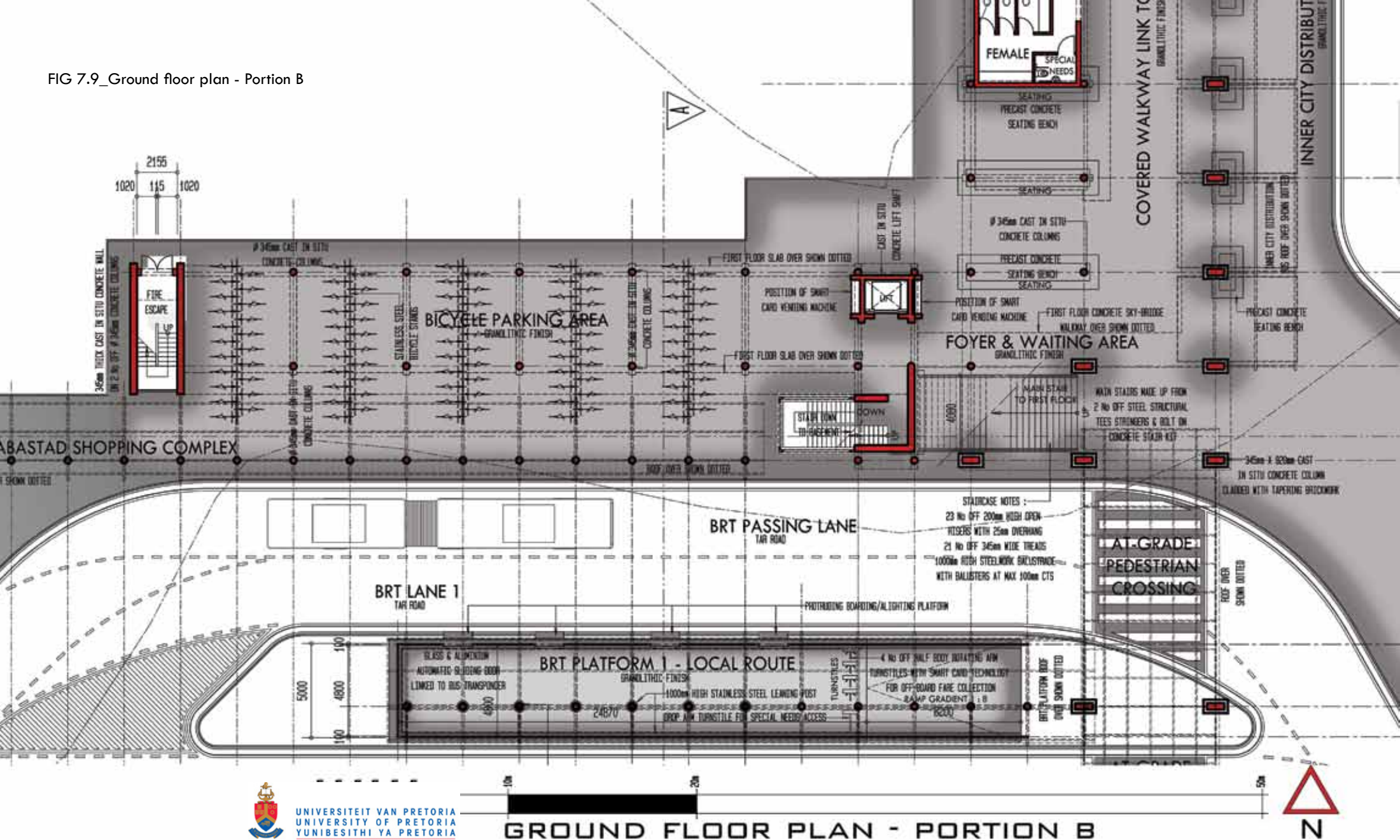


FIG 7.9\_Ground floor plan - Portion B







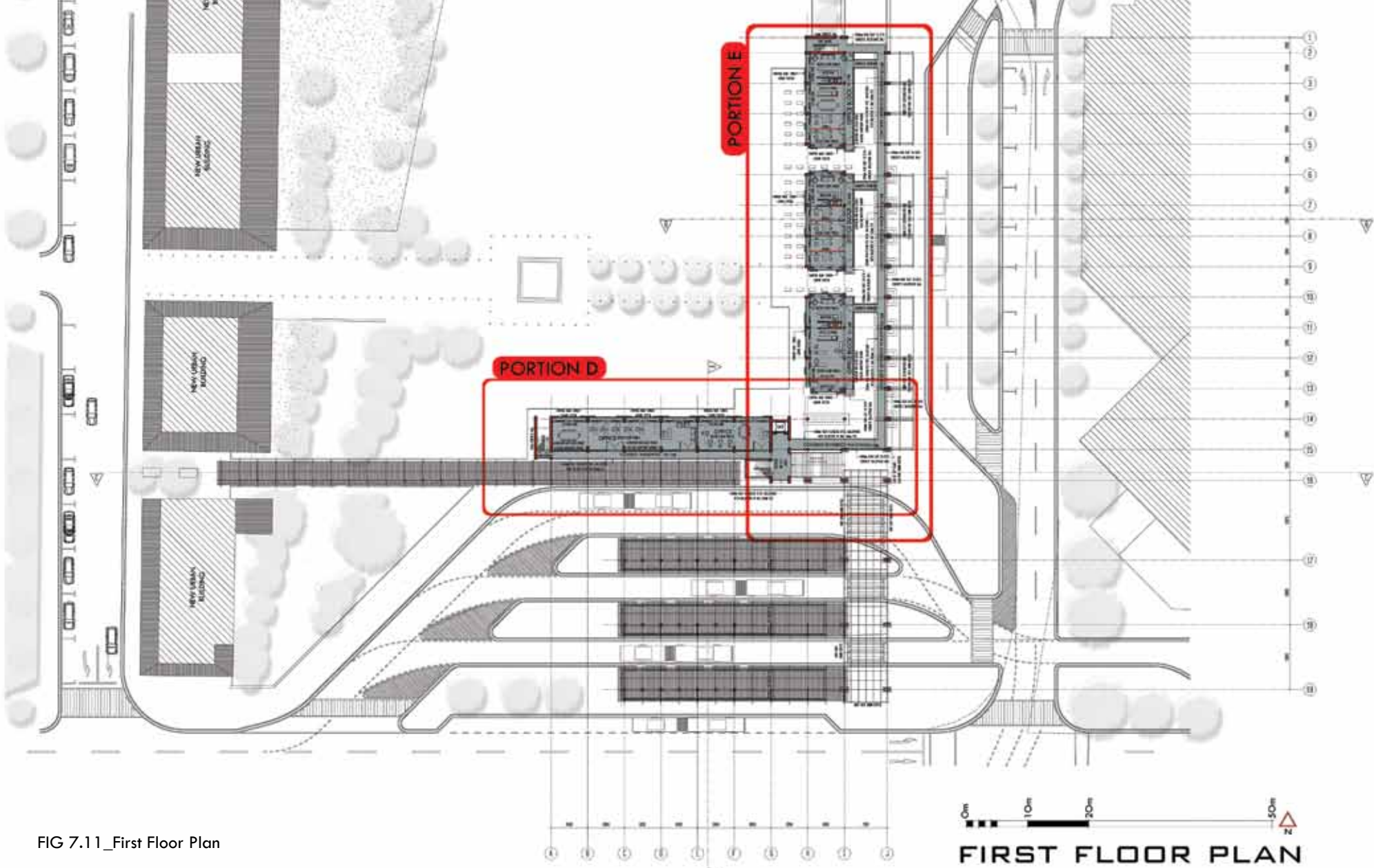


FIG 7.11\_First Floor Plan

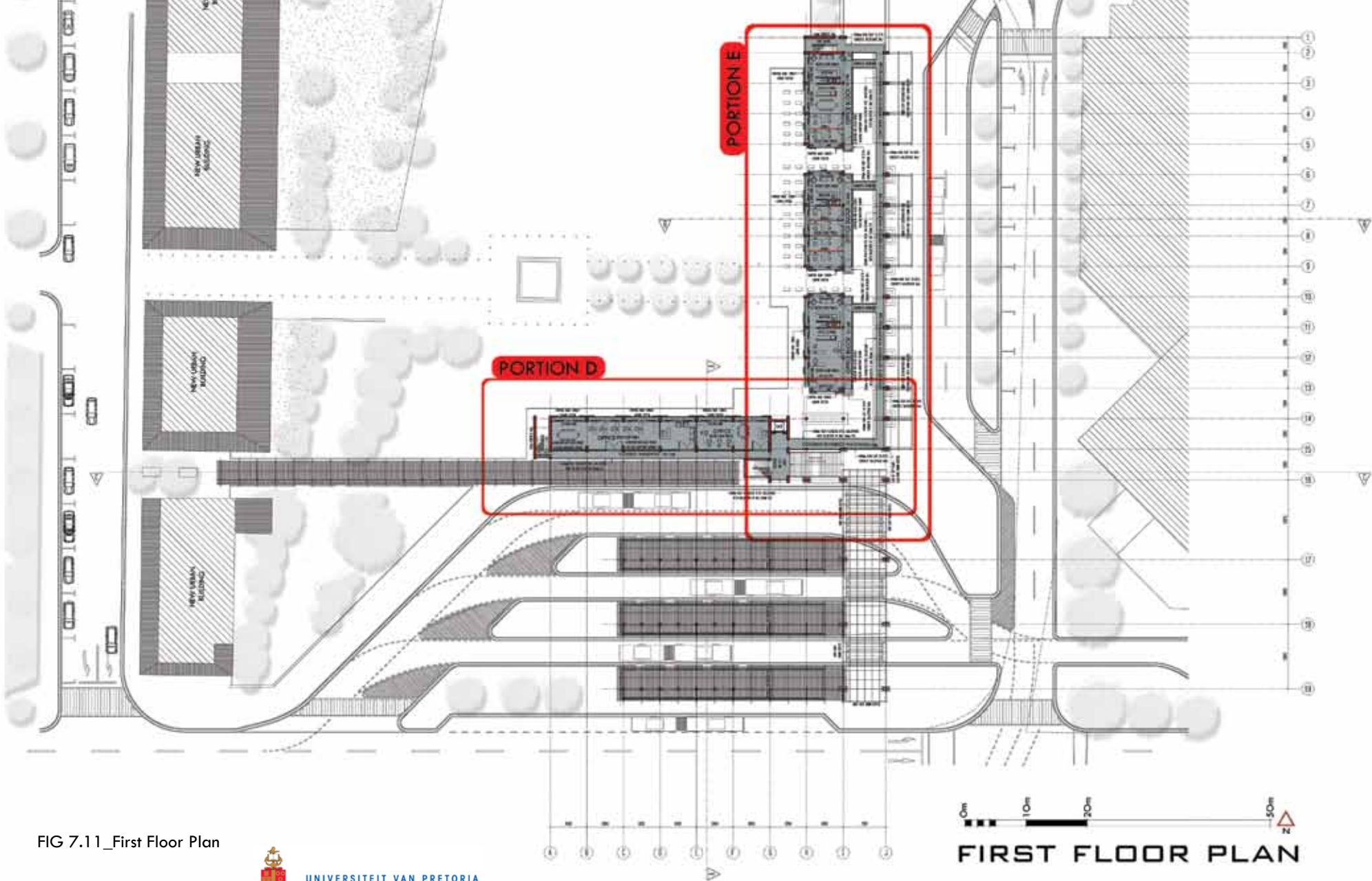


FIG 7.11\_First Floor Plan





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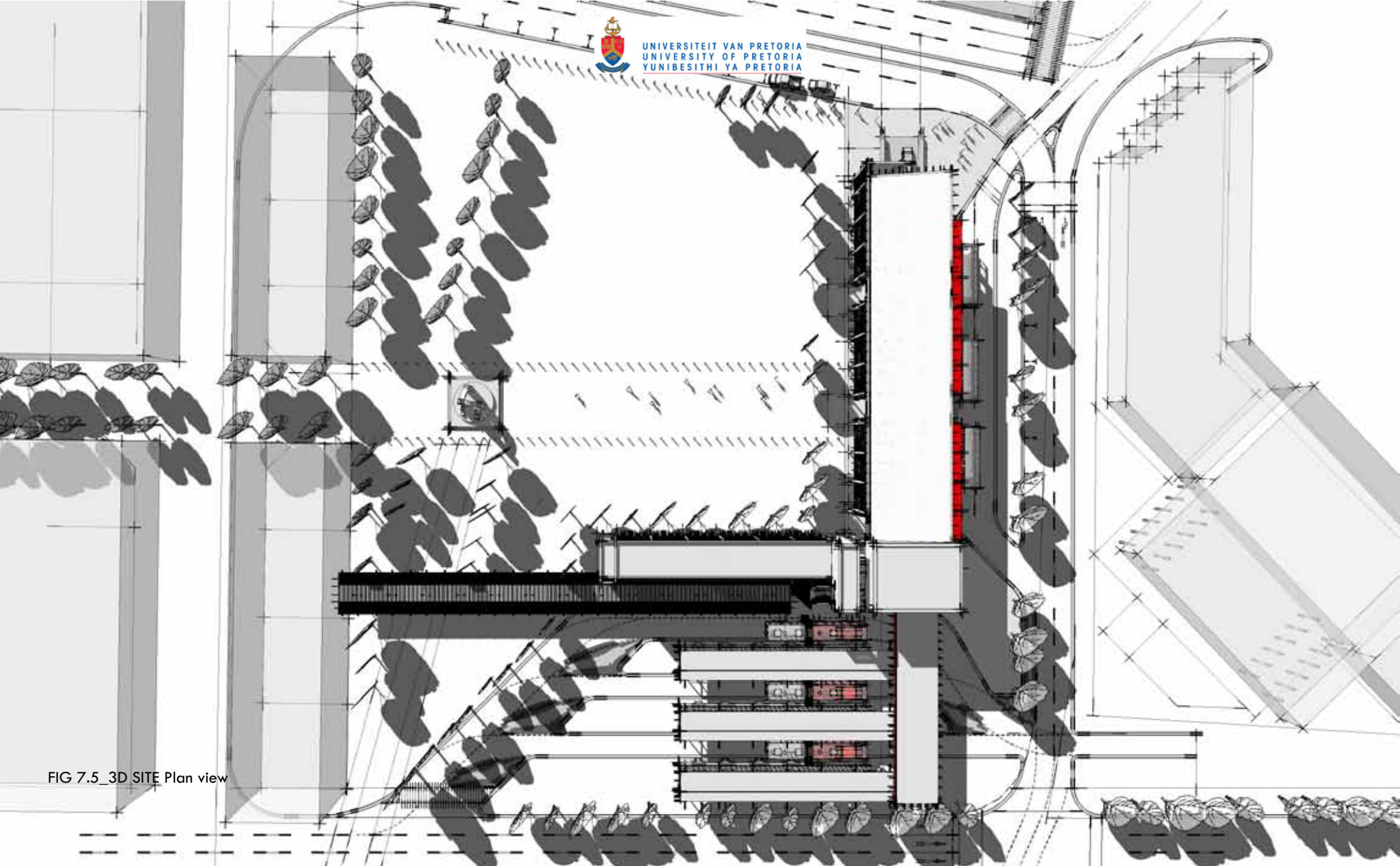


