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

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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. Benjamiņas 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



OPEN SPACE

TOO MUCH ASPHALT



TOO MANY TUNNELS



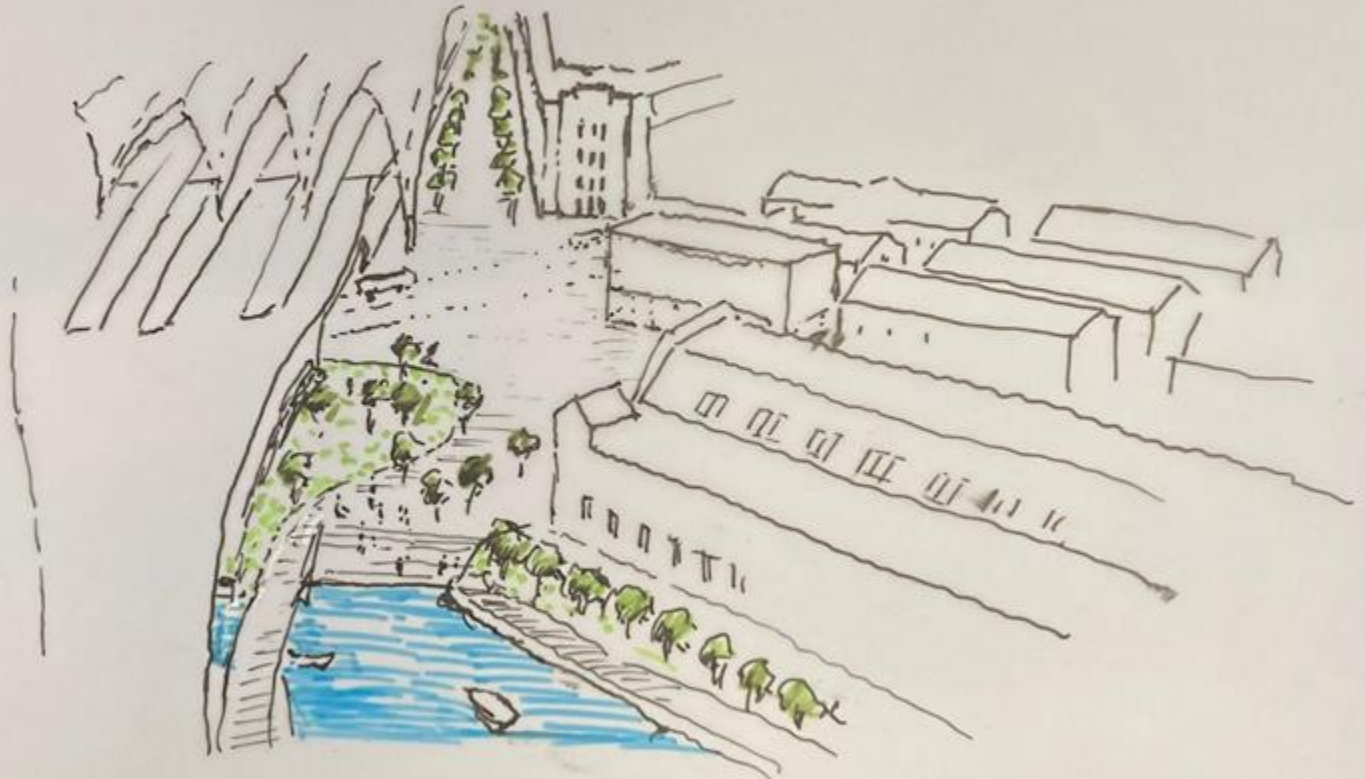
**WATER IS NOT
ACCESSIBLE**

**LACK OF PEDESTRIAN
ROUTES**

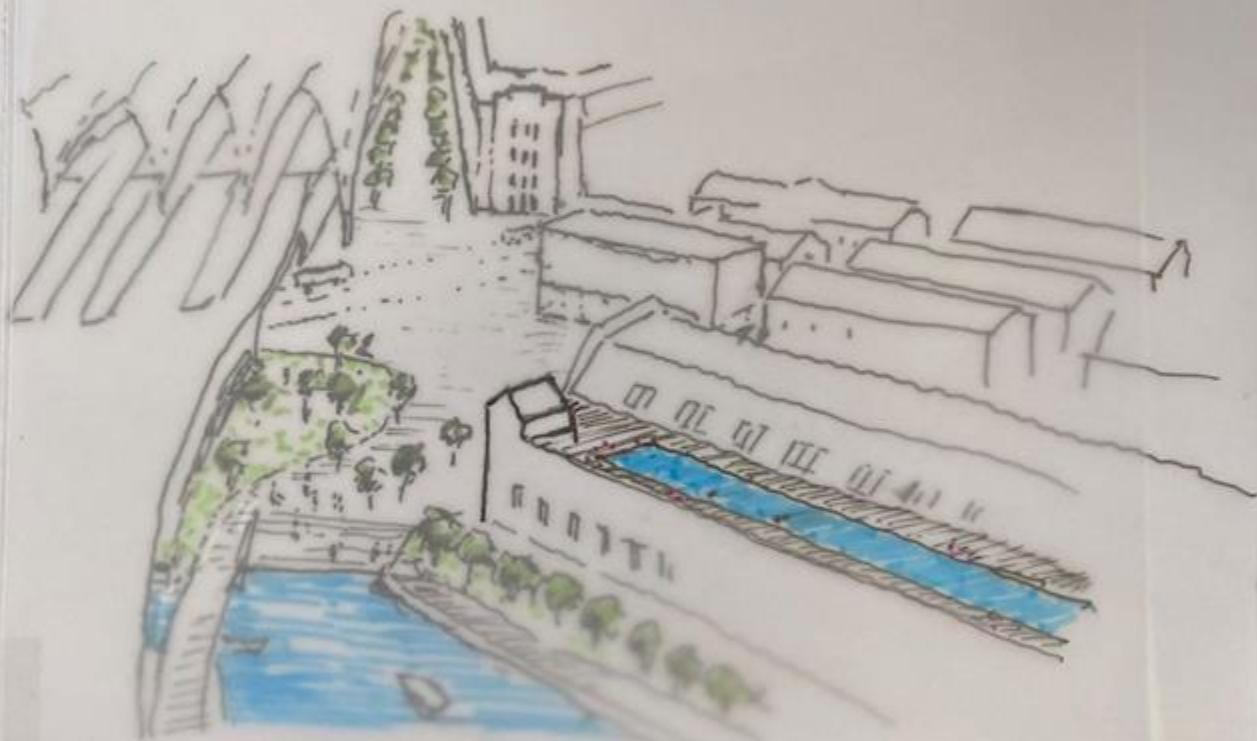


**CARS ARE TOO
DOMINANT**





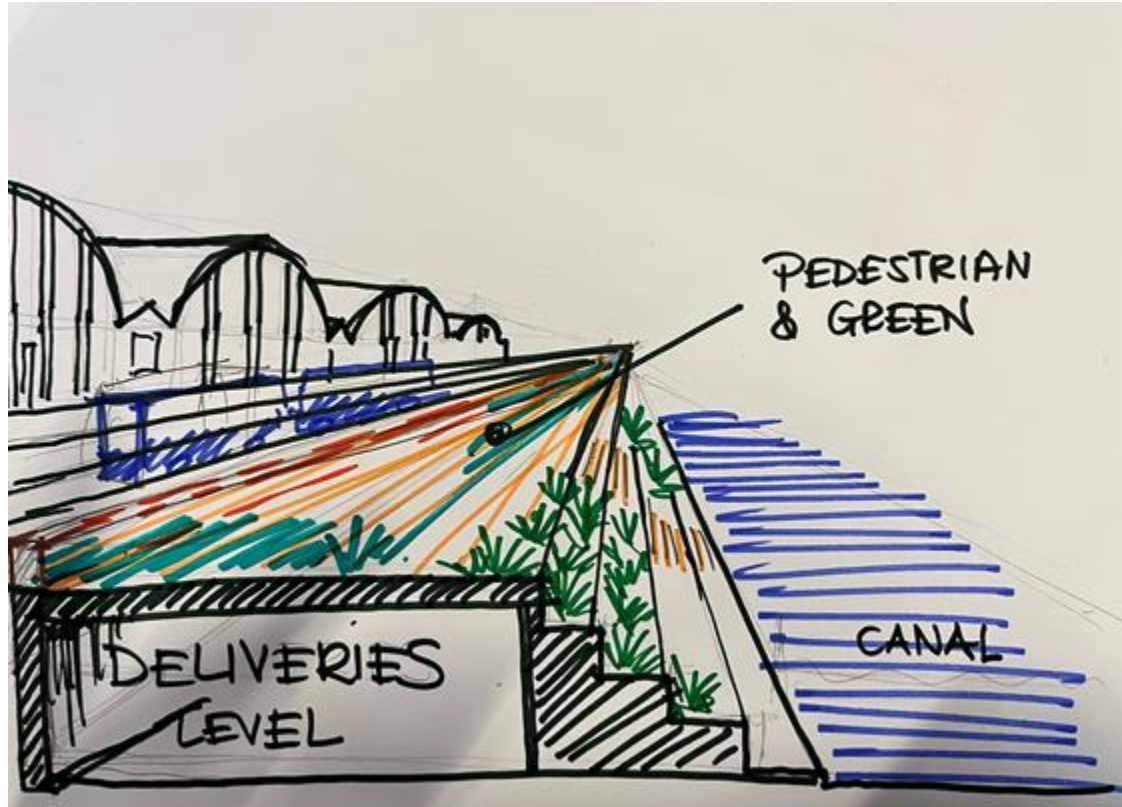
MORE GREENERY AND ACCESS TO WATER
MORE SAFE AND INTERESTING PEDESTRIAN ROUTES



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

