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

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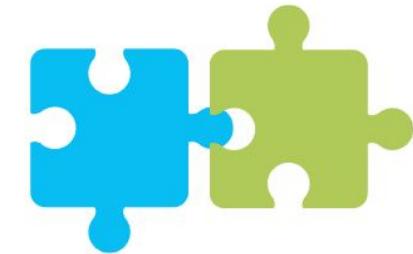
OLD TOWN

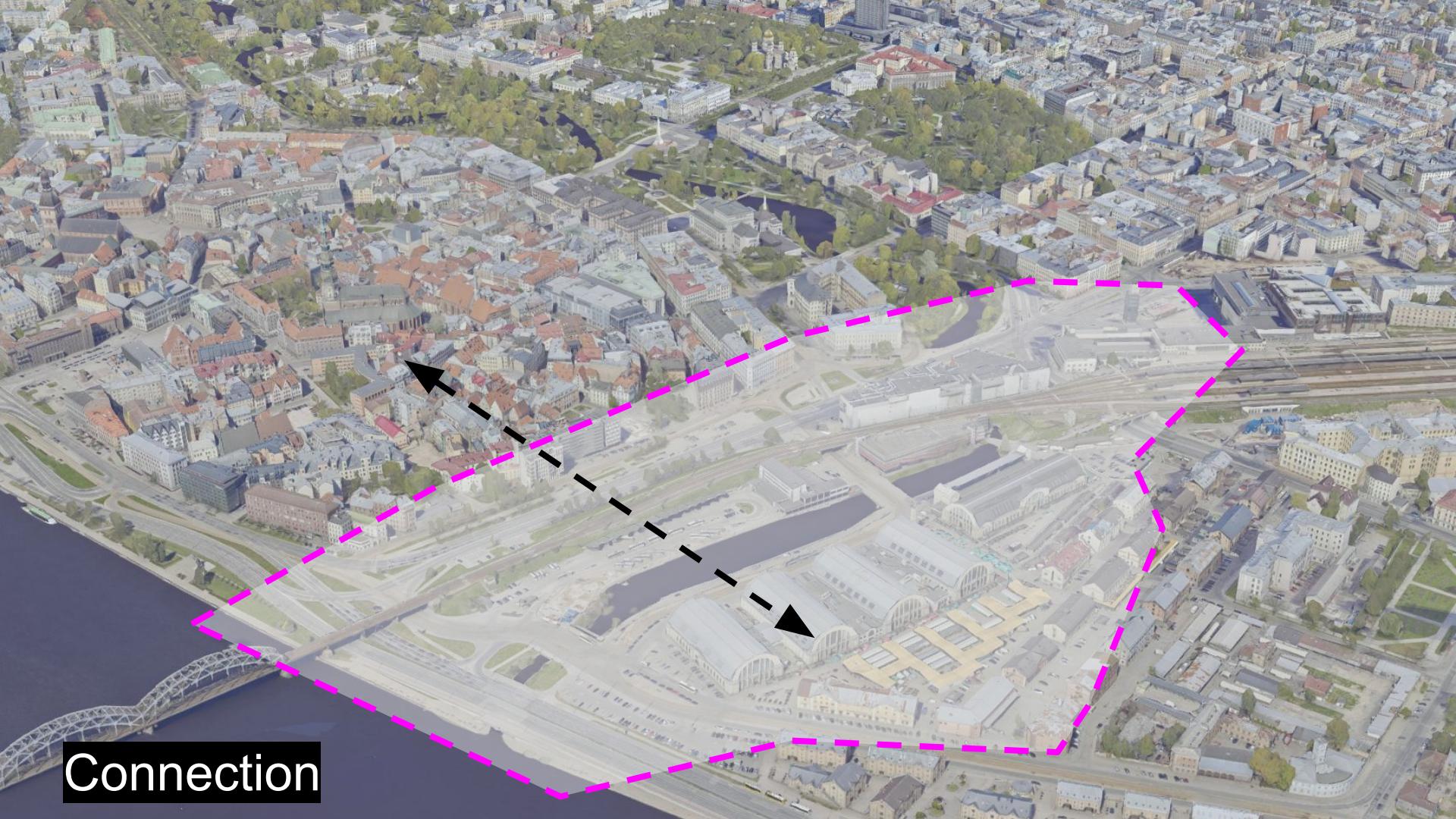
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WORKSHOP GROUPS