FIG 7.5\_3D SITE Plan view



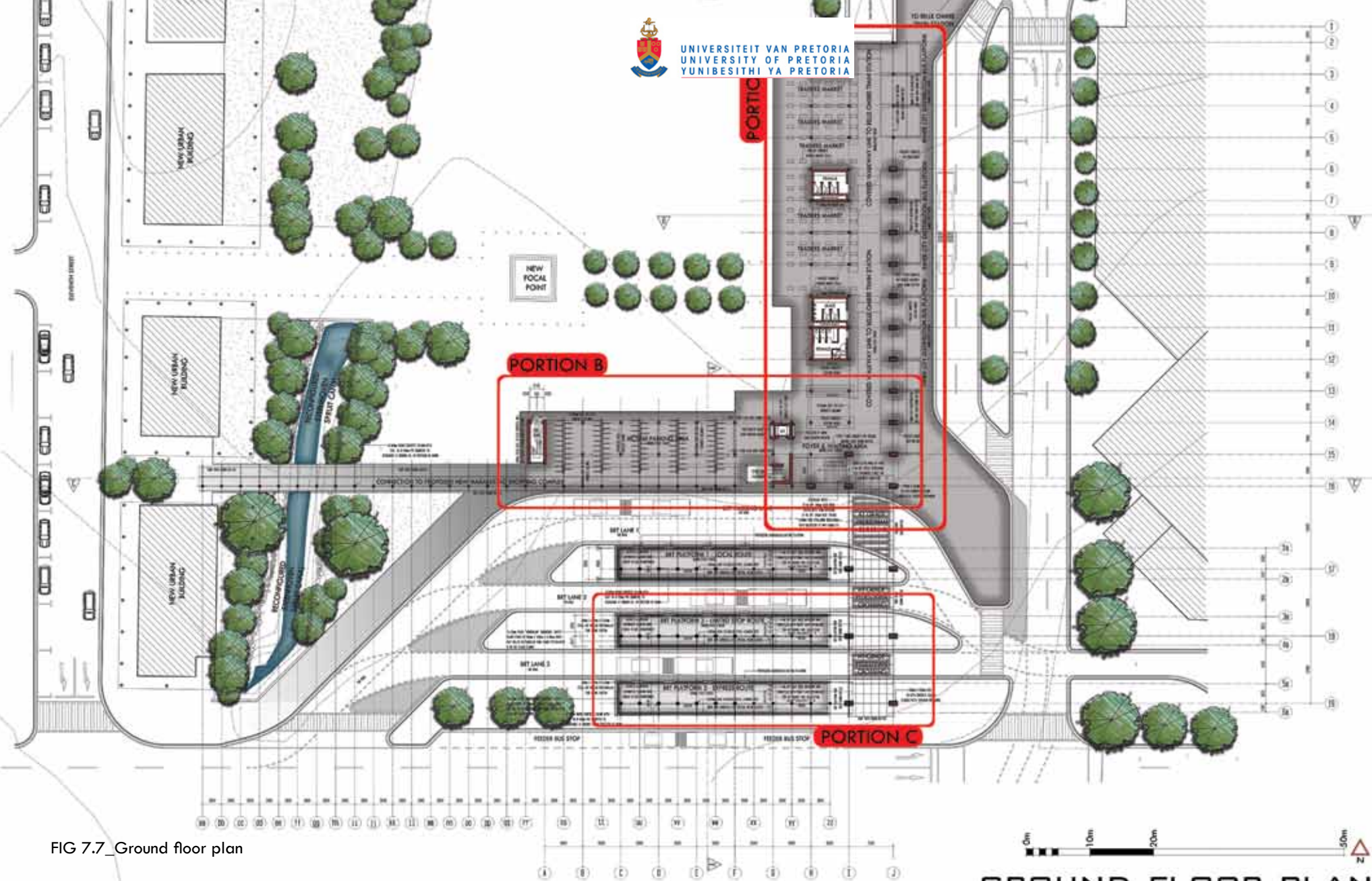


FIG 7.7\_Ground floor plan



FIG 7.8\_Ground floor plan - Portion A

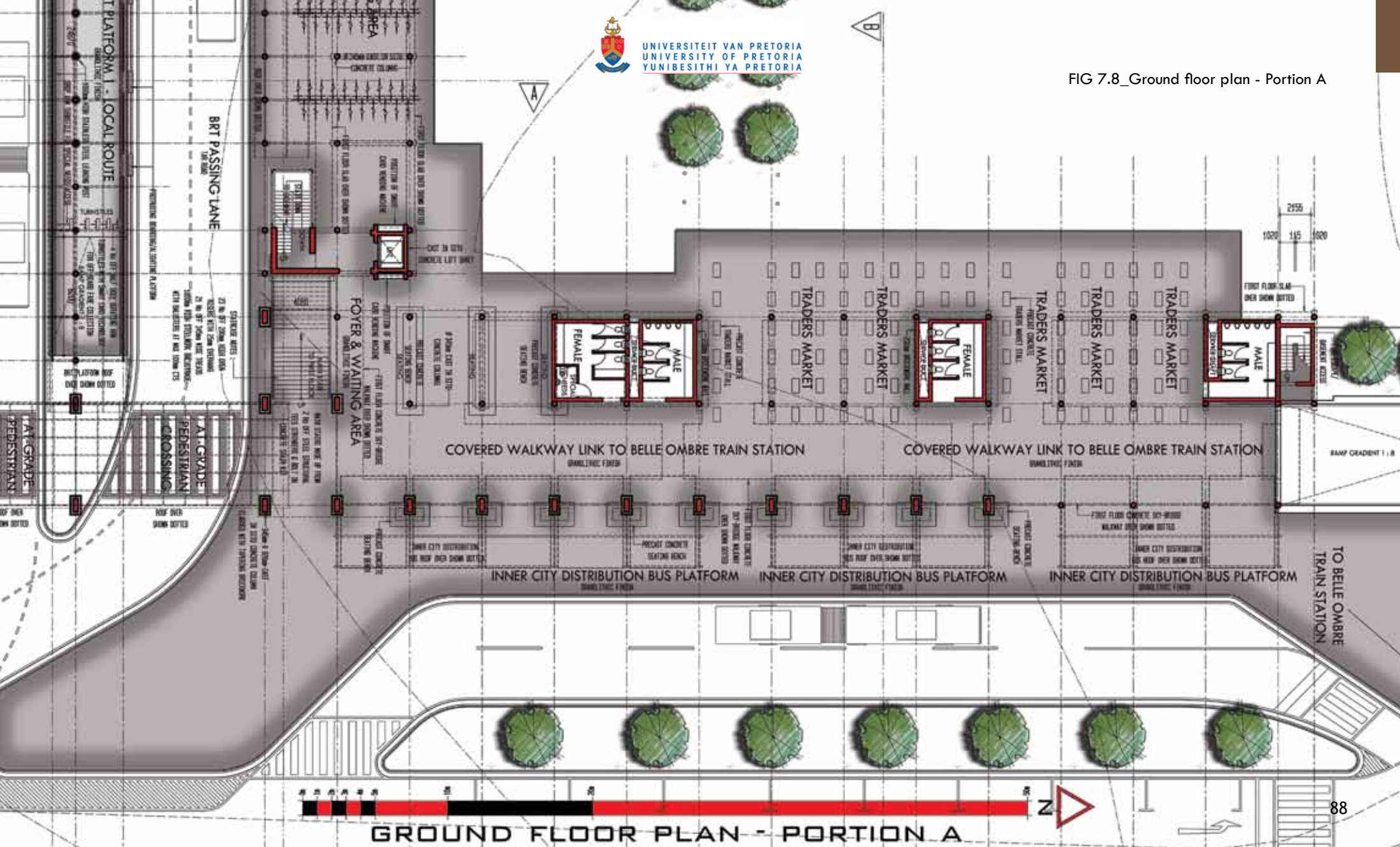
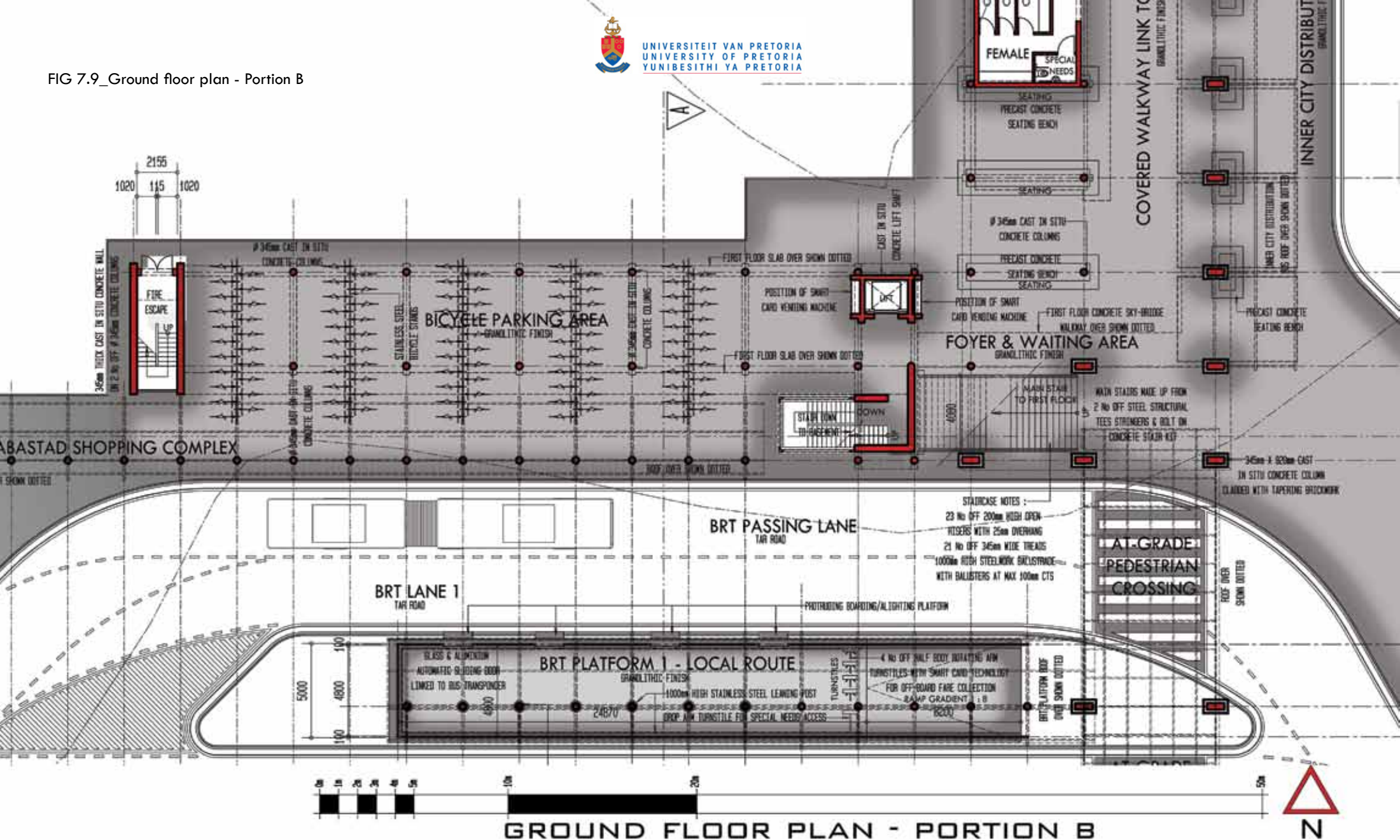




FIG 7.9\_Ground floor plan - Portion B



GROUND FLOOR PLAN - PORTION B

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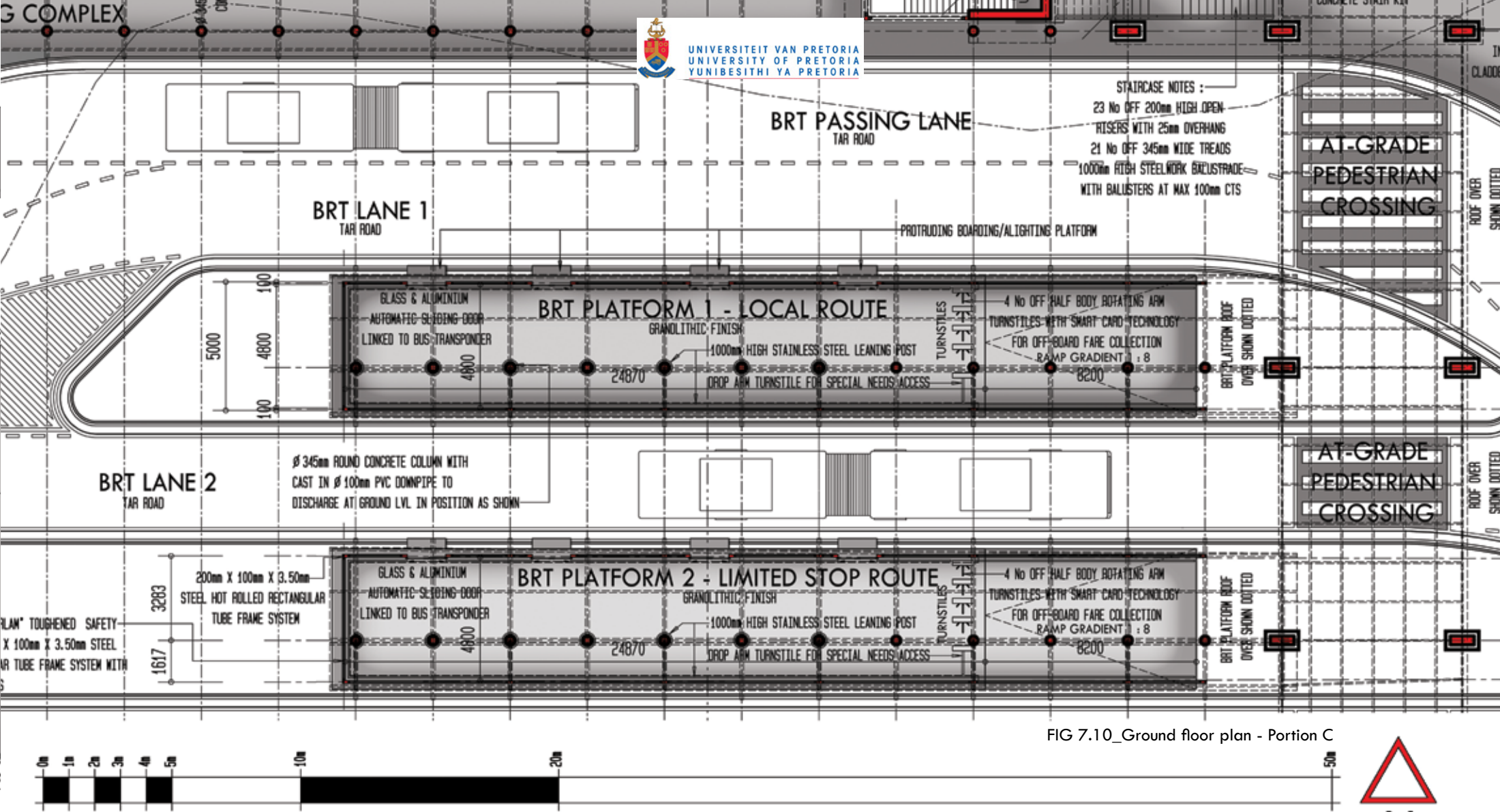


