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

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CENTRAL
RAILWAY STATION

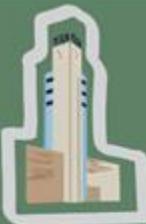
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CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION AND CENTRAL MARKET

VALUES

- Main multimodal transportation hub in Baltic Region
- Large number of daily commuters, national and international passengers' flows
- Public space improvements on E.Benamiņas st. and City Canal already done, Rail Baltica will ensure connection with International Bus station

MAIN CHALLENGES

- Underused and underarticulated public space – «unnamed» square between Station and Central Market
- Dark unpleasant underbridge connection and public transport stops under the railway tracks
Uncertainty of full Rail Baltica project completion
- Blank walls of Stockmann shopping centre and Forum cinema



TOO MUCH ASPHALT



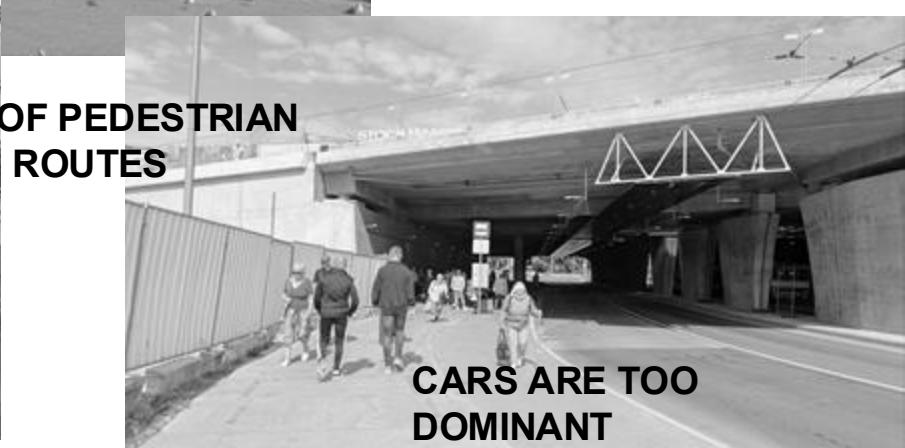
OPEN SPACE



TOO MANY TUNNELS

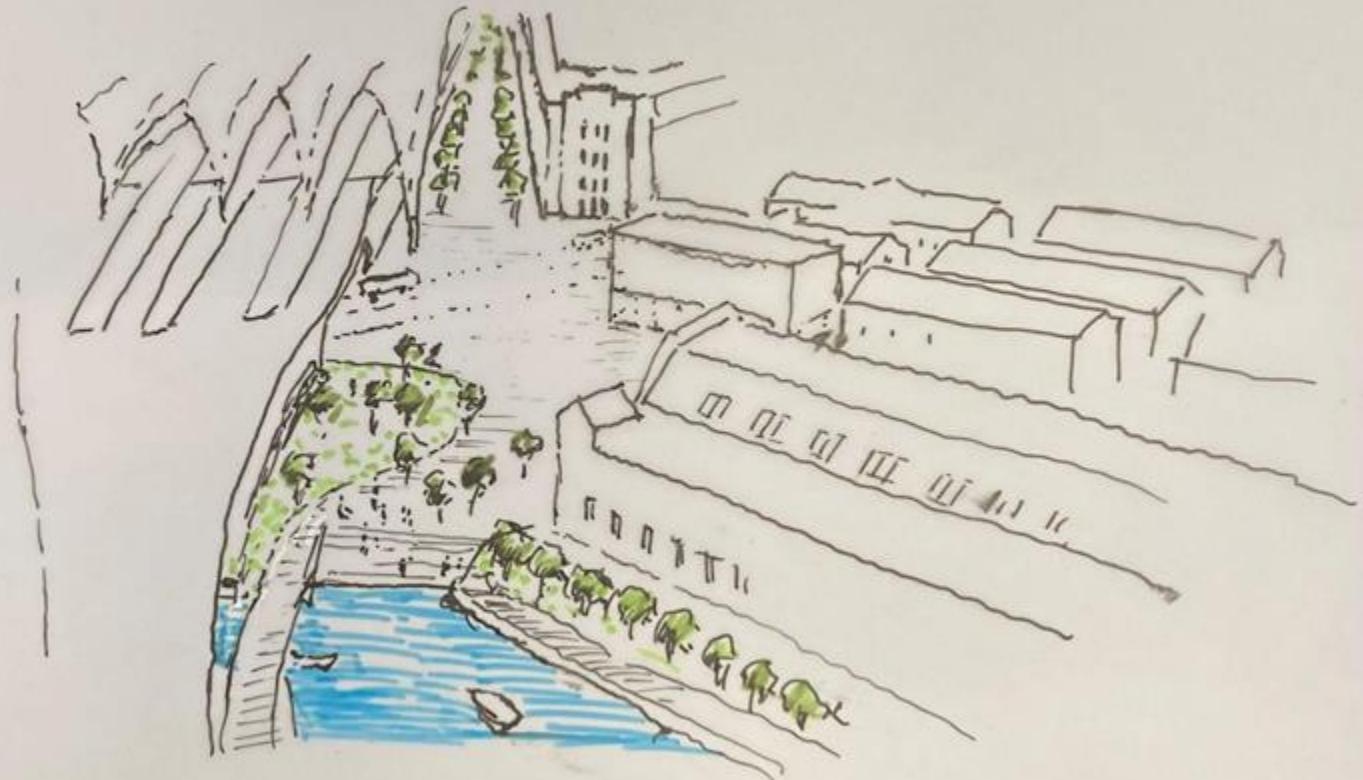


WATER IS NOT
ACCESSIBLE

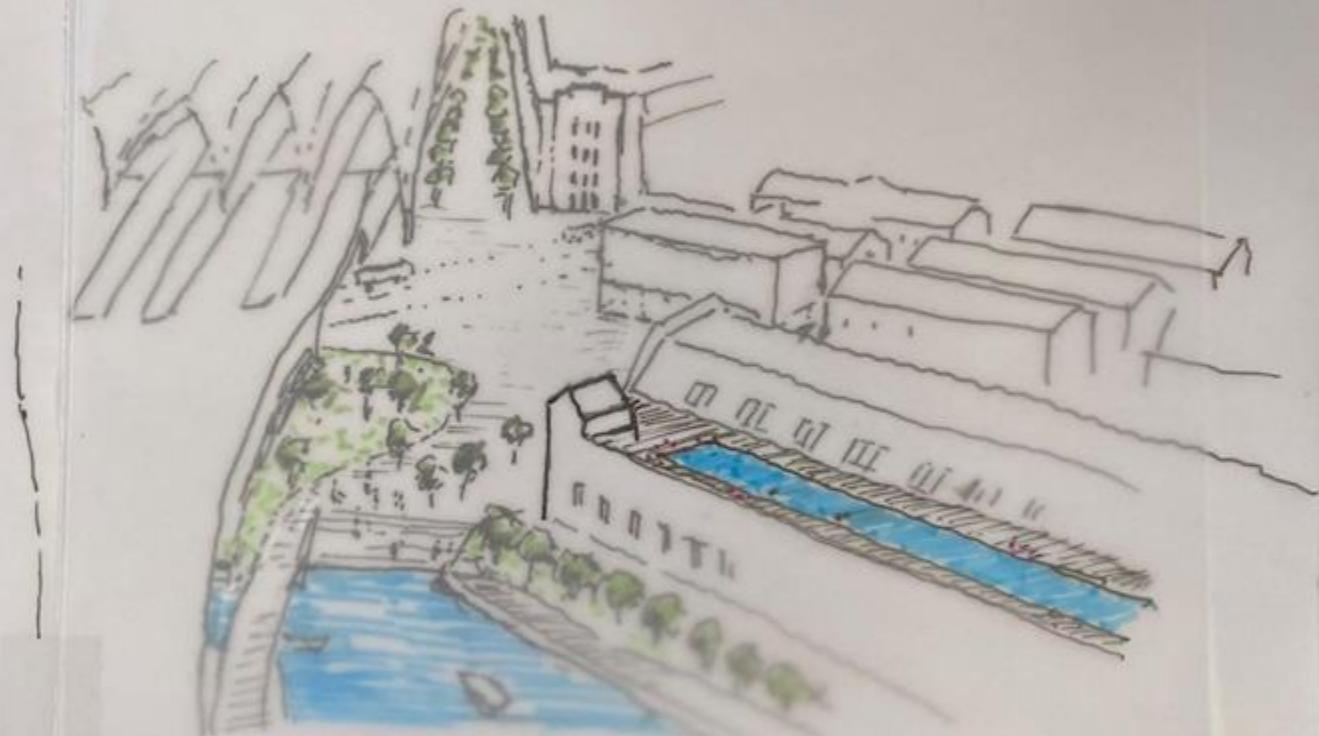


CARS ARE TOO
DOMINANT





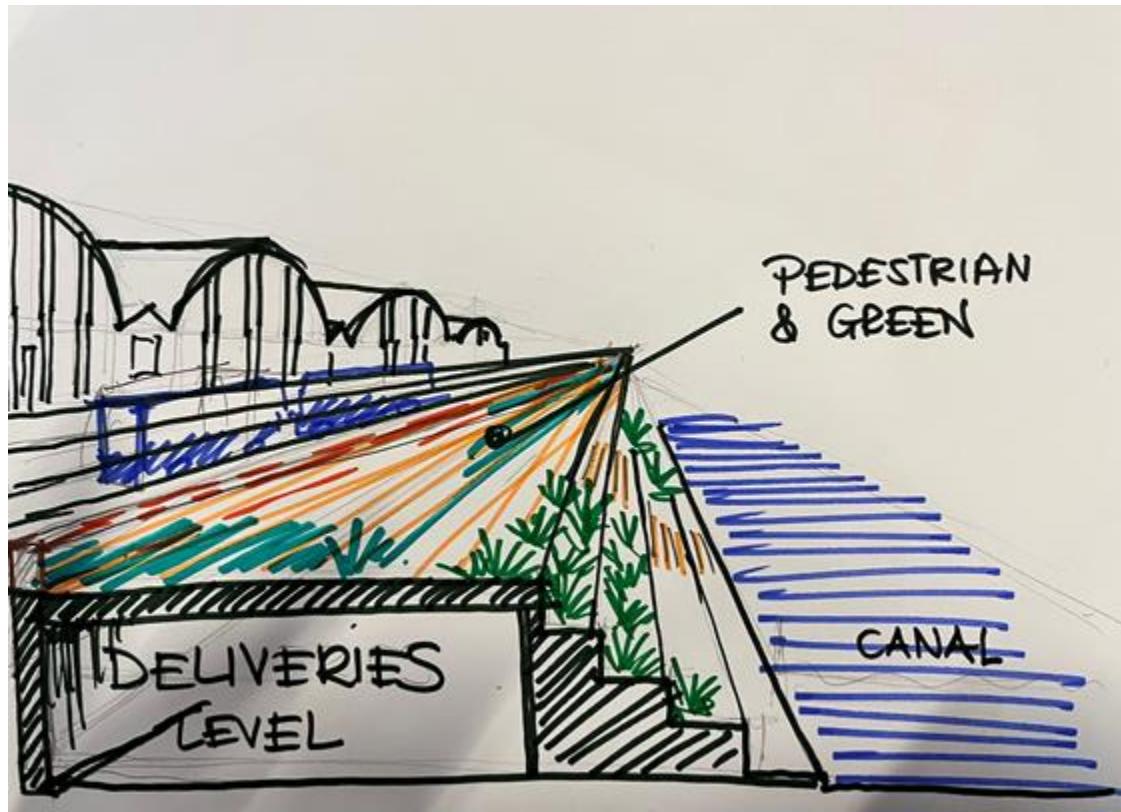
MORE GREENERY AND ACCESS TO WATER
MORE SAFE AND INTERESTING PEDESTRIAN ROUTES



OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL ON THE ROOF (OLD RAILROAD)



COVERING THE DELIVERIES LEVEL WITH
PEDESTRIAN & GREEN SPACE





ENHANCING THE ACCESS TO THE
WATER





LESS ASPHALT AND SLOWING DOWN CARS
STRENGTHENING GREEN CORRIDORS



