

## PARKING LOT OF PASEO DEL VIOLÓN (GRANADA)

In 2006, the city council of Granada awarded the Company *Geysepark S.L.* with the construction of the parking lot of *Paseo del Violón*.

The completion of the works took place the same day of the opening, on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The parking has 784 spaces distributed in 4 floors.

Visitors have found archaeological remains at our facilities in *Paseo del Violón*. Since theories about its origins are diverse, we have recorded the results of the archaeological excavation and subsequent scientific report, which developed into an important historical and archaeological documentation and an excellent analysis and field study carried out by *Gespada-Al-Andalus S.L.*

According to the archaeological and historical study carried out we have found that:

A section of the wall is part of a construction carried out during the Islamic medieval period with two clearly differentiated phases. Considering its style and construction, the first one can be constructively associated to some stretches of wall that run along the *Cuesta de la Alhacaba*, thus being part of the Almoravid and Almohad periods (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> century).

Although it has the same constructive technique, the second phase is stratigraphically older because it has a foundation on a riverbed less eroded than the previous one. This part still conserves 6 meters long and a maximum height of 0.90 meters; meanwhile its power is identical, about 1.20 meters. Chronologically, it is dated in the late Zirid period or in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century.

This parking lot will put an end to parking problems in the area due to the great number of vehicles nearby Granada downtown.

### PARKING CONSTRUCTION FIGURES:

- **Earthworks** **48000 m3**
- **Concrete used** **22000 m3**
- **Iron used** **2500 m3**
- **Workforce** **200**
- **Project deadline** **14 months**