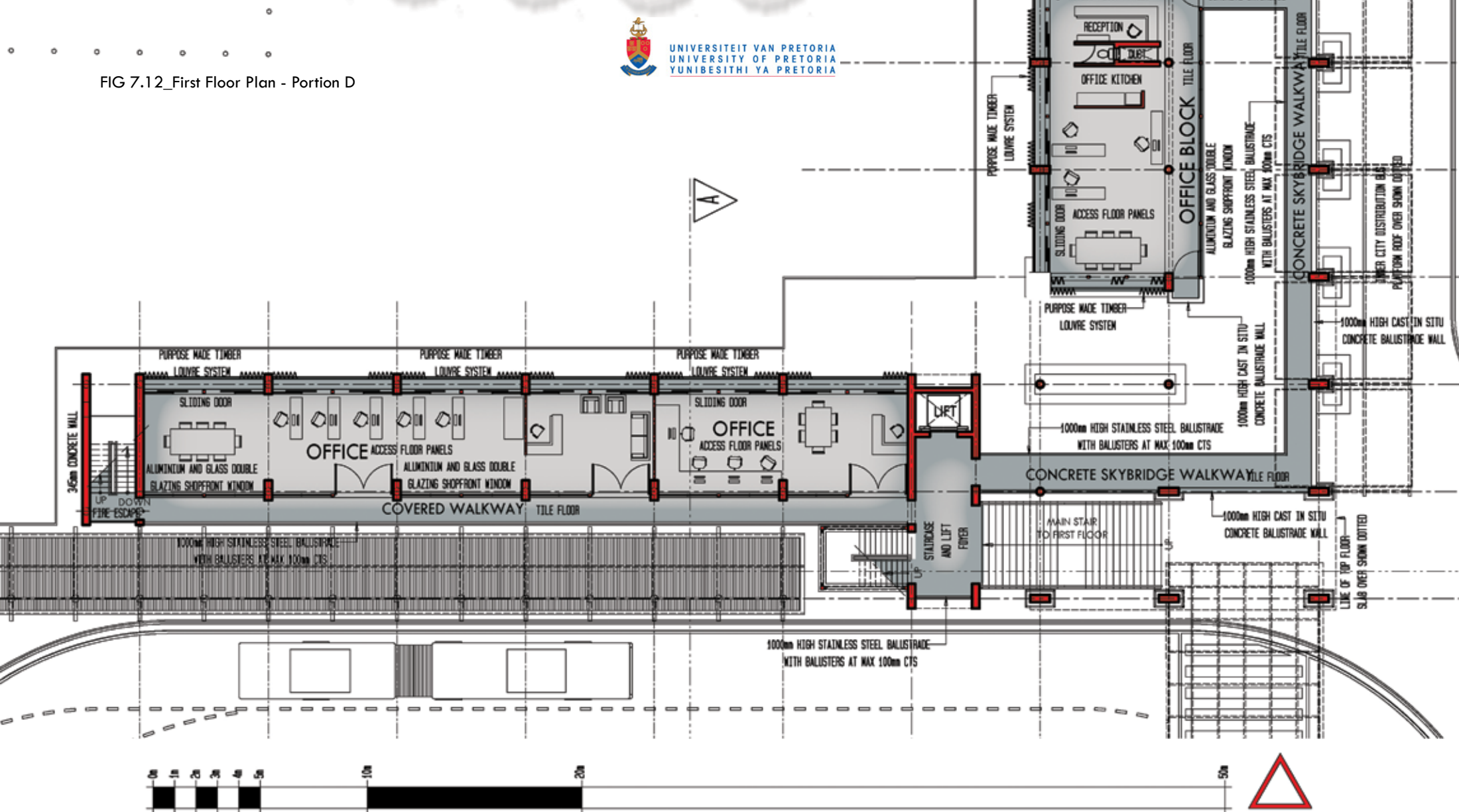
FIG 7.10\_Ground floor plan - Portion C





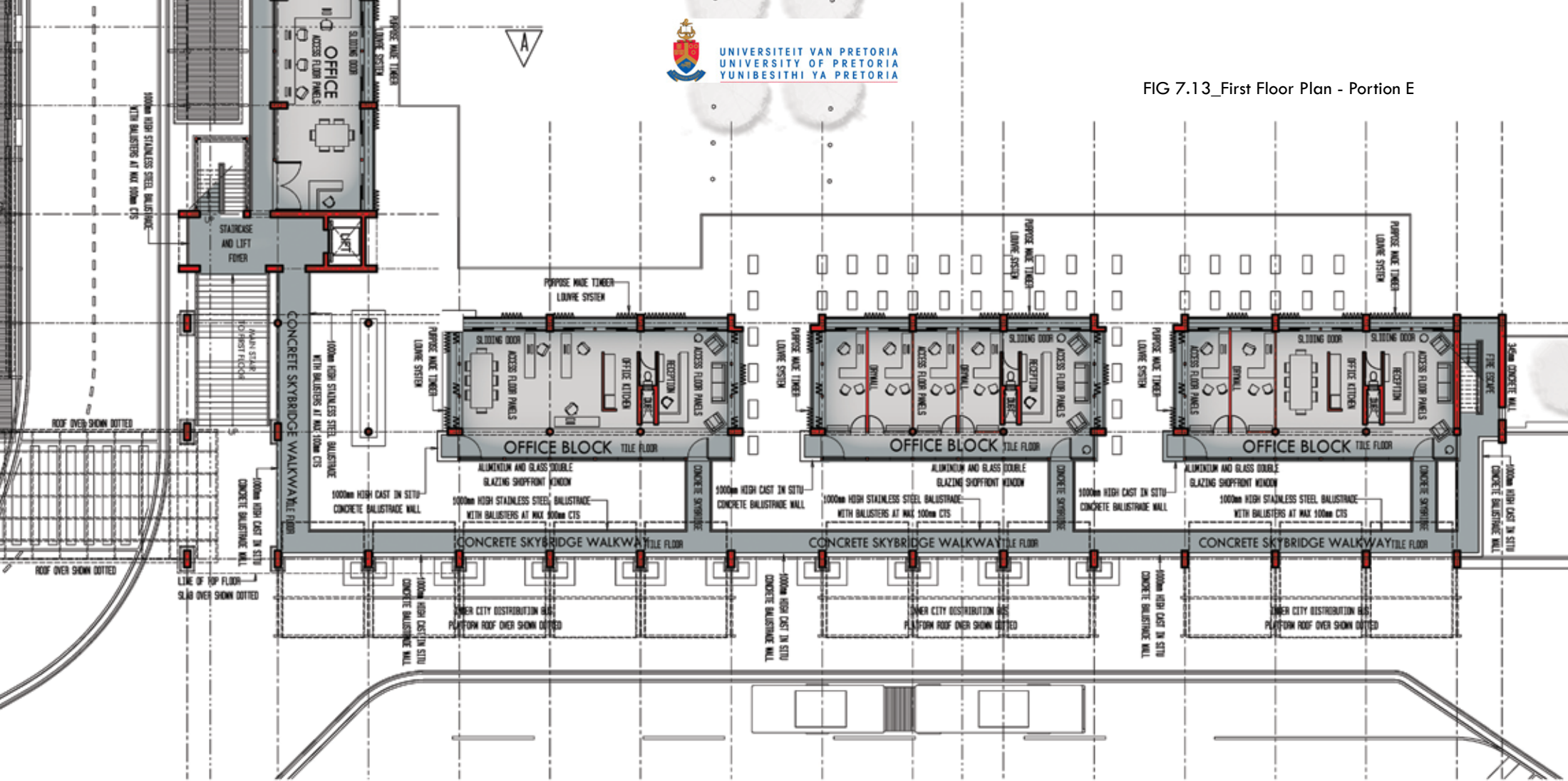


FIG 7.12\_First Floor Plan - Portion D



FIRST FLOOR PLAN - PORTION D

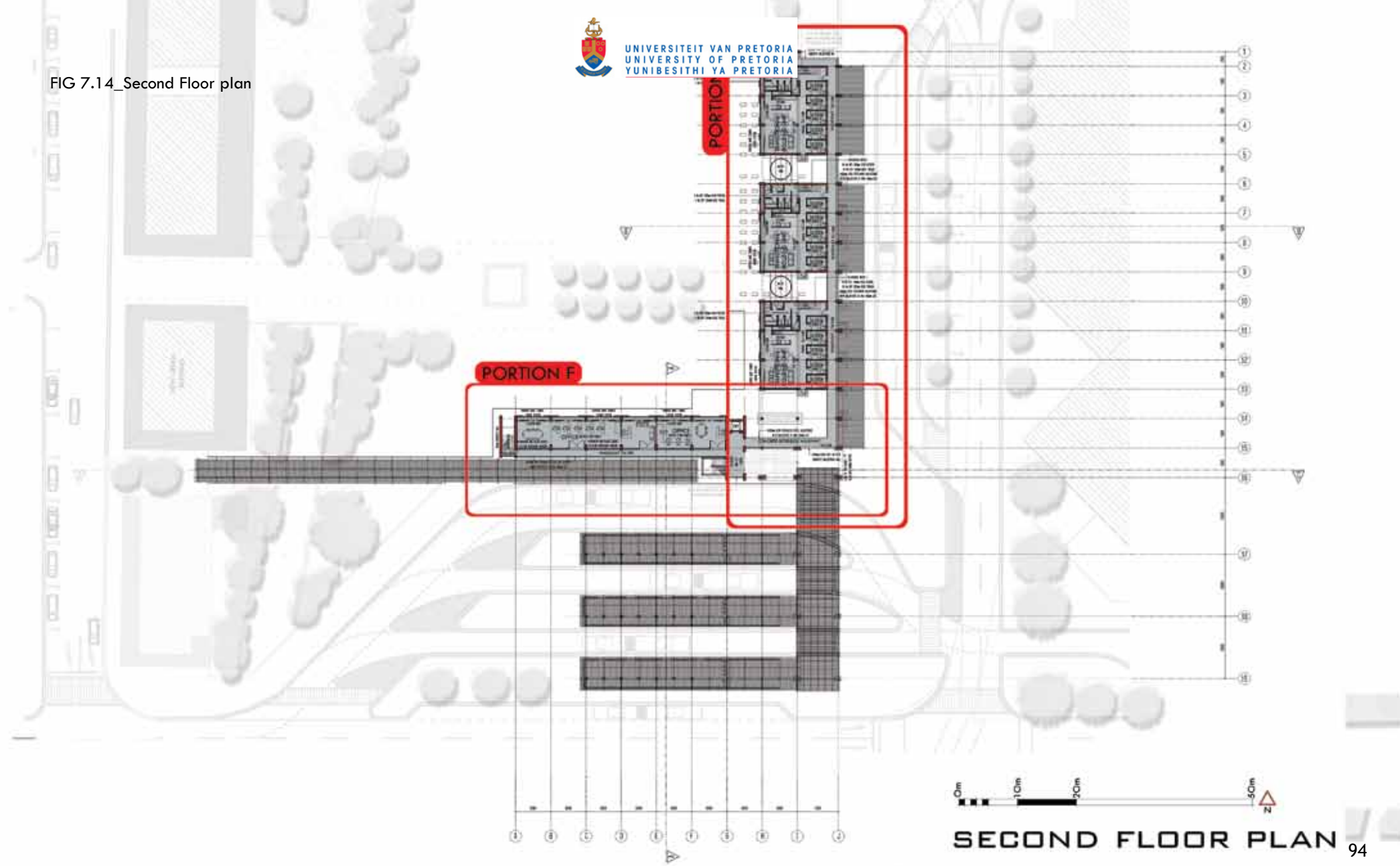
FIG 7.13\_First Floor Plan - Portion E



FIRST FLOOR PLAN - PORTION E



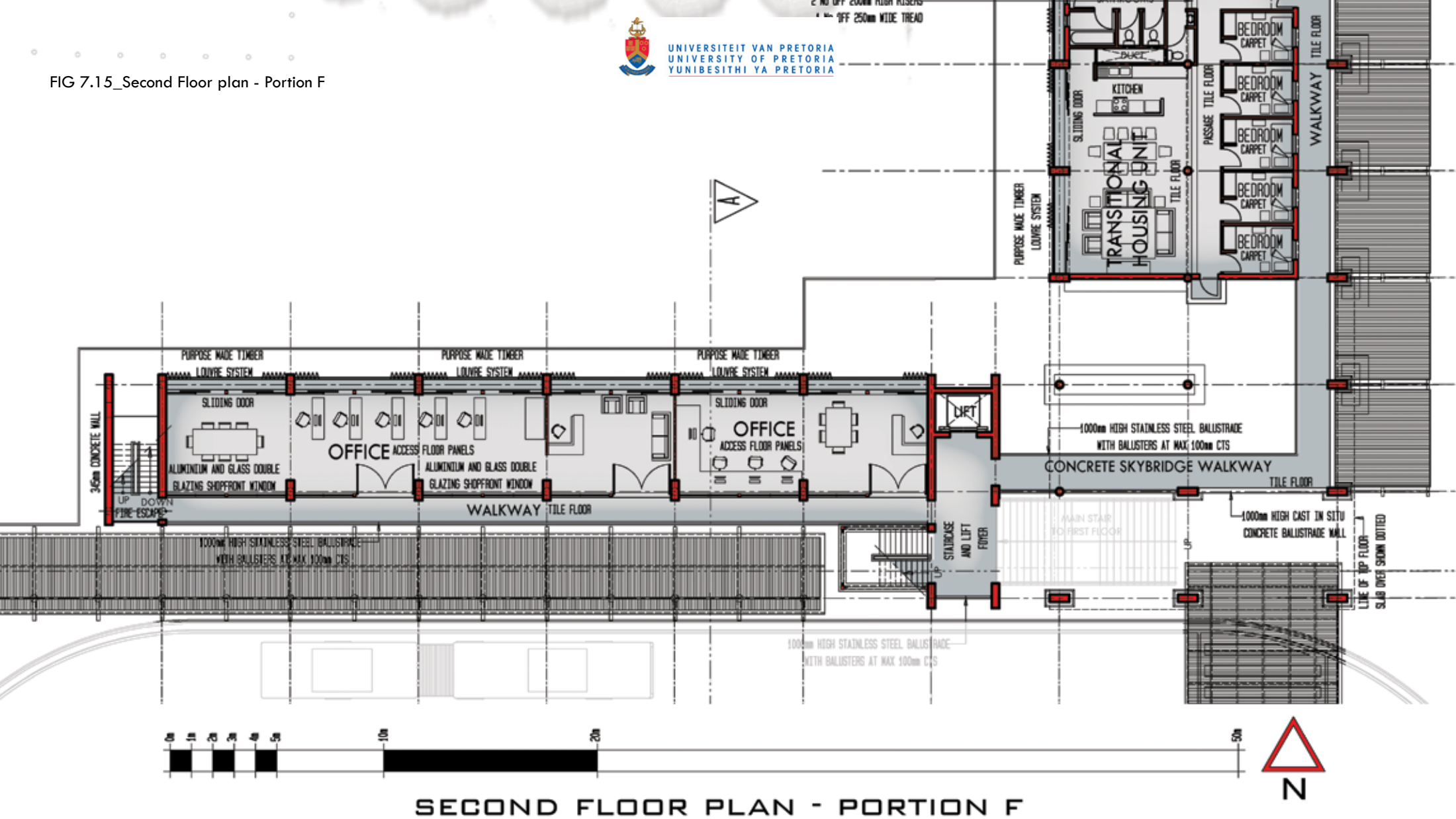
FIG 7.14\_Second Floor plan



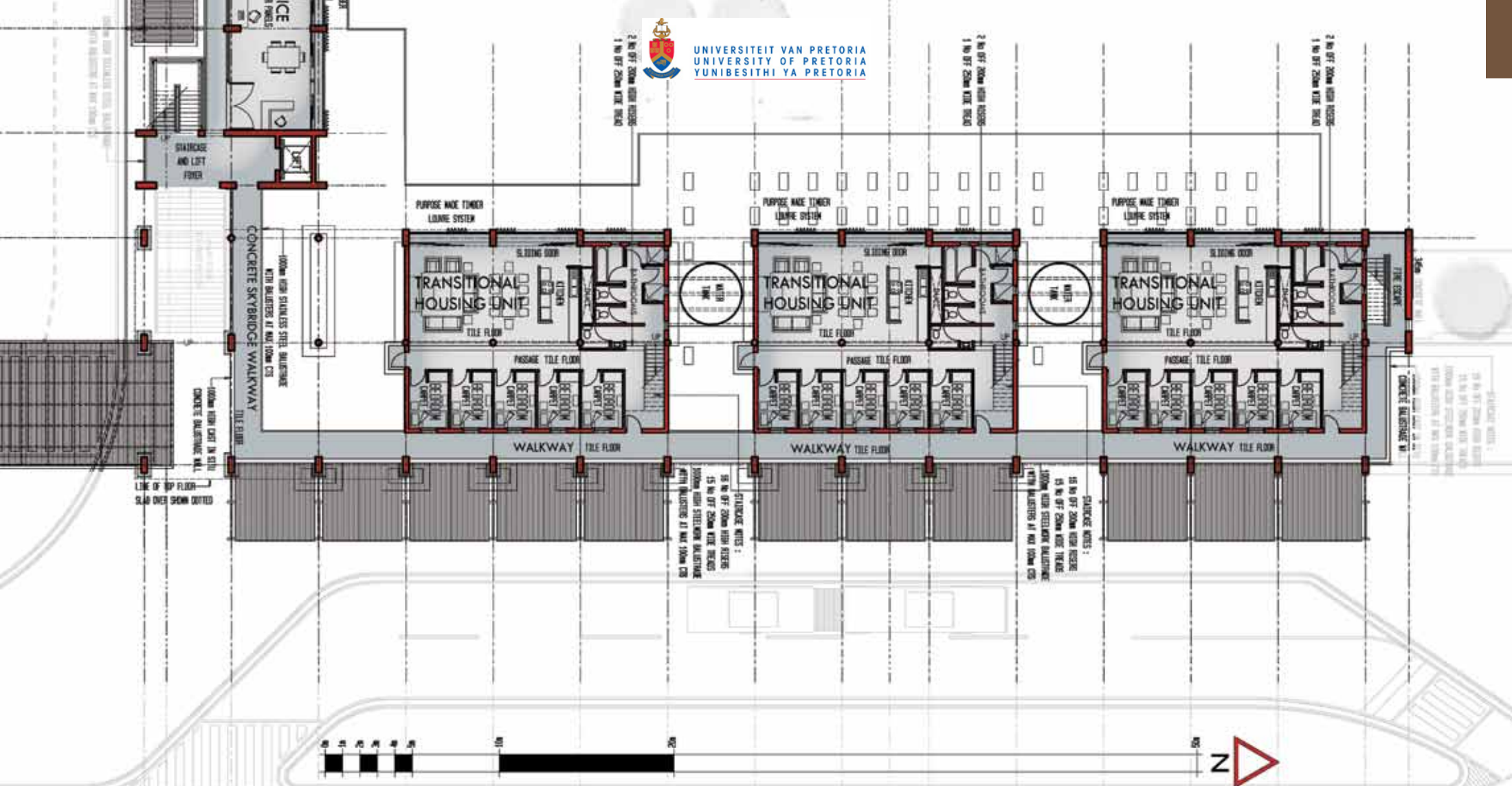