A colorful aerial photograph of a city street. A red double-decker bus is visible on the left, and a green building with a red roof is on the right. The street is lined with trees and buildings. A large, stylized, hand-drawn text overlay reads:

CONNECTING THE
OLD TOWN WITH THE
MARKET AREA





Connection

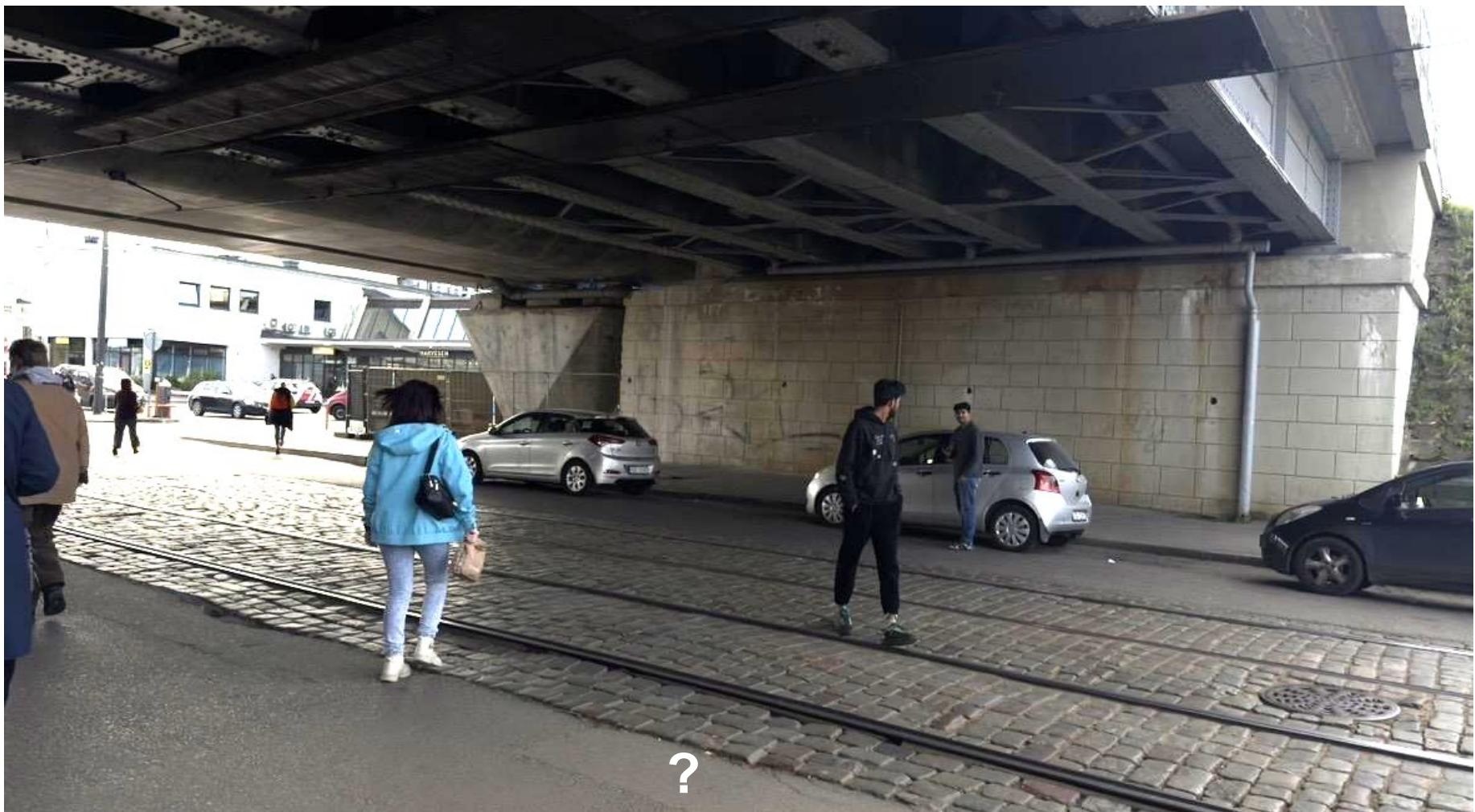
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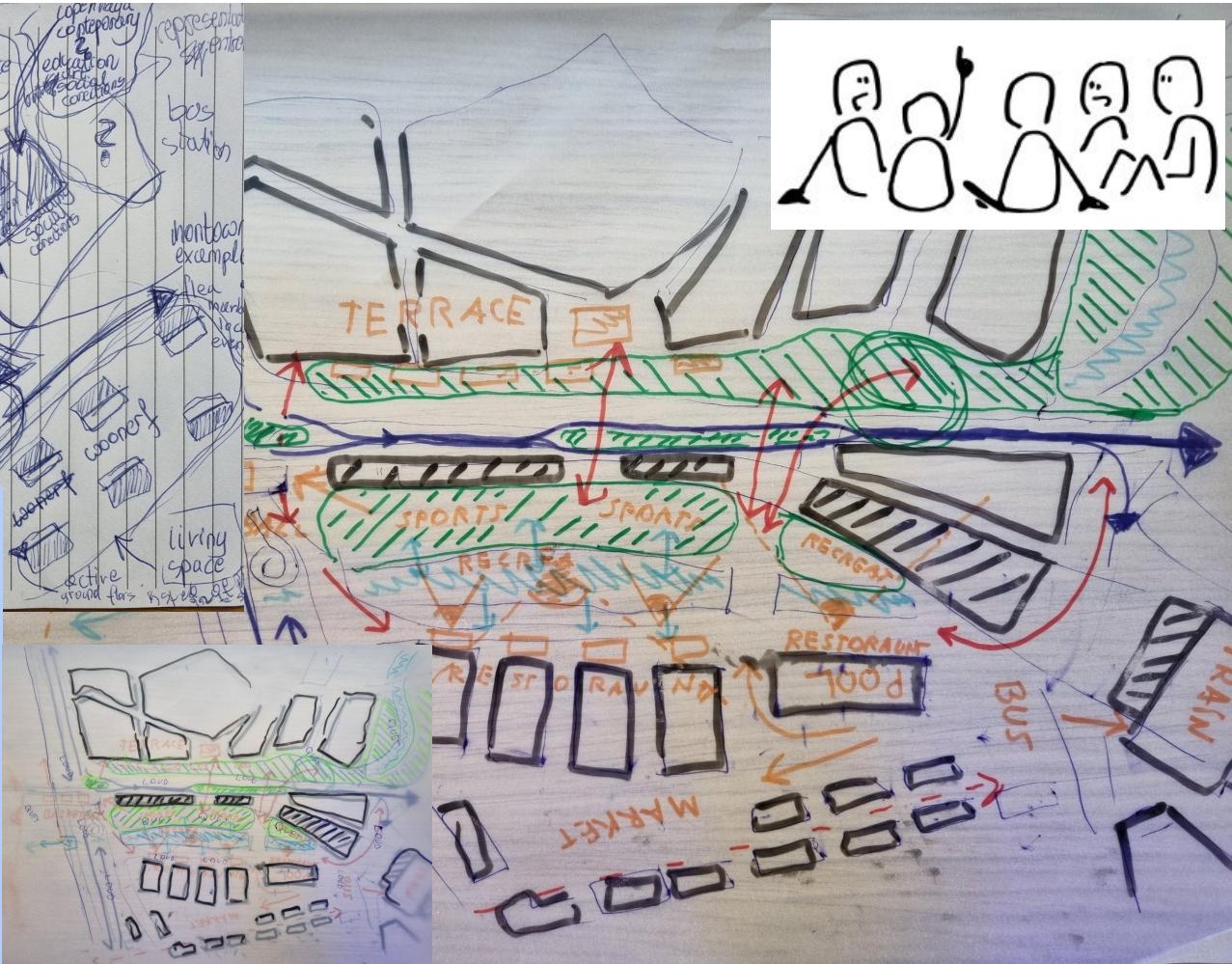
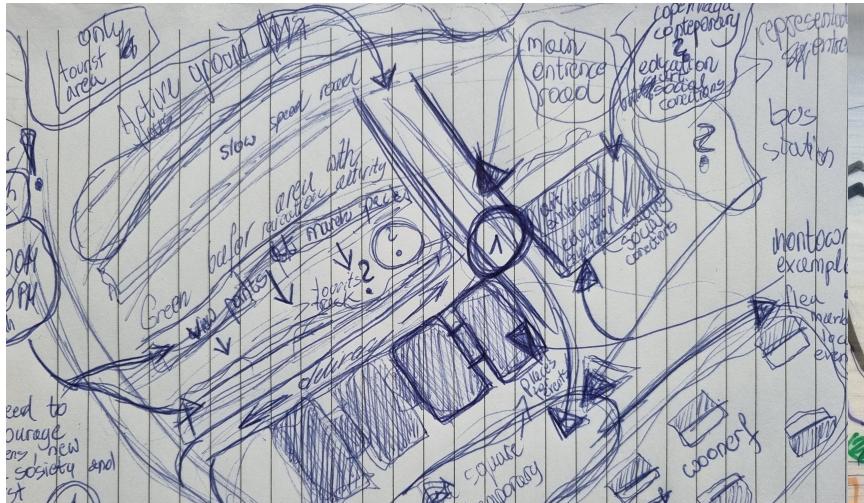
- Old town area and the market area are not “working” together
- Car-centric area
- Pedestrians are put underground- safety?
- Not enough greenery
- Does not have a connection to waterfront
- The bus station divides the area
- Bad condition of public spaces
- The tramline is too close to the houses
-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



