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**NEW LIFE OF OLD PLACES –  
HISTORIC MARKETPLACE IN THE HISTORIC CENTER OF RIGA**

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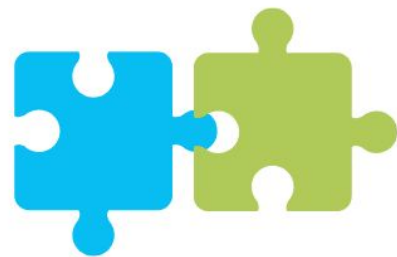
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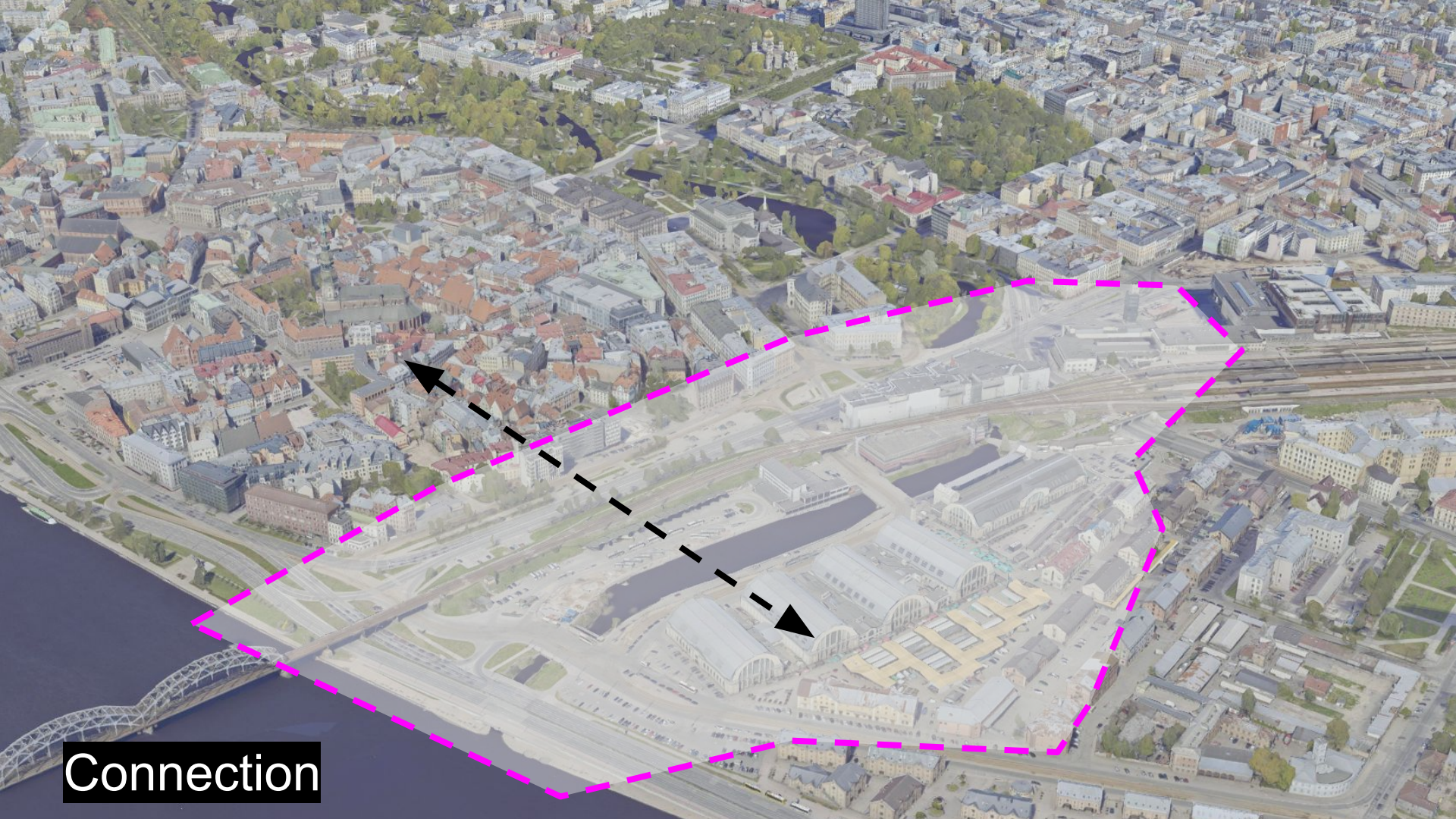
OLD TOWN