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIG 7.15\_Second Floor plan - Portion F



SECOND FLOOR PLAN - PORTION F



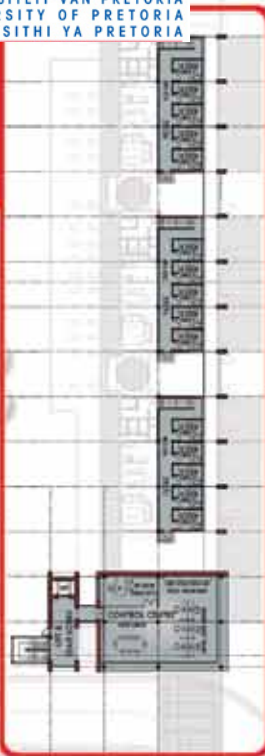
SECOND FLOOR PLAN - PORTION G

FIG 7.16\_Second Floor plan - Portion G



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THIRD FLOOR PLAN

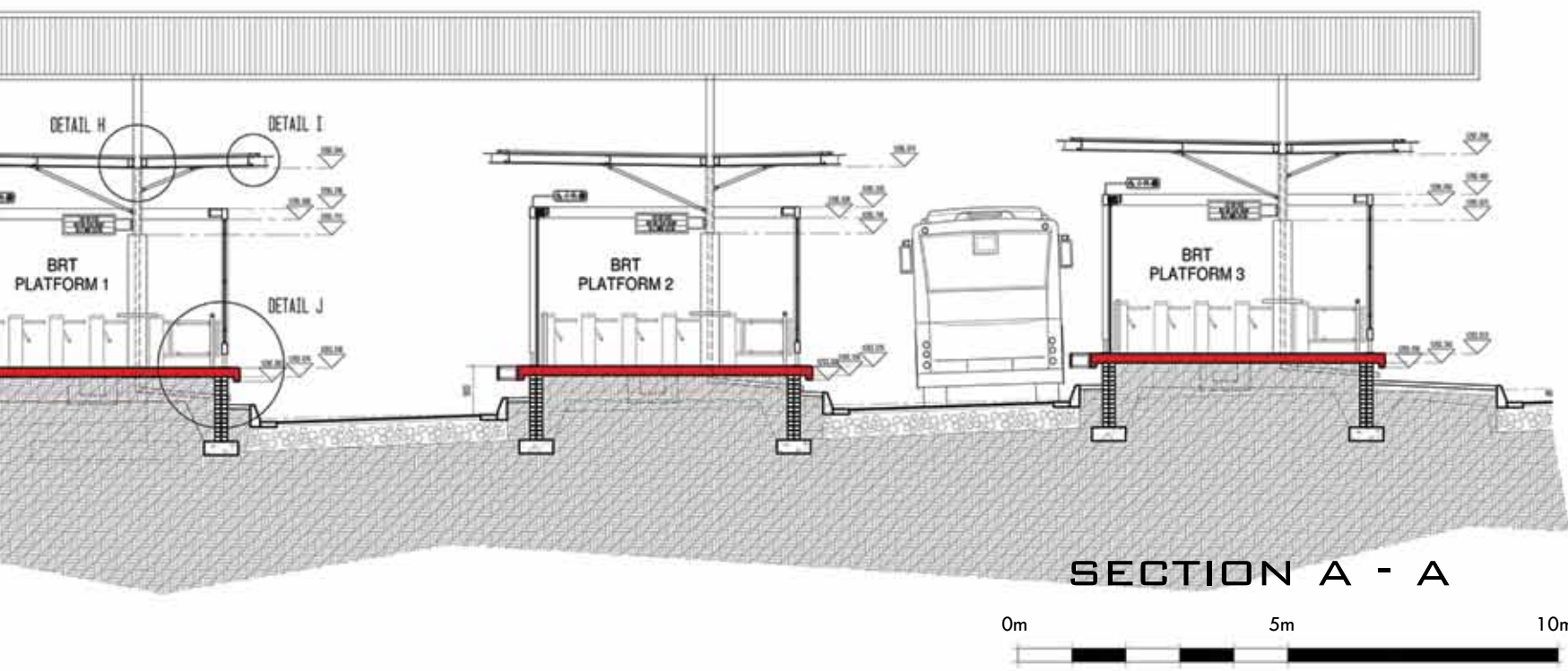
FIG 7.17\_Third Floor Plan







FIG 7.19\_Section A - A



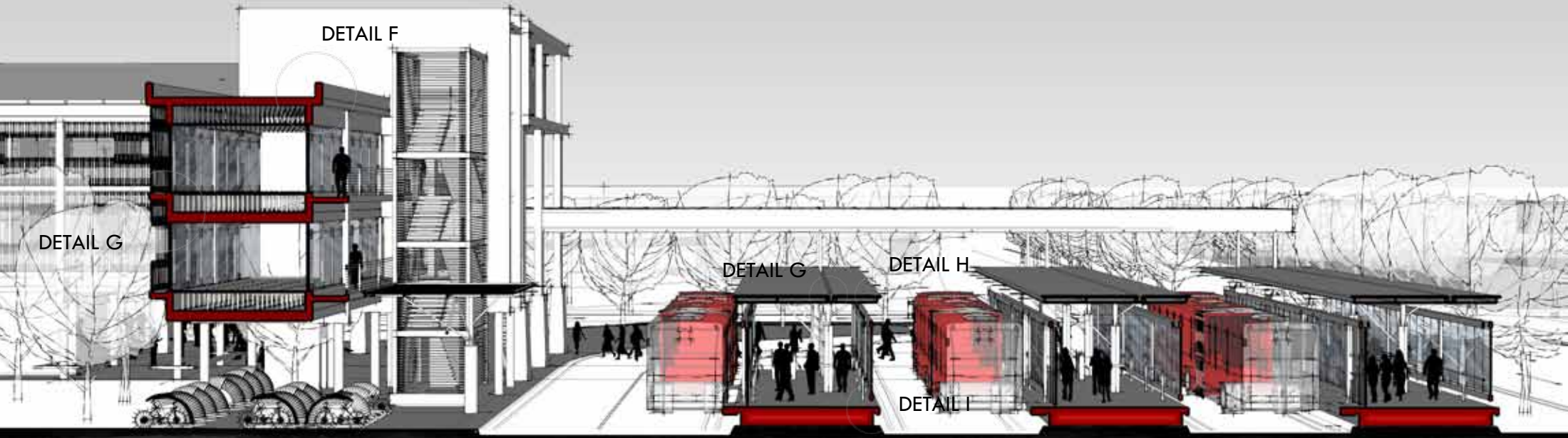
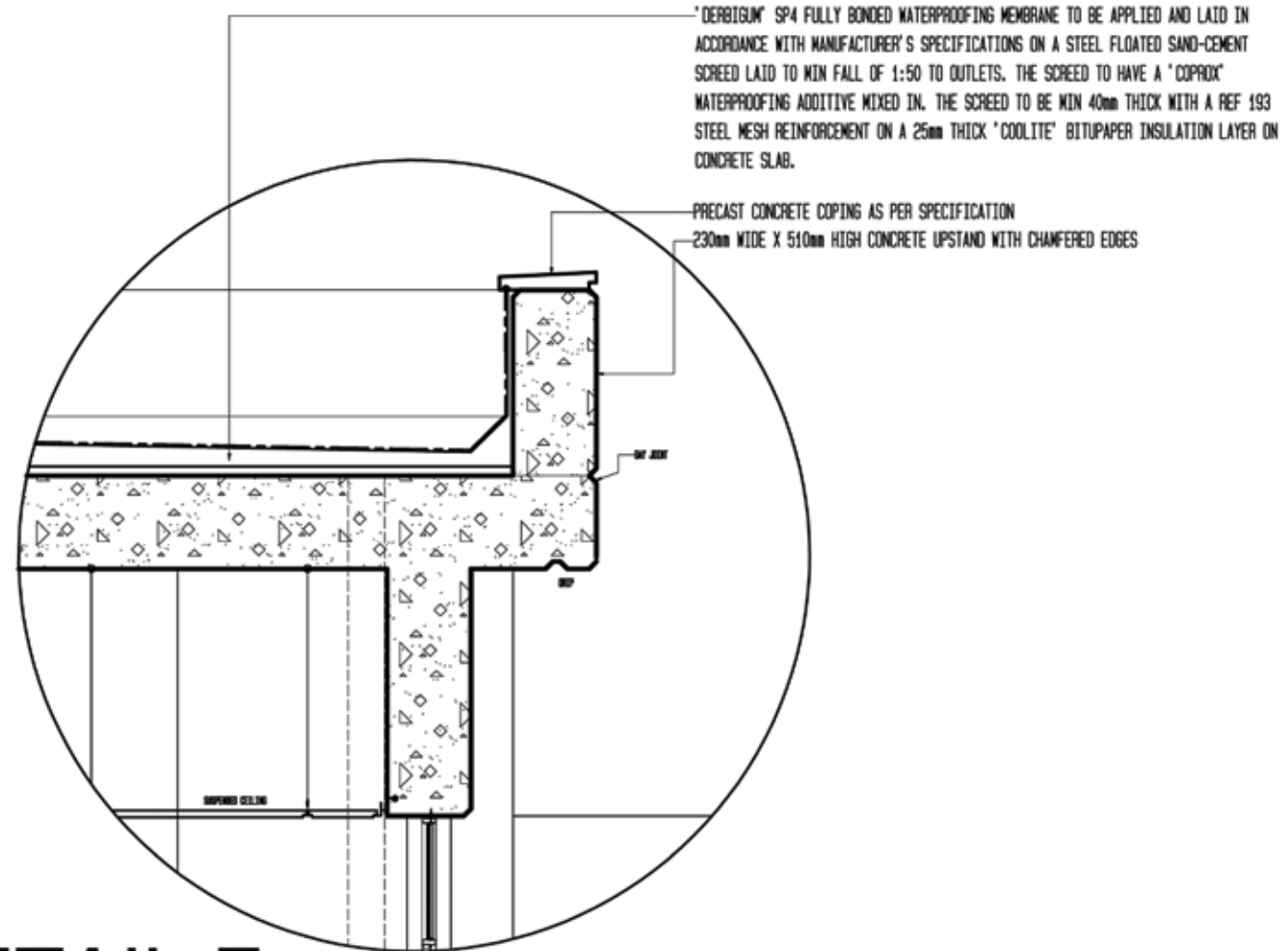


