



3. Calabuig Square

Calabuig Square stands near El Rosari Square, closed to El Grau, formerly Vila Nova del Grau. Development in 2020 unveiled the local late 19th-century cobblestone paving.

The Vilanova and Poble Nou de la Mar areas gained urban development coherence from the first decades of the 19th century. Opening the main access to the port in 1802 favoured their development in later years.

Between the late 19th century and the early 20th, El Grau acquired greater importance as a strategic location for defending the coast and the city, as well as for its contribution to economic development with export trade and other related activities. Influx of labour meant a growing demand for housing, which led to the urban development of the area. This process of change coexisted with traditional local ways of life, such as agriculture and fishing.

Master builder Juan Bautista Gosálvez launched a development plan in Poblat Marítims. This was reflected in the minutes of València City Council, which recorded municipal agreements related to development in Poblat Marítims (Pastor Vila, R. 2012).