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## WORKSHOP GROUPS







Connection



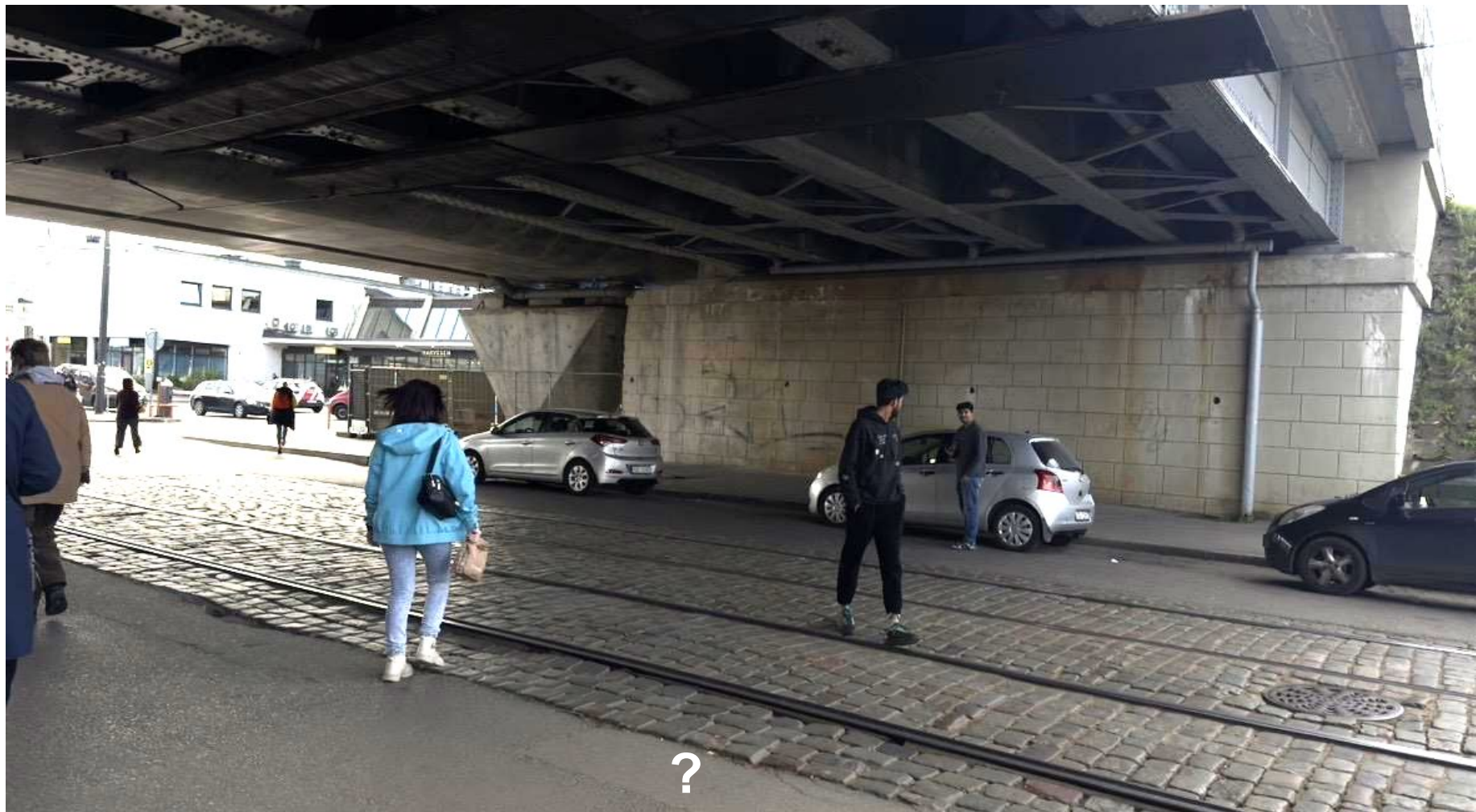
# Problems

- Old town area and the market area are not “working” together