FIG 7.20\_Section A - A 3D View



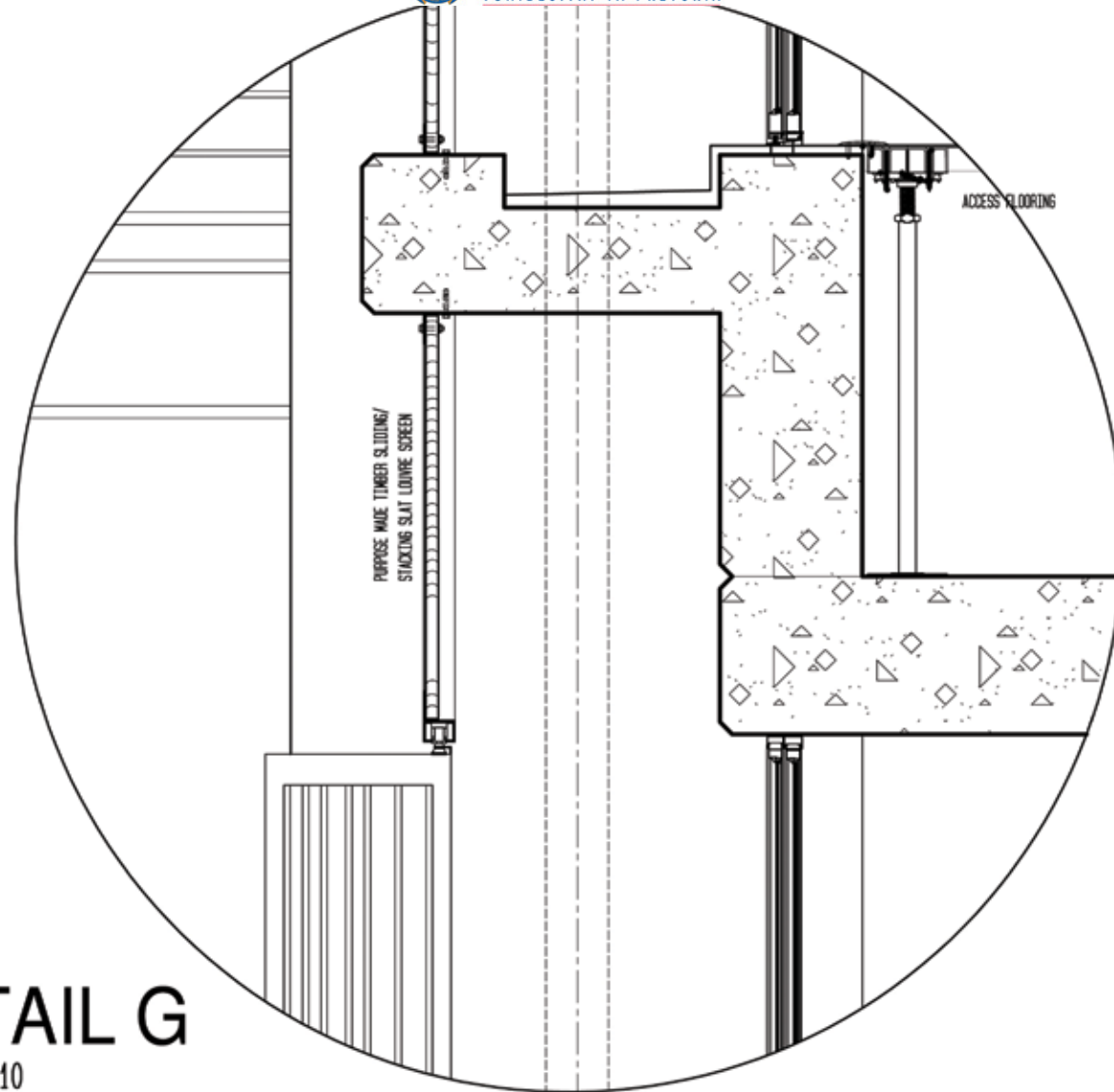
**DETAIL F**  
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FIG 7.21\_Detail F

FIG 7.22\_Detail G



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**DETAIL G**

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FIG 7.23\_Detail H



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116H X 150mm WIDE PURPOSE MADE STEEL GUTTER BEAM MADE UP OF 4mm THICK STEEL  
TO 150mm X 150mm X 4mm STEEL SQUARE HOLLOW TUBE COLUMN

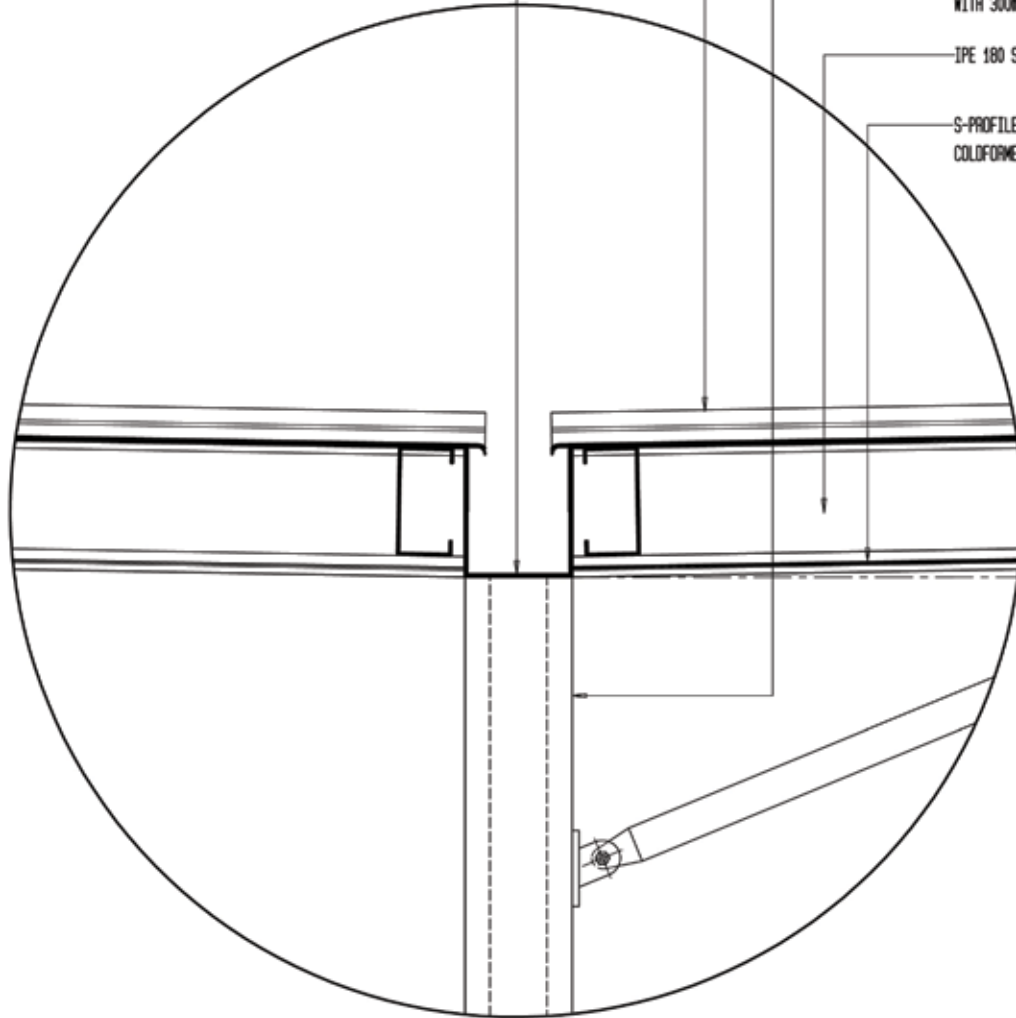
ROOF NOTE :

0,58mm THICK 'BRONNBUILT' GALVANISED ROOF SHEETING AT 1 deg PITCH WITH GLOBALCOAT FINISH,  
COLOUR : DOVE GREY ON 100 X 50 X 20 X 2,0mm COLDFORMED LIPPED CHANNEL PURLINS AT MAXIMUM 1000mm CTS FIXED TO  
IPE 180 STEEL ROOF BEAMS ALL AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG DESIGN AND DETAIL

150mm X 150mm X 4mm SQUARE HOLLOW TUBE COLUMN FIXED TO CONCRETE COLUMN  
WITH 300mm X 300mm X 5mm STEEL FIXING PLATE AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG

IPE 180 STEEL ROOF BEAMS WELDED TO PURPOSE MADE STEEL GUTTER BEAM

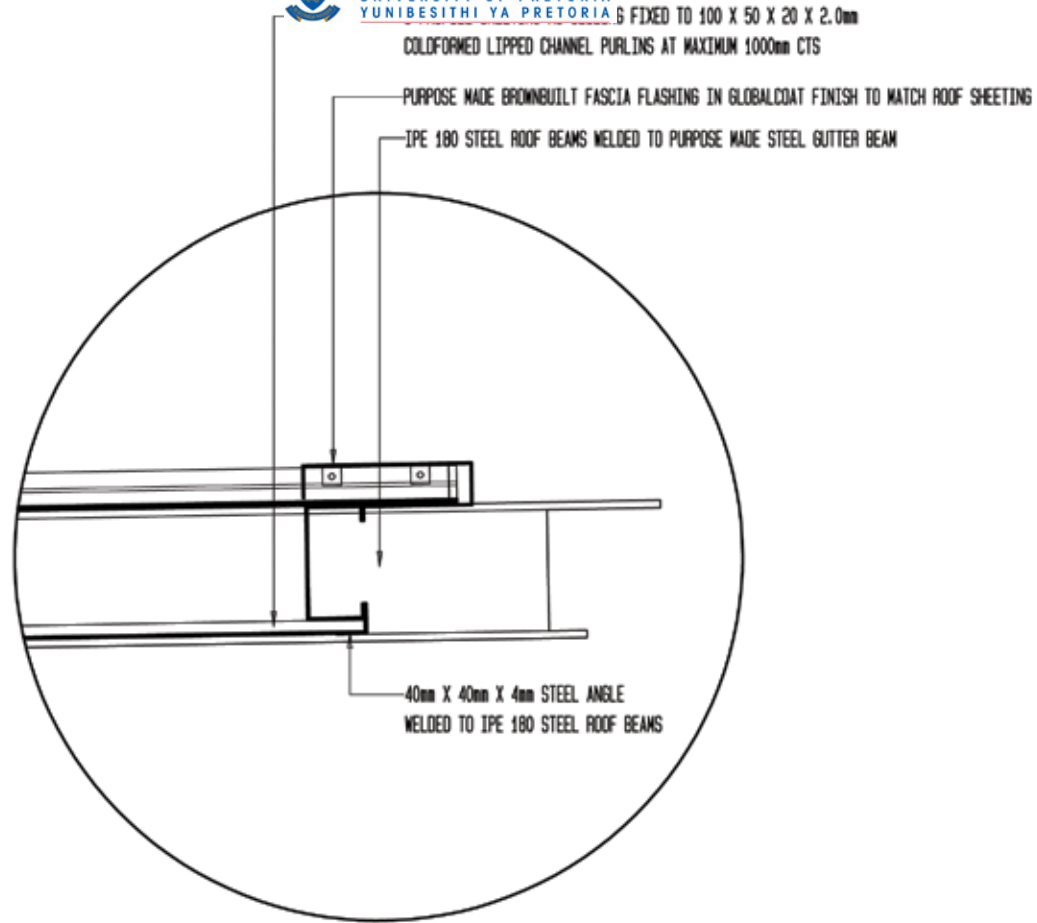
S-PROFILE SHEETING AS CEILING FIXED TO 100 X 50 X 20 X 2,0mm  
COLDFORMED LIPPED CHANNEL PURLINS AT MAXIMUM 1000mm CTS