Where are all the people???

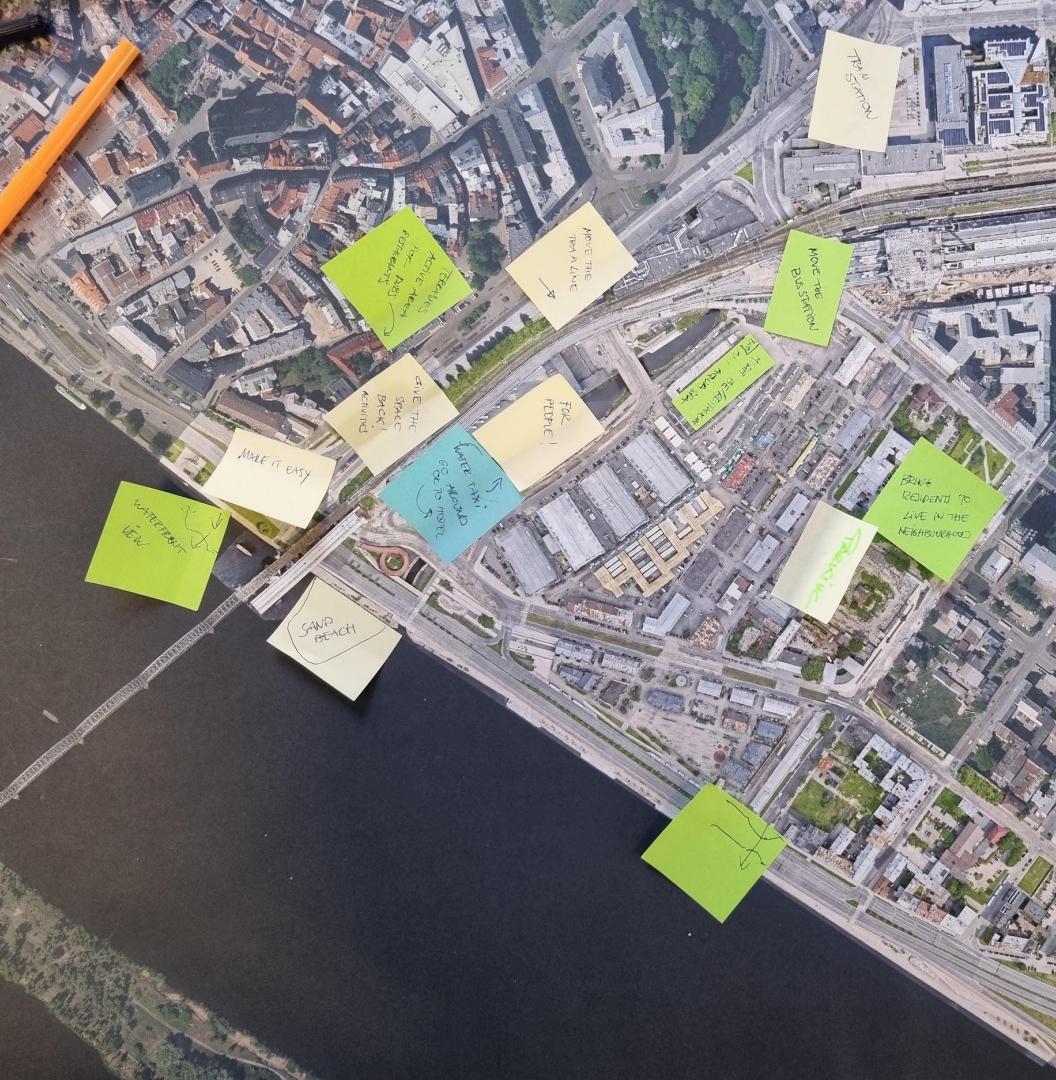




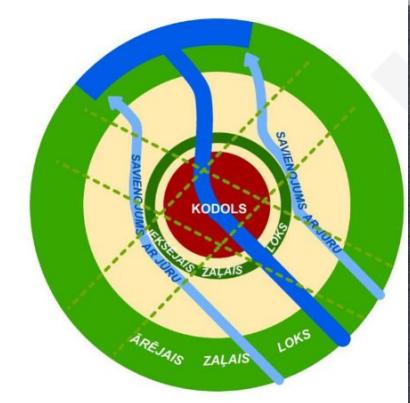


Primary steps

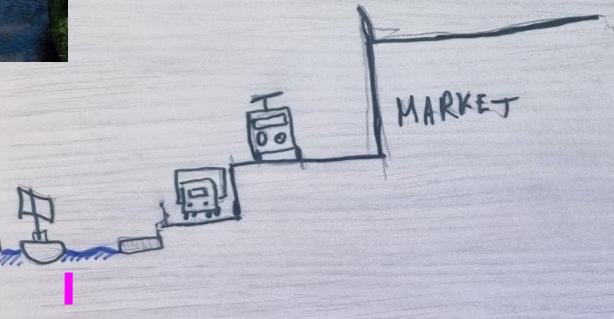
- **NEW HOUSING AREA** instead of the back area of market (businesses on the lower floor, living upstairs, also for students)
- Move the **OPEN MARKET** to the centre of the pedestrian area
- Move the **BUS STATION**
- Open the **WATERFRONT** to people
- Move the **TRAMLINES** further from the buildings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