- Car-centric area
- Pedestrians are put underground-safety?
- Not enough greenery
- Does not have a connection to waterfront
- The bus station divides the area
- Bad condition of public spaces
- The tramline is too close to the houses
  - no activity is possible

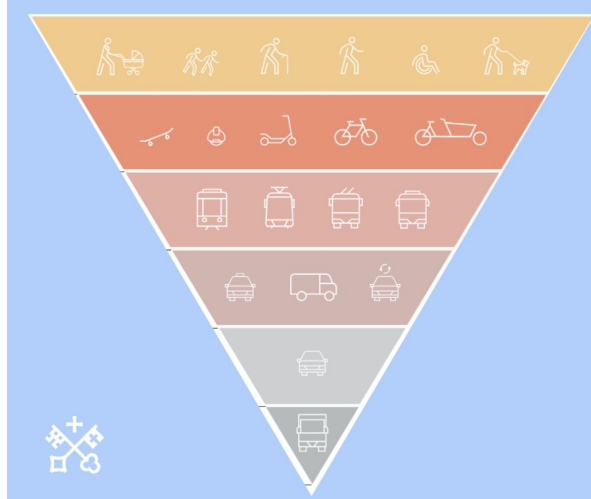
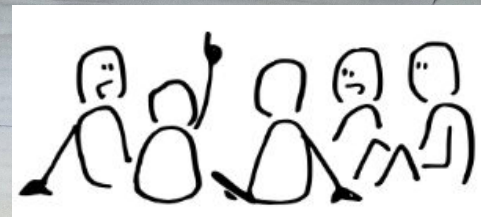
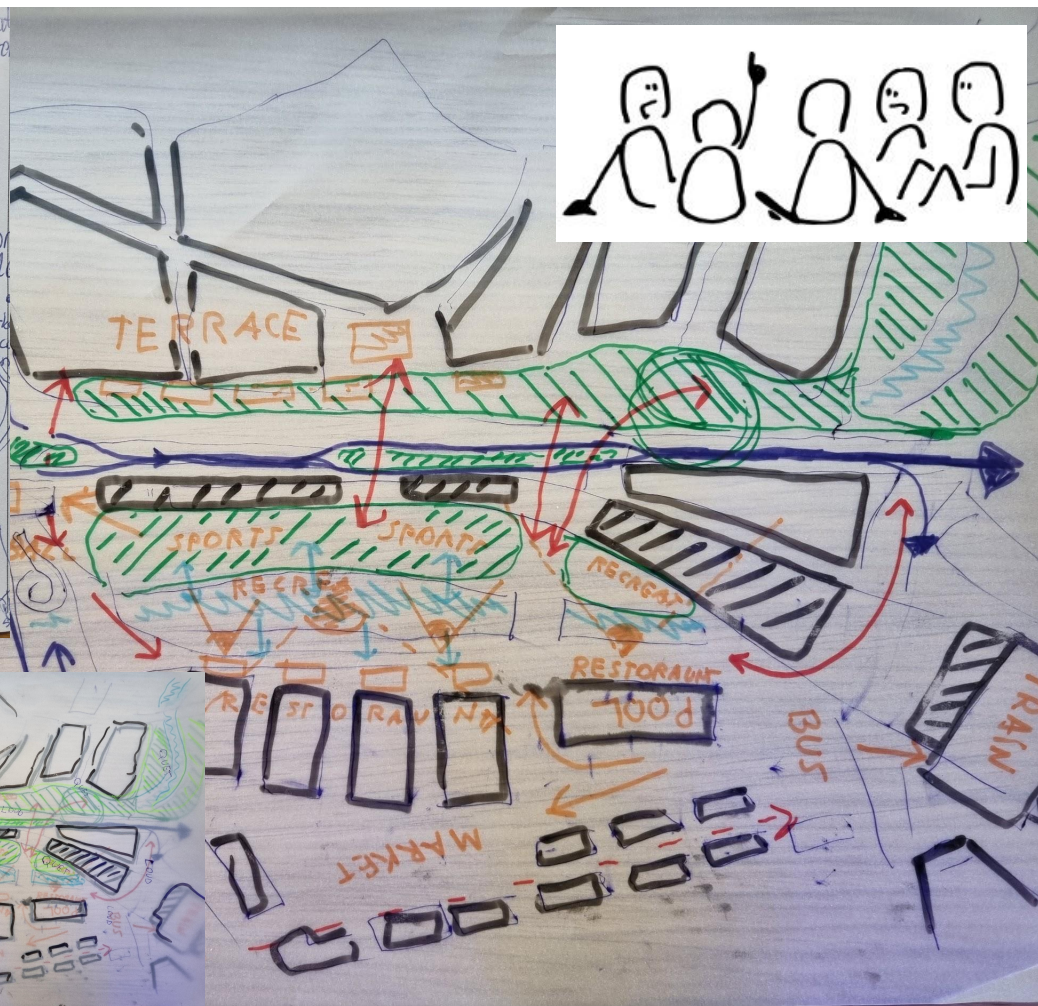
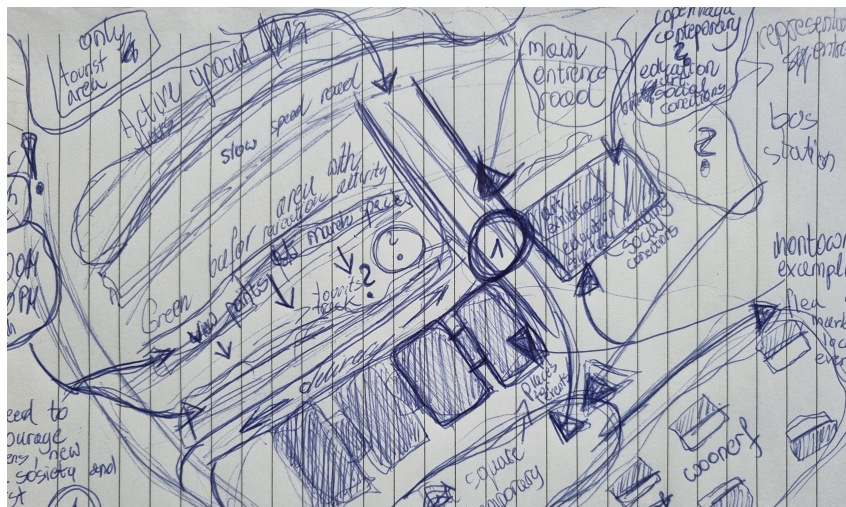