**DETAIL H**  
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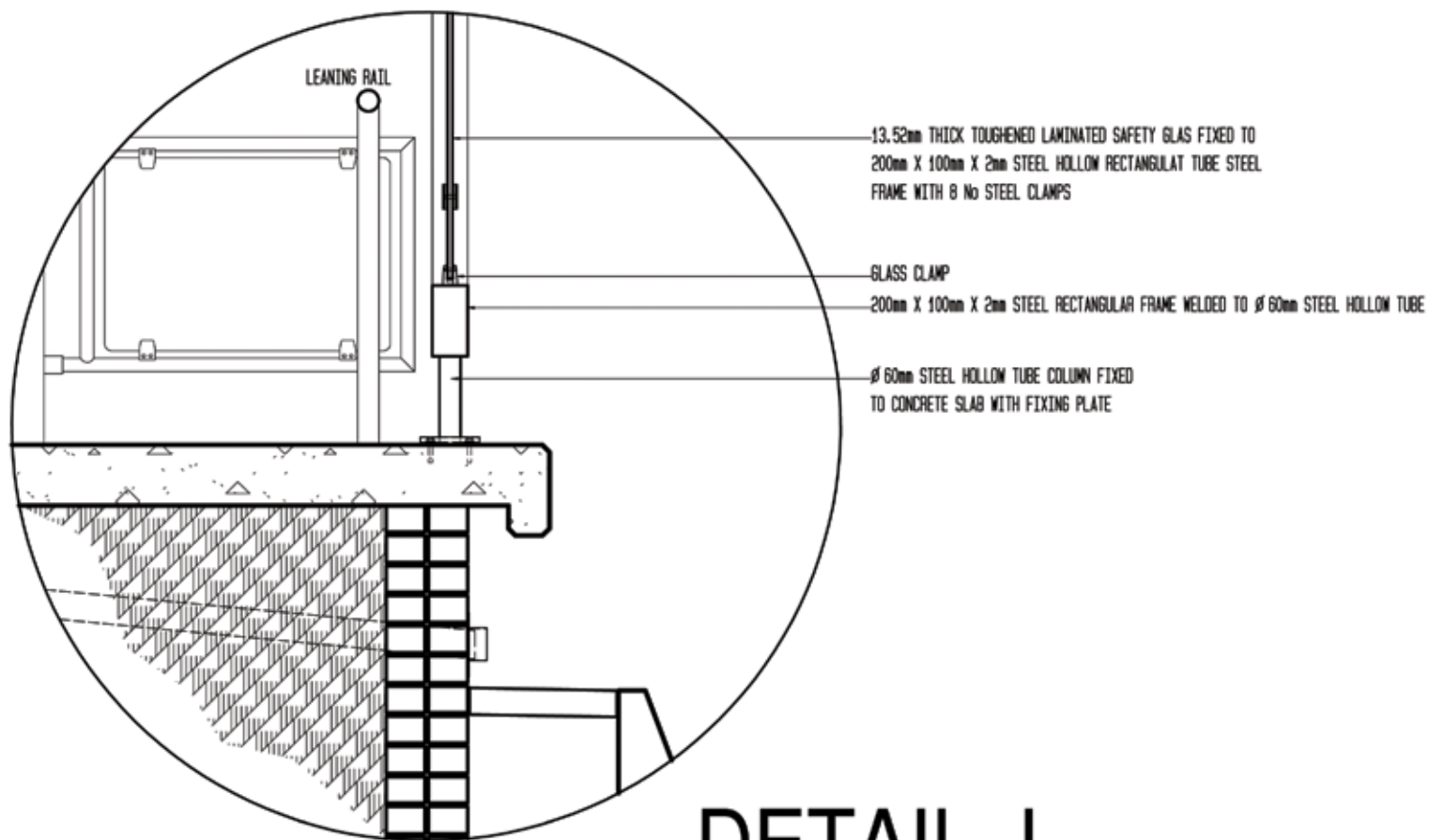


FIG 7.24\_Detail I



# DETAIL I

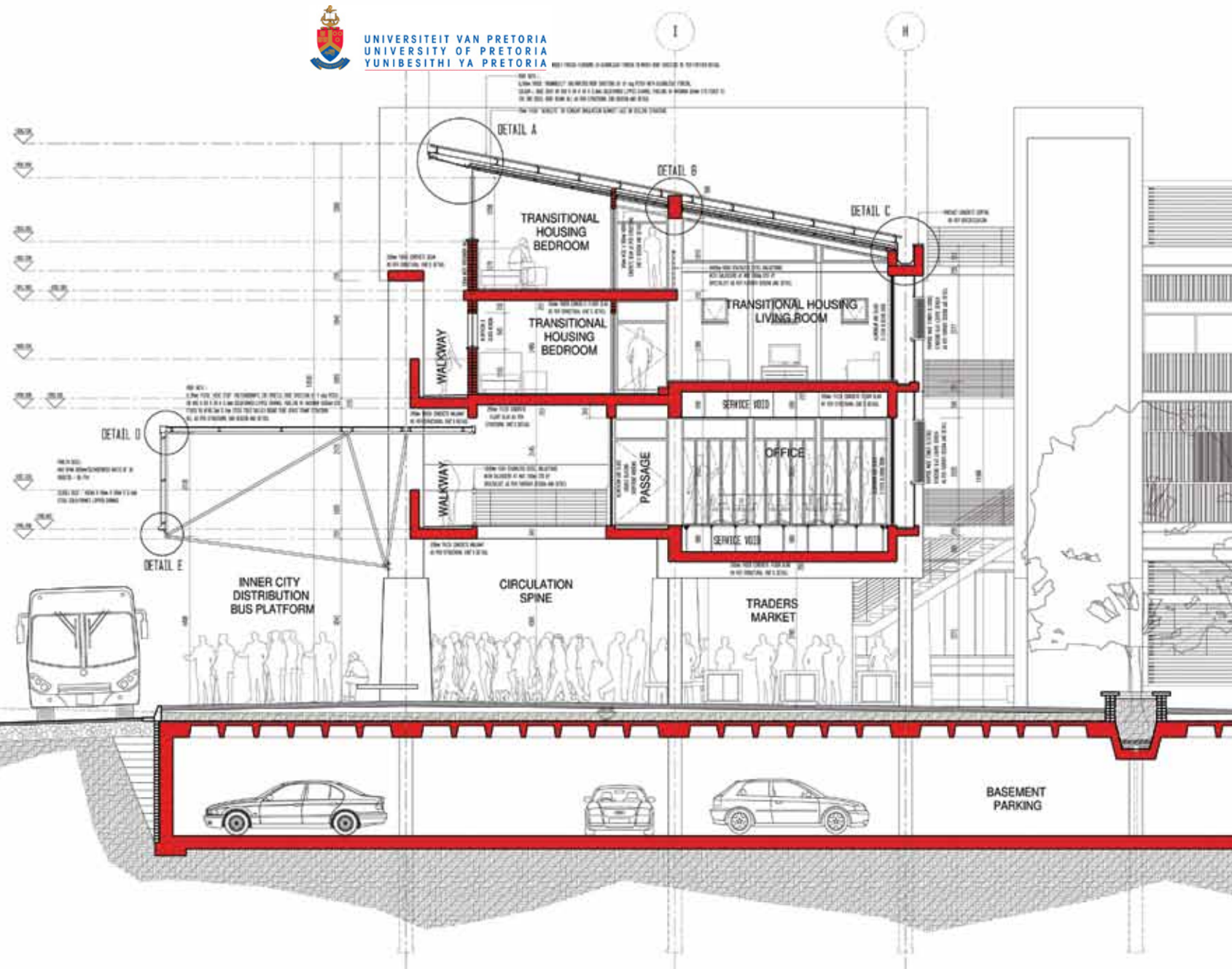
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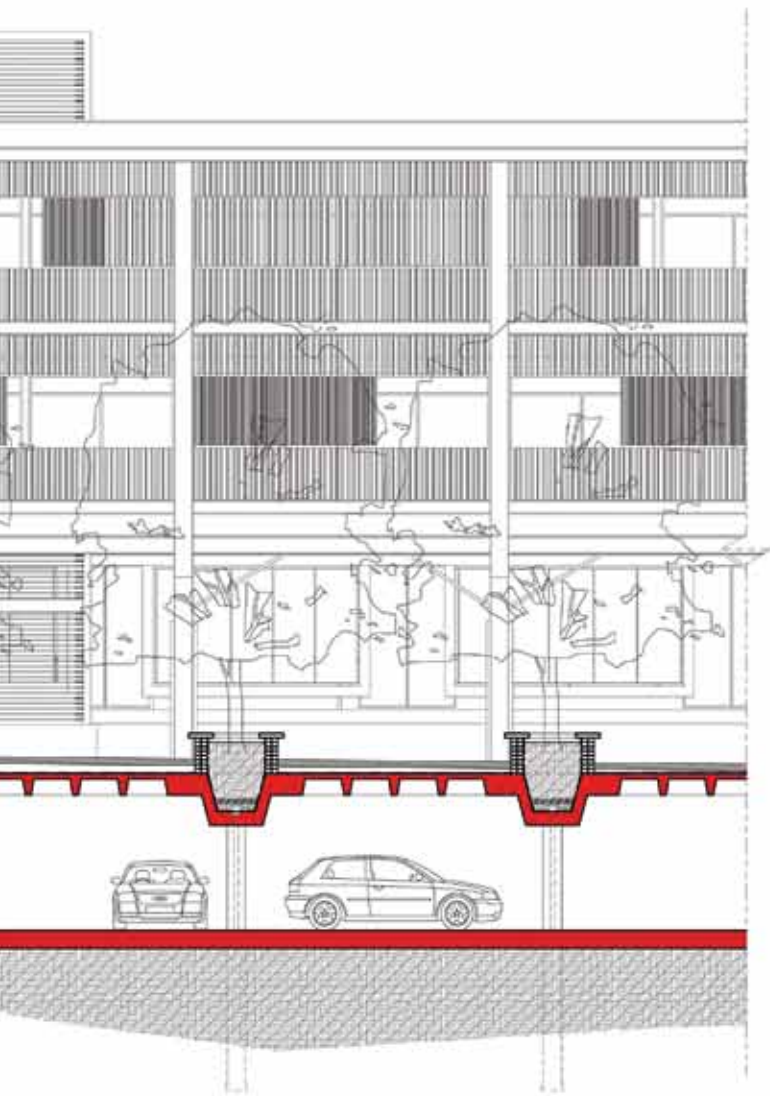
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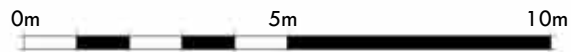
FIG 7.26\_Section B - B







