## NABLUS

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The seductive City
Nablus captivates its visitors by its rich history, location, and hospitality. It is set between two mountains and it reflects the mysterious secrets that always come with a thousand-year old history, one that is Canaanite, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman. It was also under the British Mandate between 1917 and 1948, and has been occupied by Israel since 1967. The Canaanites named it Skhem, meaning "high", when they established it around 3600 BC. "Nablus" is derived from Neopolis or "the new city", given by Vespasian around 67 BC when he ordered the reconstruction of the city upon its ancient ruins. Explorer Ibn Battuta named it Little Damascus.

Nablus, along with most of Palestine, was conquered by the Muslims under Khalid ibn alWalid, a general of the Rashidun army of Umar ibn al-Khattab, in 636 after the Battle of Yarmouk.[7, Nablus came under the rule of the Ottoman Empire in 1517, along with the whole of Palestine. The Ottomans divided Palestine into six sanjaqs ("districts"): Safad, Jenin, Jerusalem, Gaza, Ajlun and Nablus, all of which were part of Ottoman Syria. These five sanjaqs were subdistricts of the Vilayet of Damascus

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# Traffic Situation in Nablus City 





## Traffic Measures

- Creating routing or ring roads
- Creation of bridges or tunnels
- Improvement of effective public transportation
- Organization of Intersections
- Change of Directions
- Organization of Parking
- Asphalting of Streets
- Development of Terminals or stations
- Traffic Studies
- Increasing public awareness


## Obstacles

- Political restrais $=$ occupation $=\mathrm{ABC}$ plan Ring roads can not be completed
- Geography of the city
- Historical feature
- The old city location
- Refugee camps
- Finance


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## New Jaffa St.



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## Al-Basateen Roundabout



## Al-Basateen Rounabout



## Traffic Simulation Synchro Software





## Proposed Projects

*Construction of New Eastern and Western Terminals
*Organization of Jafa St. - Tunis St. Intersection
*Re-Organization of Aseera Roundabout Inside Nablus
*Rehabilitation of Internal roads in different locations

480 Taxi cars and 90 buses
17 Donums yard for Taxi cars 9 Donums yards for Buses


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## New Western Terminal

## 310 Taxi 50 Buses <br> 15 Donums Yard



## Proposed Jafa St. Roundabout



## Proposed Aseera St. Roundabout

## Proposed Streets to be rehabilitated

* Haifa Street
* Al-Babteen Street ( West Northern Ring Road)
* Al-Horosh Street
* Yusra Salah Street
* Baker and Khallet Al-eman Streets
* Other Streets
* Estimated Cost : US \$ 2,000,000
* Fund : Municipal Development and Lending Fund



## Sign Forms for Buildings and Roads



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لوحـة تثـــير الـى بايــة الشــارع


لوحـة تثــــير الـى اســـتمرارية الثـــارع


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Signs of Streets Names and Numbering of Buildings


## Challenges

* Topography of the City
* The need for Long Term projects and solutions
* Organization of Public Transportation System
* Increase of the Traffic awareness and Traffic Education


## Thank you