An aerial night photograph of a city street. The street is wide and multi-laned, with white lane markings and arrows. A green corridor, likely a park or greenway, runs alongside the street. In the background, there are several buildings, including a large, ornate one with many windows. A tall, thin tower is visible in the distance. The scene is illuminated by streetlights and building lights.

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NEW AREA FOR INTERNATIONAL BUS STATION
ACCESS TO OLD TOWN



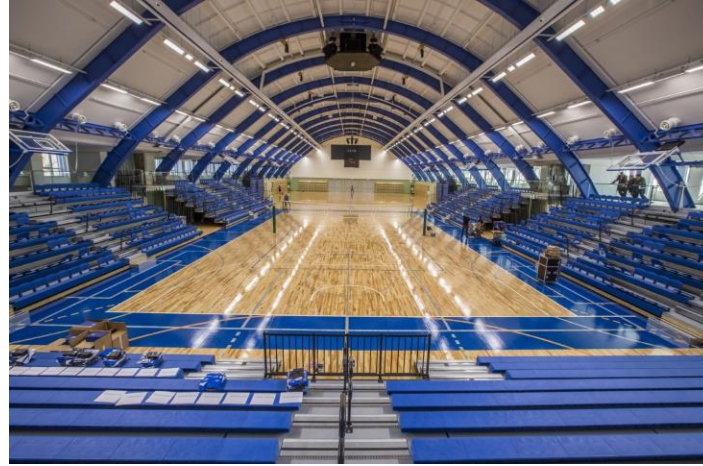
MEAT HALL



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, LEVI RAILWAY TUNNEL

PROCESS CONTINUES