## SECTION B - B



DETAIL B

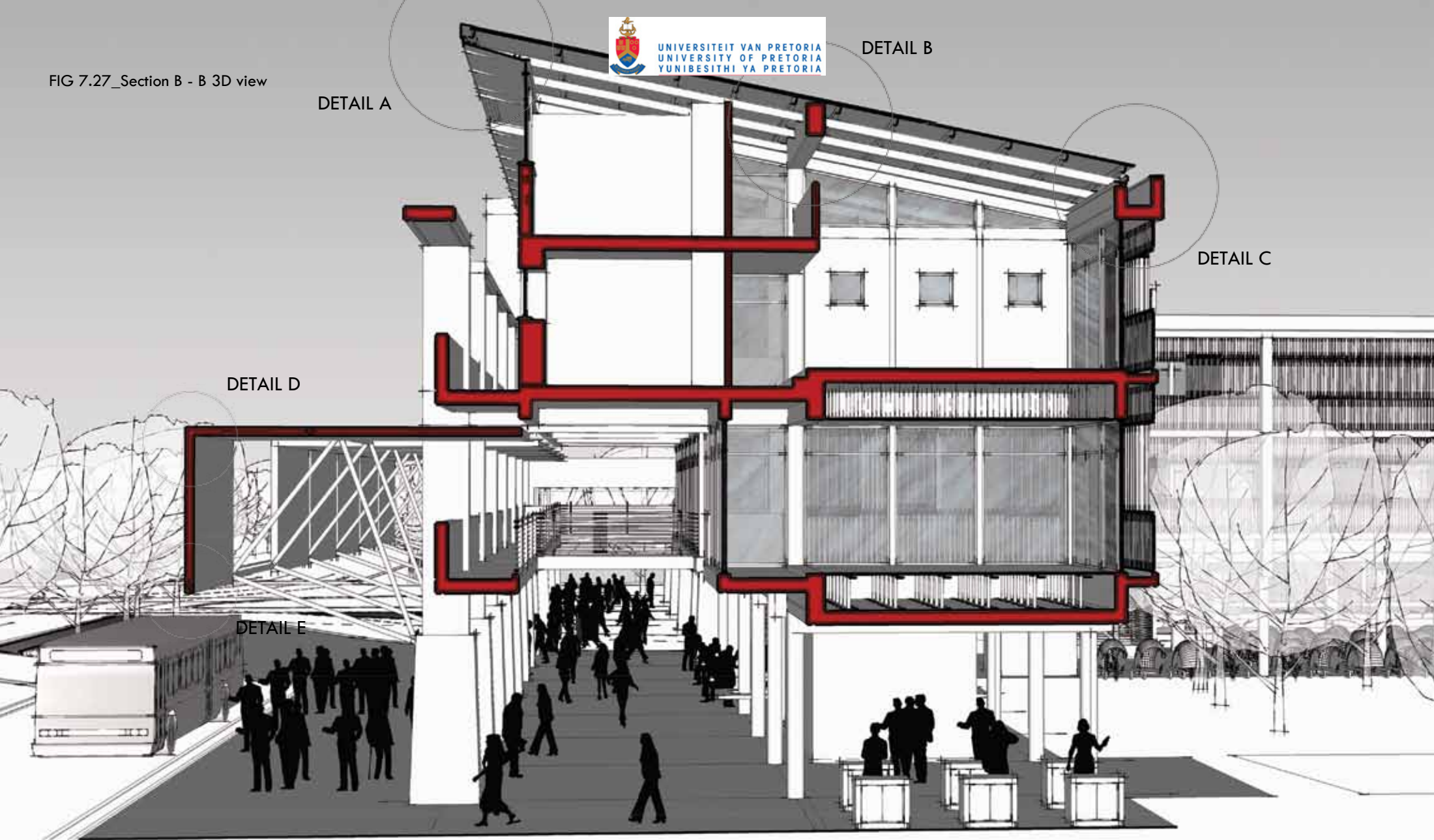
DETAIL A

DETAIL C

DETAIL D

DETAIL E

FIG 7.27\_Section B - B 3D view



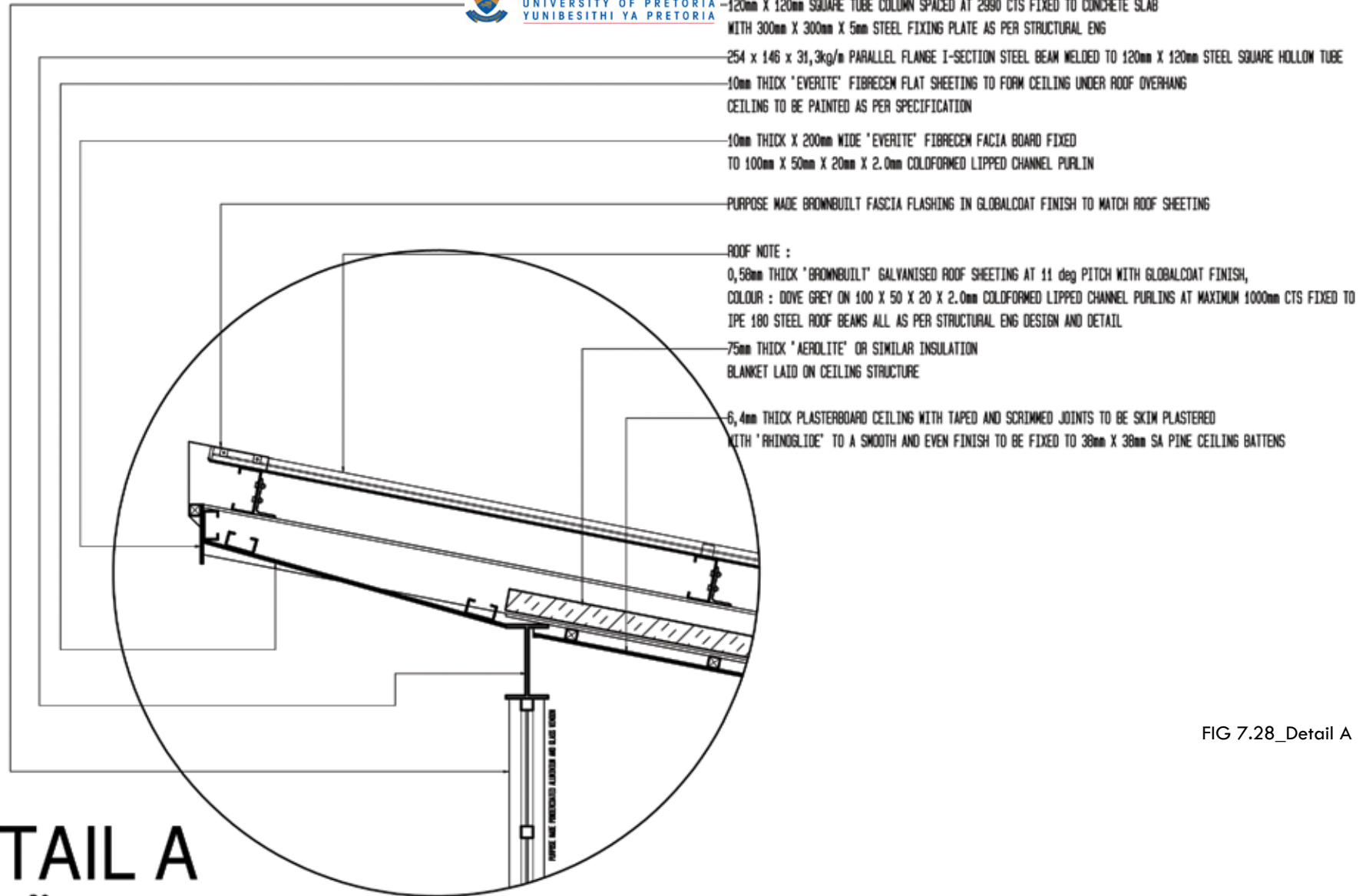


FIG 7.28\_Detail A

# DETAIL A

SCALE 1 : 20



FIG 7.29\_Detail B

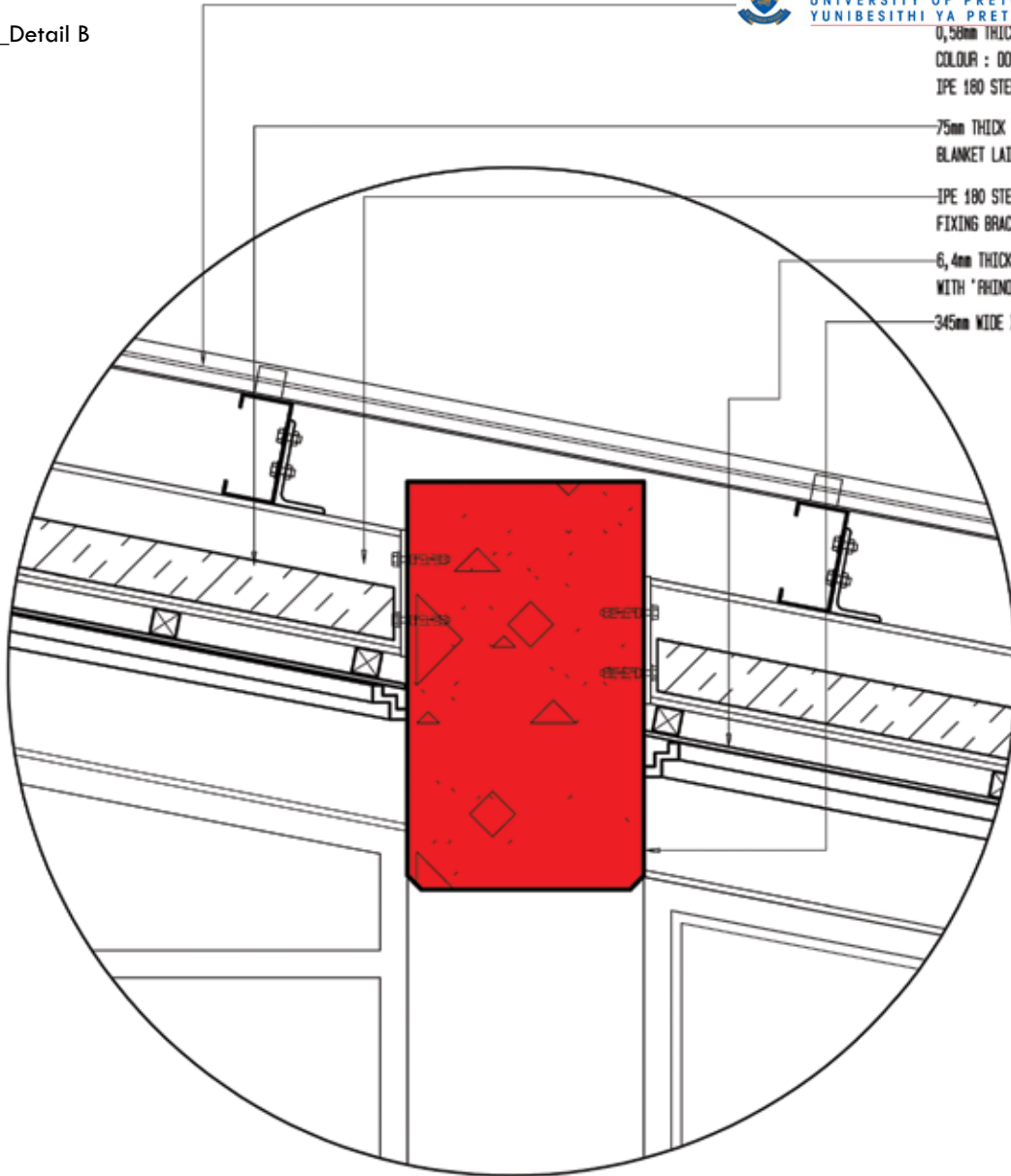
0,50mm THICK 'BRONNBUILT' GALVANISED ROOF SHEETING AT 11 deg PITCH WITH GLOBALCOAT FINISH,  
COLOUR : DOVE GREY ON 100 X 50 X 20 X 2,0mm COLDFORMED LIPPED CHANNEL PURLINS AT MAXIMUM 1000mm CTS FIXED TO  
IPE 180 STEEL ROOF BEAMS ALL AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG DESIGN AND DETAIL

75mm THICK 'AEROLITE' OR SIMILAR INSULATION  
BLANKET LAID ON CEILING STRUCTURE

IPE 180 STEEL ROOF BEAMS FIXED TO CONCRETE BEAM WITH STEEL  
FIXING BRACKET ALL AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG'S DESIGN AND DETAIL

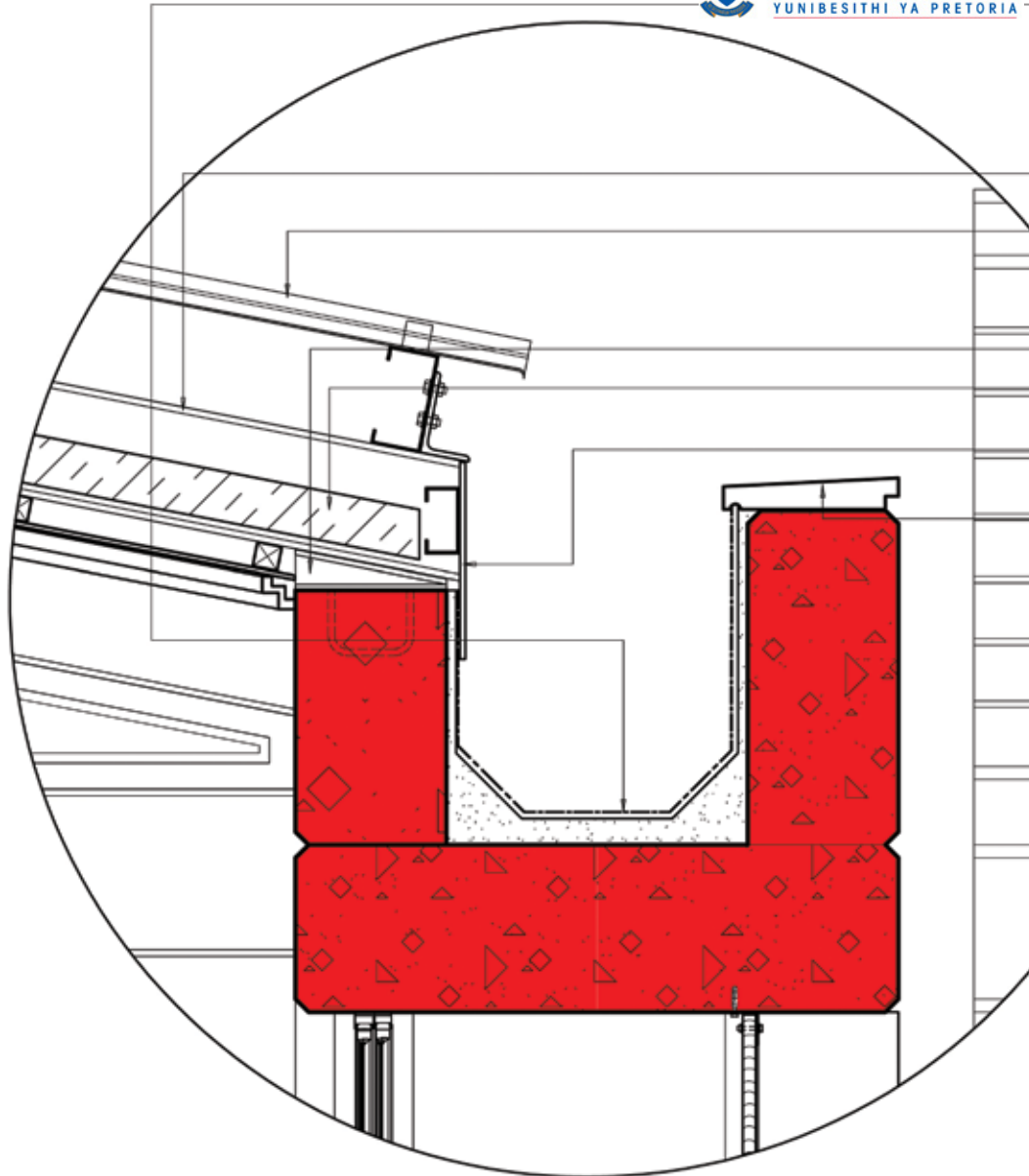
6,4mm THICK PLASTERBOARD CEILING WITH TAPED AND SCRIMMED JOINTS TO BE SKIM PLASTERED  
WITH 'RHINOGLIDE' TO A SMOOTH AND EVEN FINISH TO BE FIXED TO 38mm X 38mm SA PINE CEILING BATTENS

345mm WIDE X 595mm HIGH CONCRETE BEAM AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG'S DESIGN AND DETAIL



**DETAIL B**

SCALE 1 : 10



'DERBITUM' SP4 FULLY BONDED WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE TO BE APPLIED AND LAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS ON A STEEL FLOATED SAND-CEMENT SCREED LAID TO MIN FALL OF 1:50 TO OUTLETS. THE SCREED TO HAVE A 'COPROX' WATERPROOFING ADDITIVE MIXED IN. THE SCREED TO BE MIN 40mm THICK WITH A REF 193 STEEL MESH REINFORCEMENT

IPE 180 STEEL ROOF BEAMS FIXED TO CONCRETE BEAM WITH STEEL FIXING BRACKET ALL AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG'S DESIGN AND DETAIL

ROOF NOTE :

0,58mm THICK 'BROMBULT' GALVANISED ROOF SHEETING AT 11 deg PITCH WITH GLOBALCOAT FINISH, ON 100 X 50 X 20 X 2,0mm COLDFORMED LIPPED CHANNEL PURLINS AT MAXIMUM 1000mm CTS FIXED TO IPE 180 STEEL ROOF BEAMS ALL AS PER STRUCTURAL ENG DESIGN AND DETAIL

PURPOSE MADE STEEL BRACKET FIXED TO CONCRETE BEAM WITH 4 No OFF EXPANSION BOLTS

75mm THICK 'AEROLITE' OR SIMILAR INSULATION BLANKET LAID ON CEILING STRUCTURE

10mm THICK X 300mm WIDE 'EVERITE' FIBRECEM FACIA BOARD FIXED TO 100mm X 50mm X 20mm X 2,0mm COLDFORMED LIPPED CHANNEL PURLIN