General plan



Section



Market

Tunnel

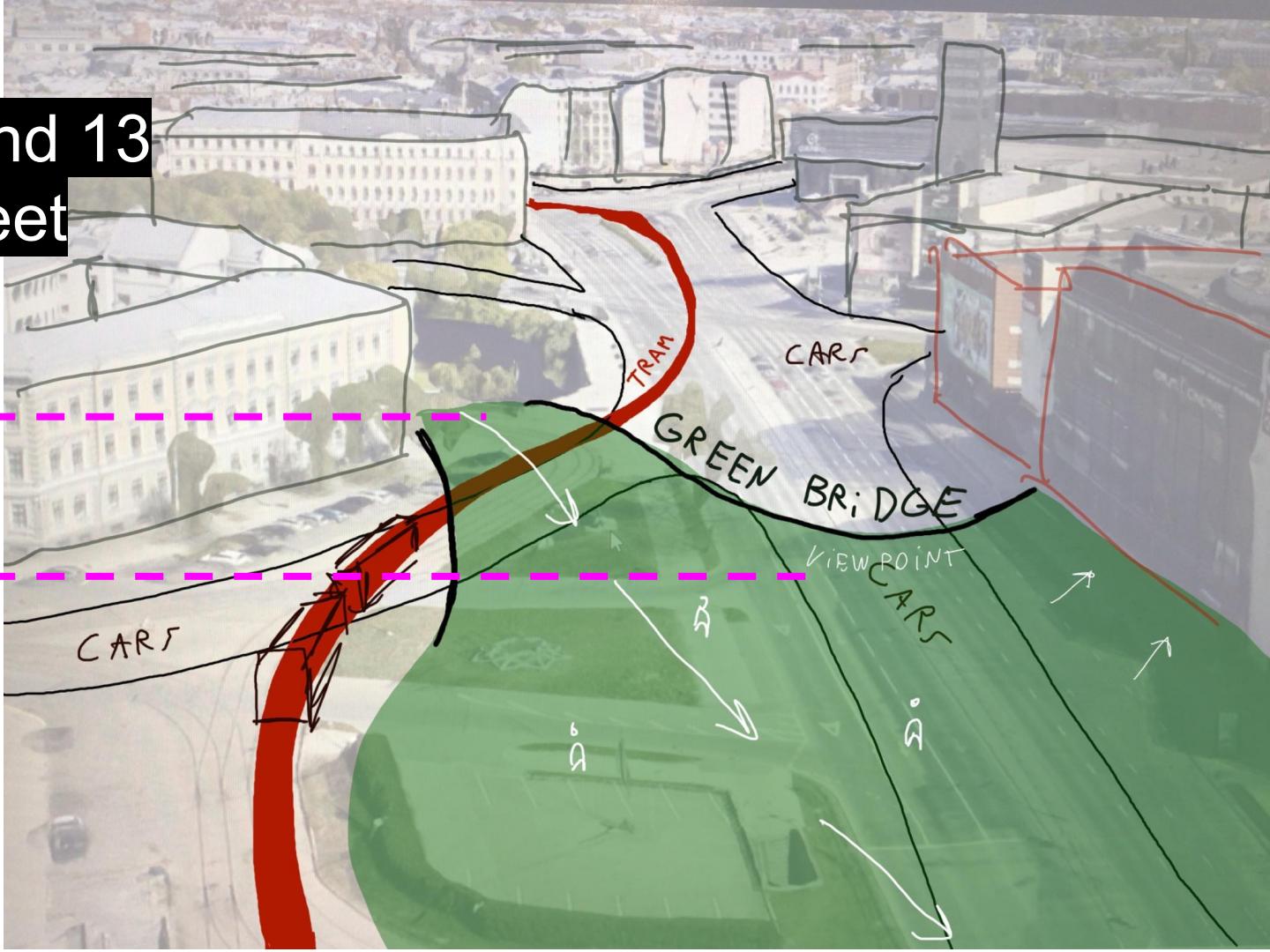


Waterfront

Aspazijas and 13 Janvara street