Where are all the people???





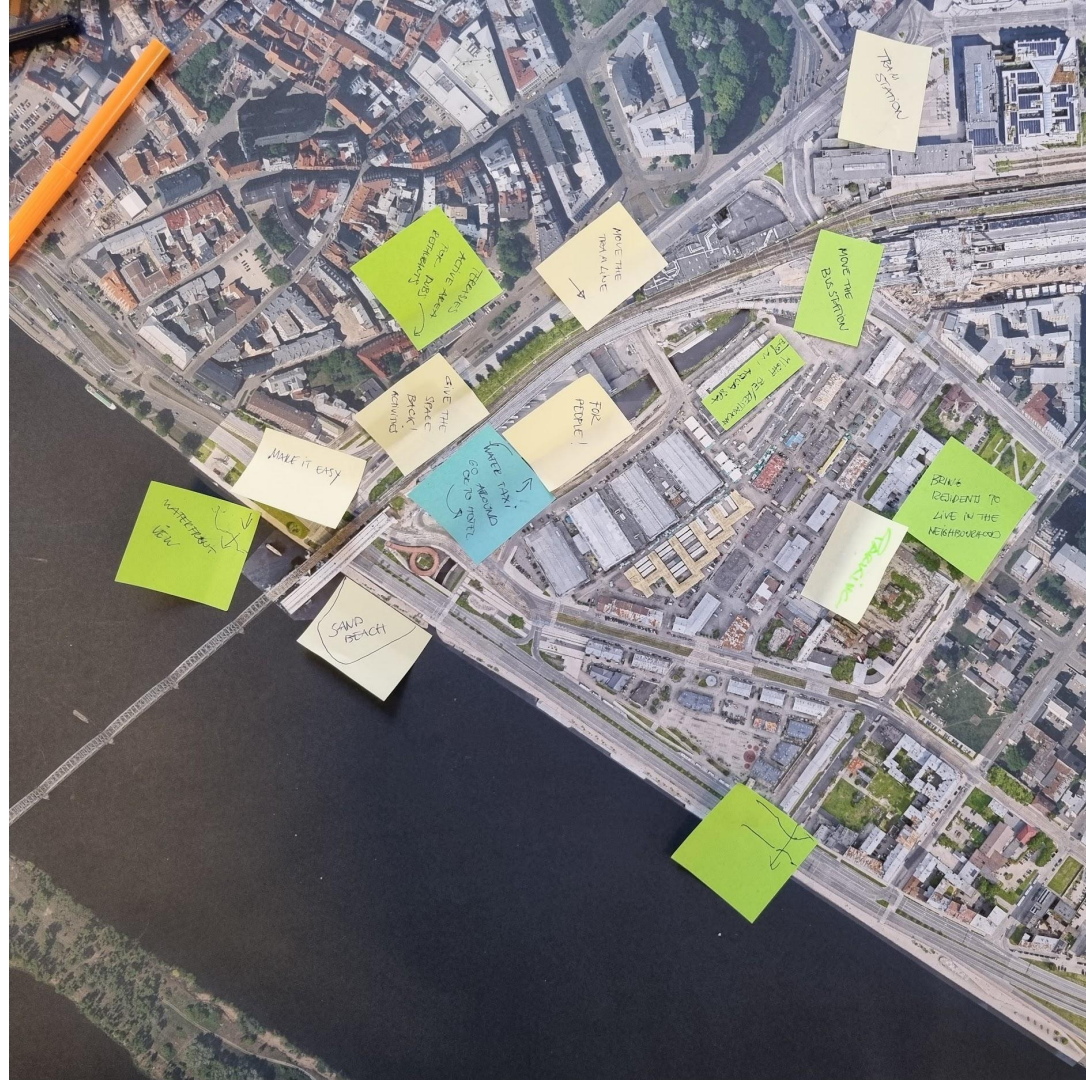






# Primary steps

- **NEW HOUSING AREA** instead of the back area of market (businesses on the lower floor, living upstairs, also for students)
- Move the **OPEN MARKET** to the centre of the pedestrian area
- Move the **BUS STATION**
- Open the **WATERFRONT** to people
- Move the **TRAMLINES** further from the buildings
- **WE ARE BUILDING THE TUNNEL** (for cars)
- **PARKING** moves underground
- Demolish the **CINEMA** - move it to the old meat pavilion building





general plan

KODOLIS  
SAVĖNOMŲS APGARDAS  
LOKIS  
ZALAIŠ  
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# Section