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NEW AREA FOR INTERNATIONAL BUS STATION
ACCESS TO OLD TOWN



MEAT HALL



MEAT HALL COMMERCIAL INDOOR
ACTIVITIES

MANY SPORTS AND LEISURE
OPTIONS ARE POSSIBLE

MEAT HALL



TALLIN, ESTONIA, KALEV SPORTS HALL



MEAT HALL = 3500 M²

FIT IN 7 BASKETBALL COURTS (28M X 15M)

OR

1 BASKETBALL COURT (28M X 15M) + 5000 SPECTATOR SEATS



VIEW FROM A NEW BUILDING TO THE PLAZA
AND STOCKMANN WITH GREEN FACADE

STOCKMAN NEEDS SOME GREEN FACADES, ROOF



Halifax Bus Station, Canada

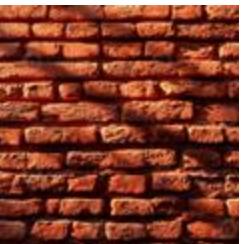


Podlaska Opera and
Orchestra, Białystok Poland



TUNNEL ARCHITECTURE

TARTU, ESTONIA, RAILWAY TUNNEL



Light
Shapes

Materials



UMEÅ, SWEDEN, LEV! RAILWAY TUNNEL

PROCESS CONTINUES