Connecting the green belt

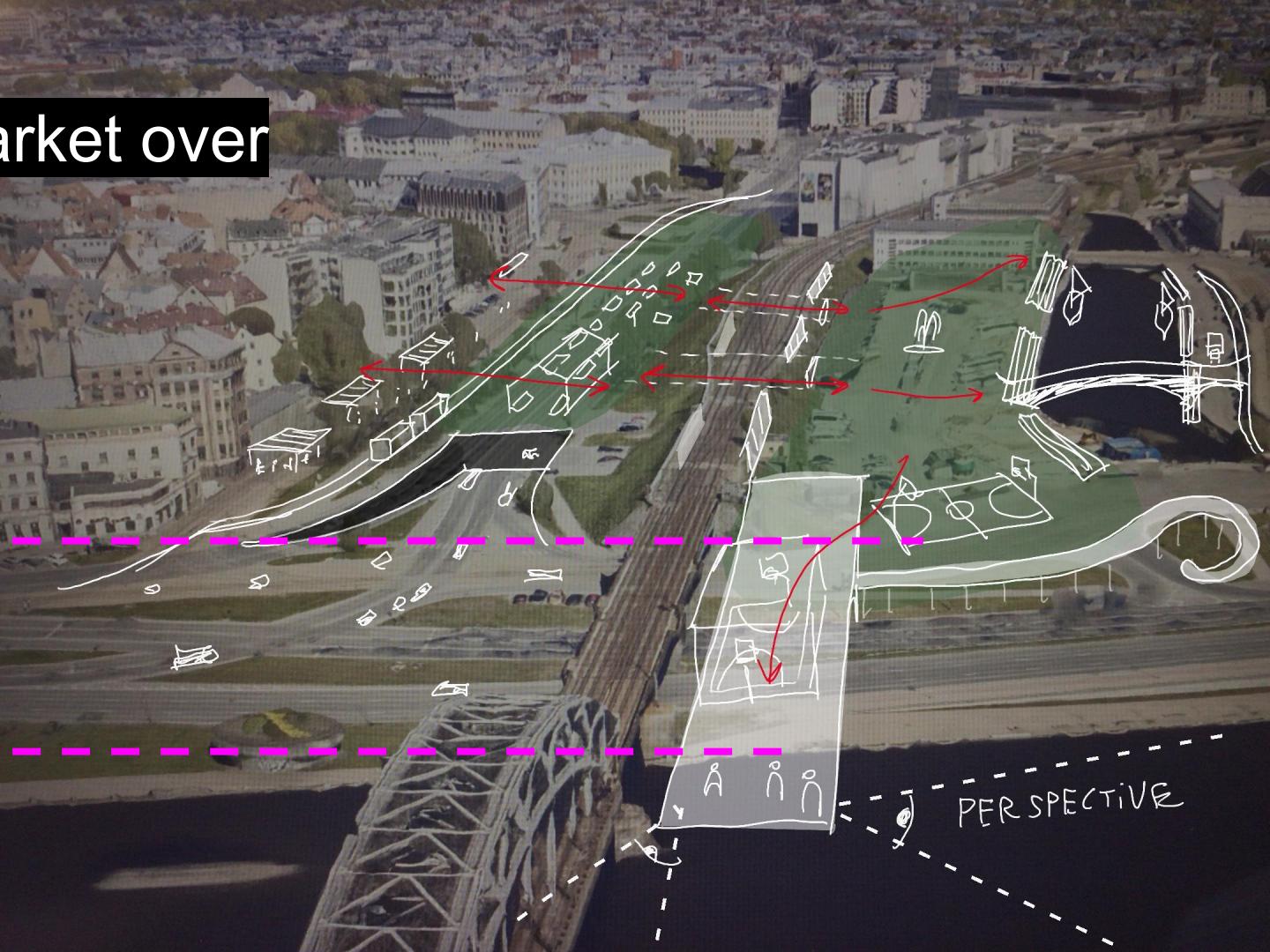
Street exiting from the tunnel



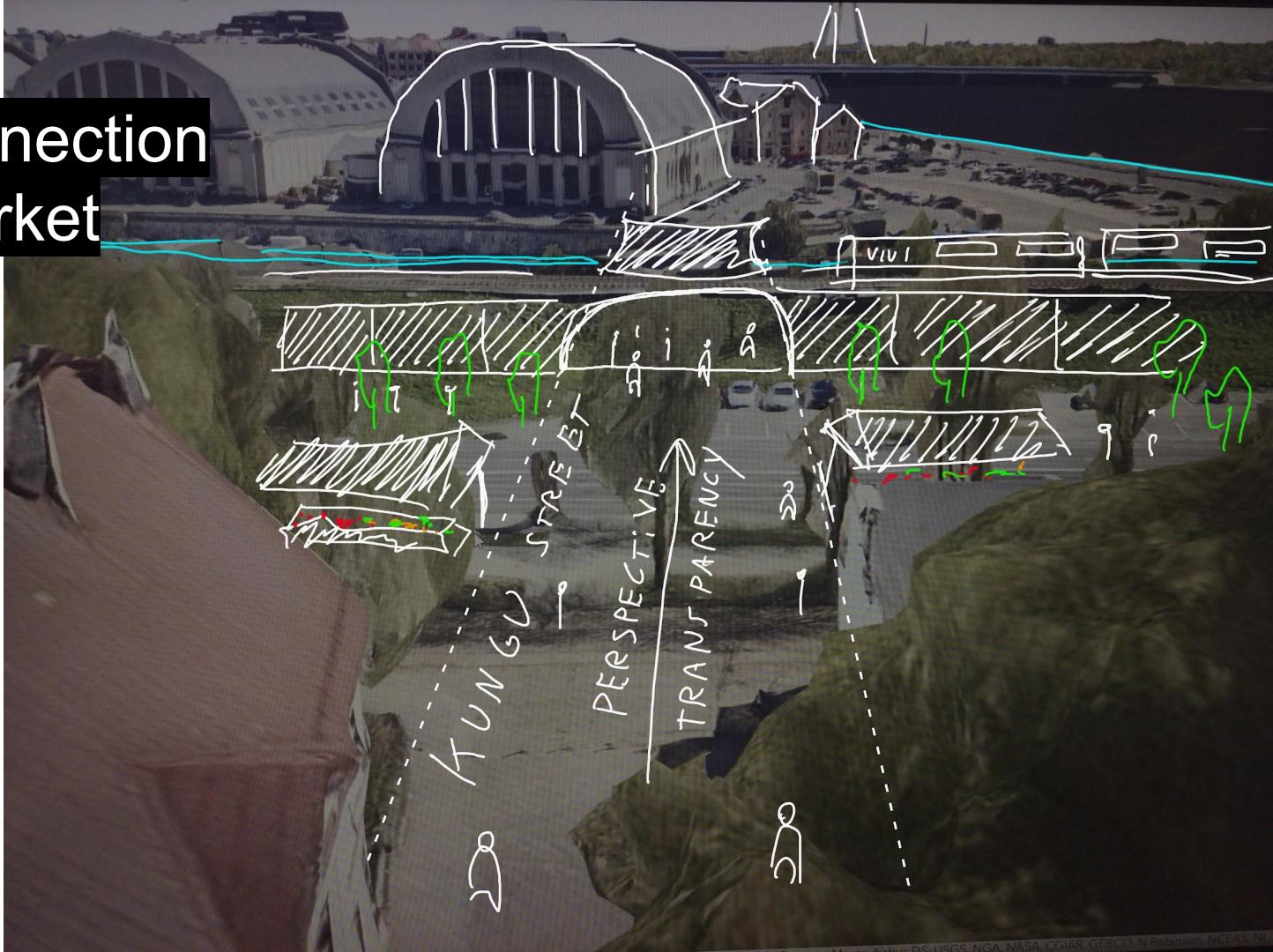
Open air market over the tunnel

Minecraft park

Temporal view platform and sports zone park



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