Market

Tunnel



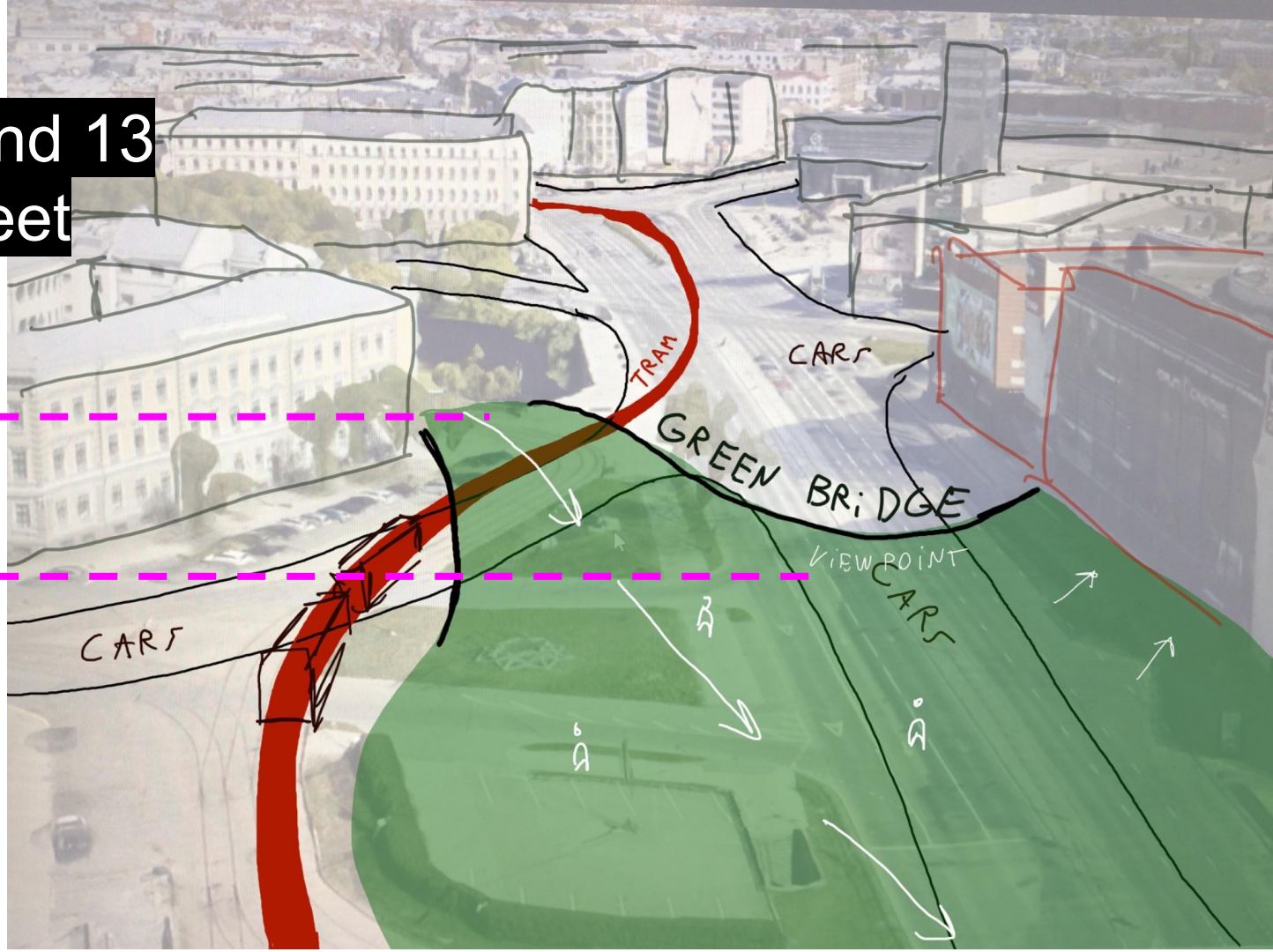
Waterfront



# Aspazijas and 13 Janvara street

Connecting the green  
belt

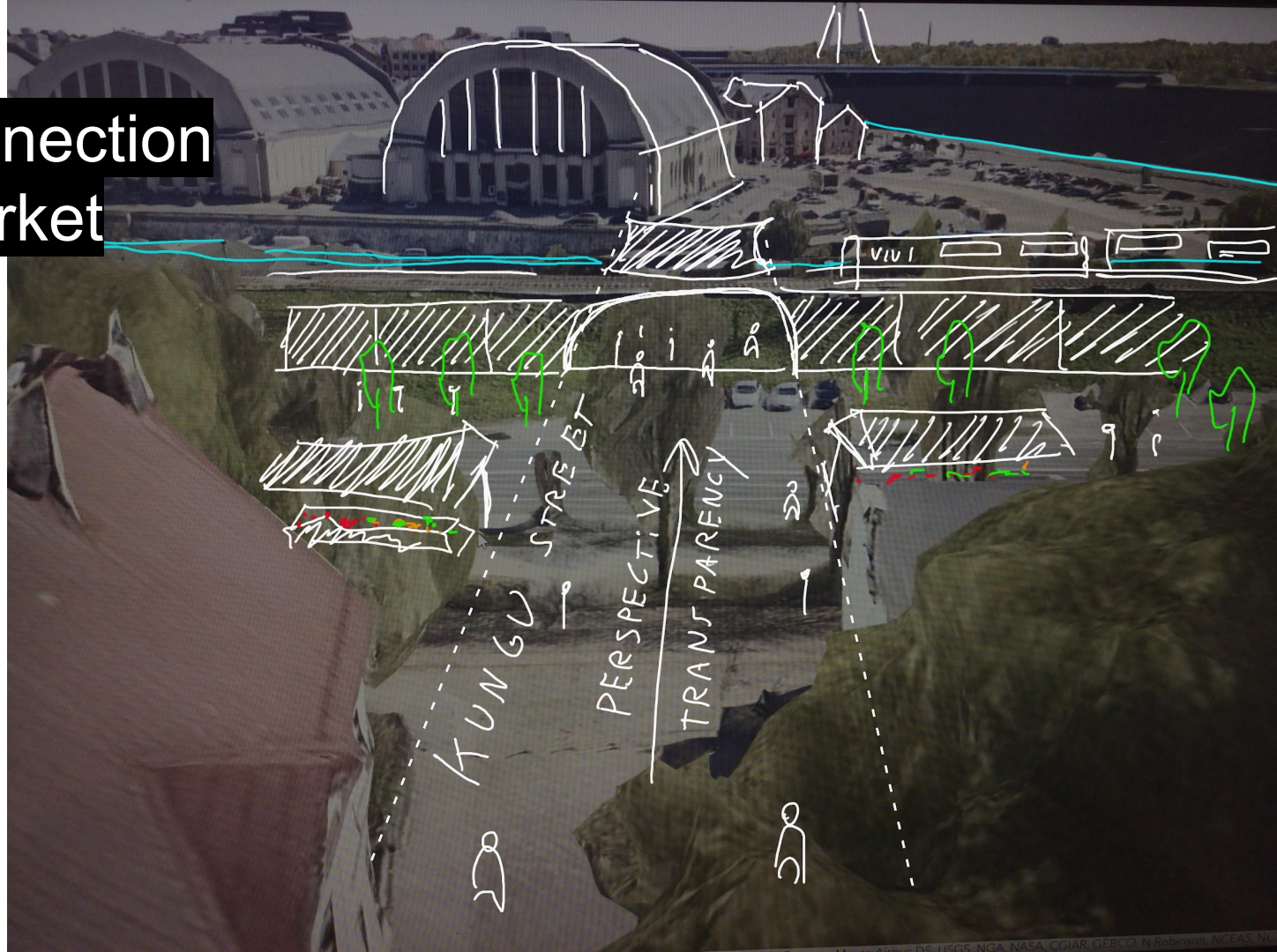
Street exiting from the  
tunnel







# Old city connection with the market







Beach and viewpoint bridge



Folk-restaurant and a bus station on 5th building

## Ideas for the lively area

Putting shops under the tracks, with a visibility through (see market and waterfront)



Water-taxi roundtours



# The **Minecraft** park coming into reality