PRECAST CONCRETE COPING AS PER SPECIFICATION

# DETAIL C

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FIG 7.30\_Detail C



FIG 7.31\_Detail D

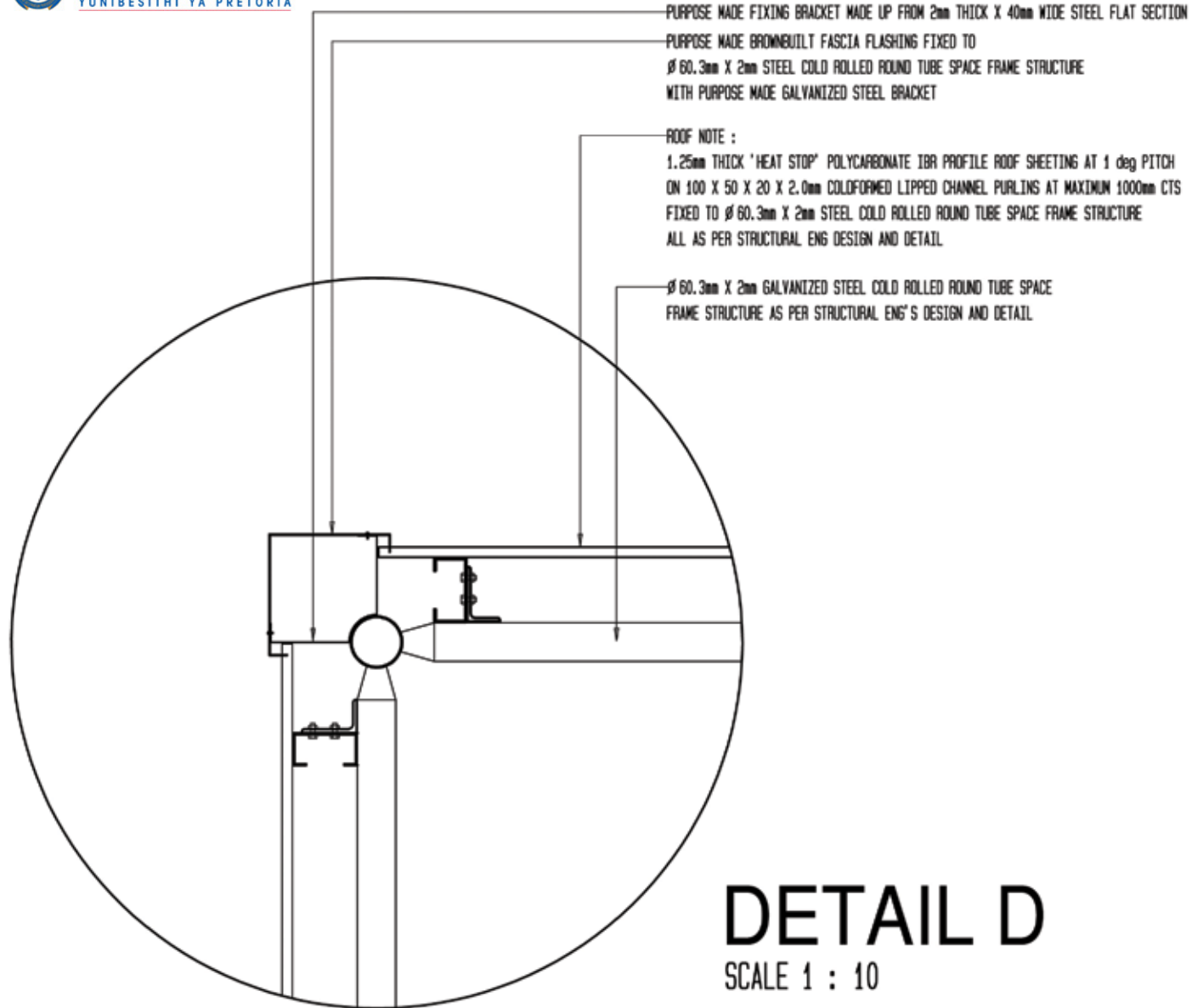
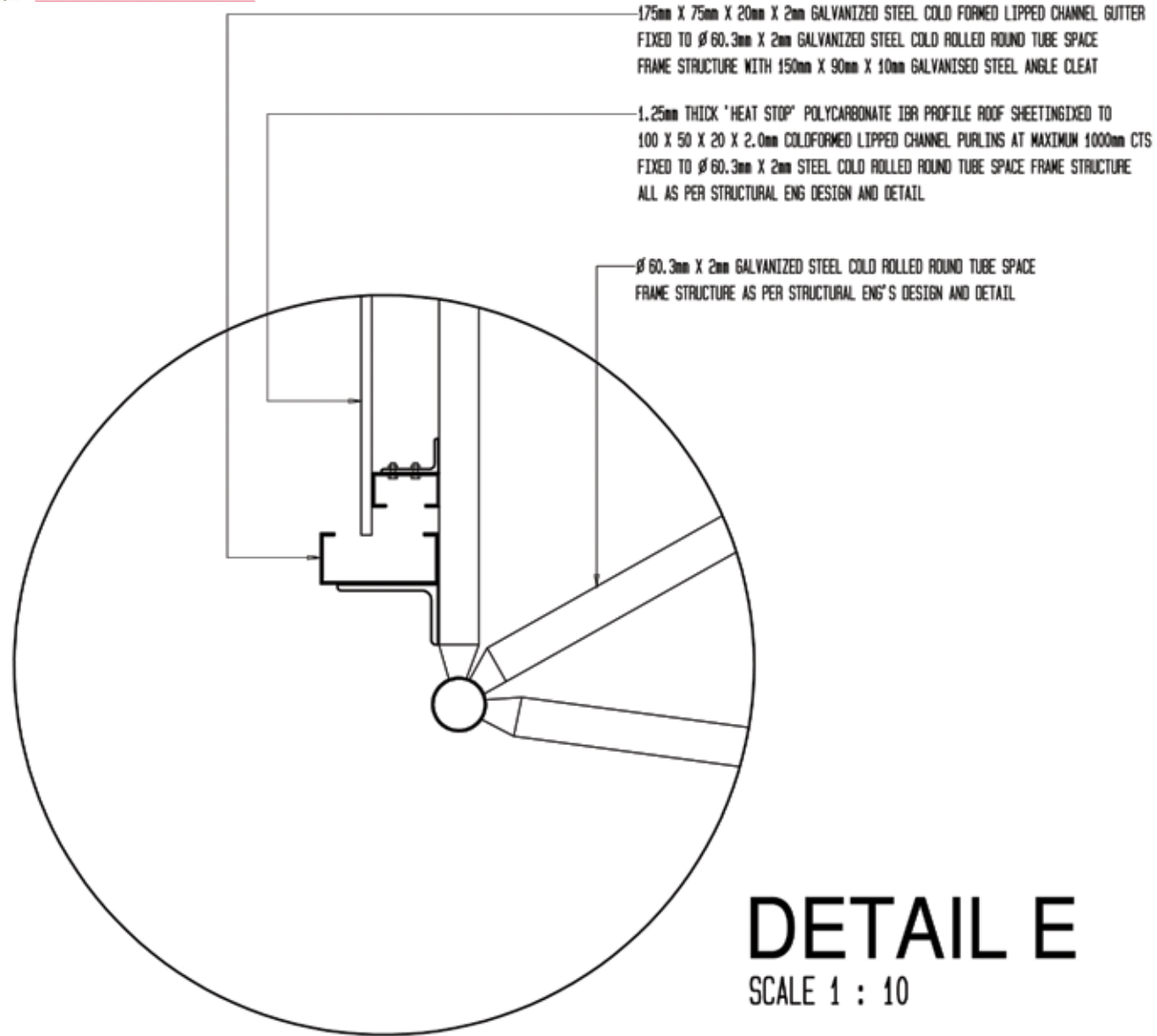


FIG 7.32\_Detail E



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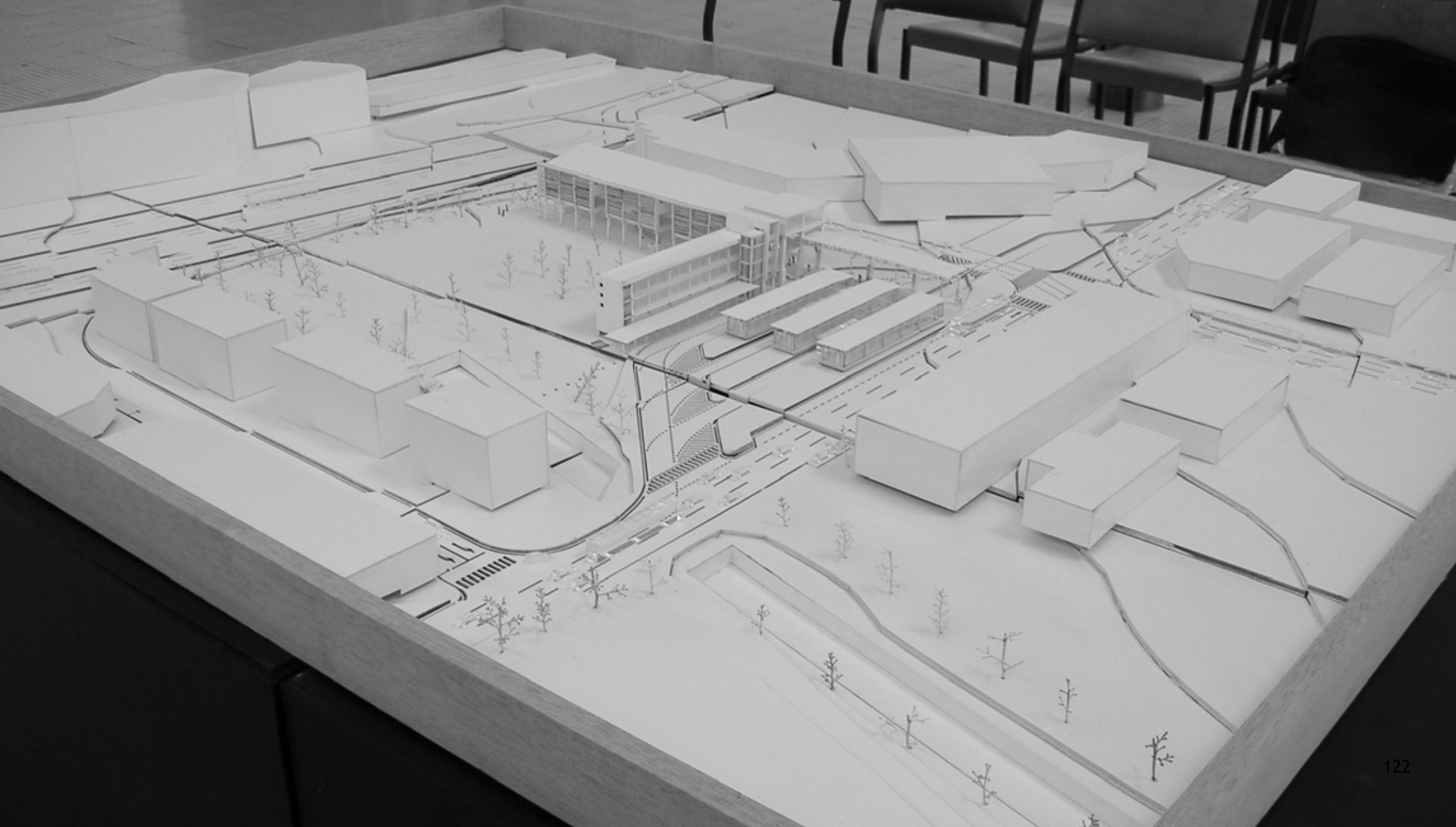
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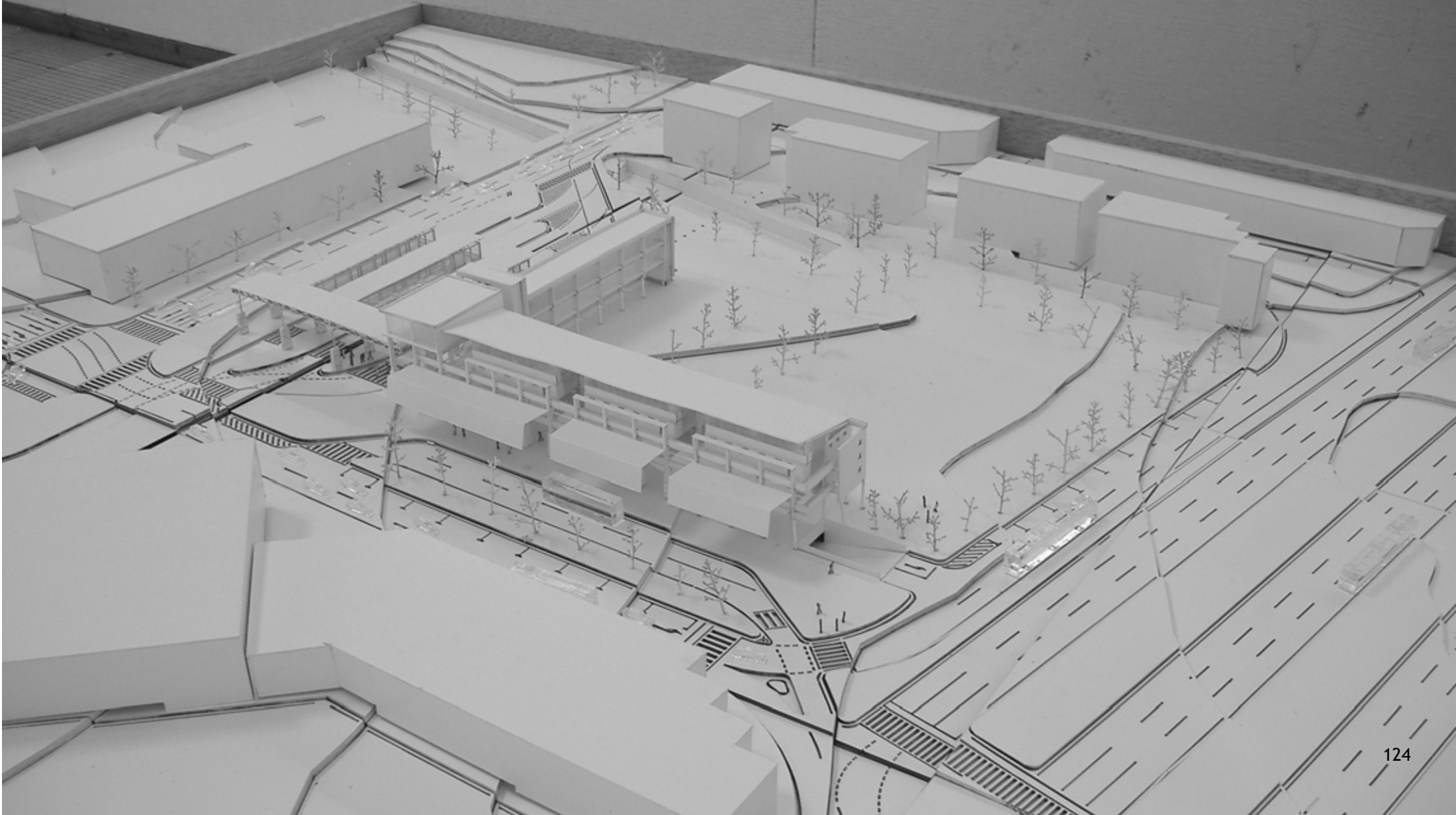






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