

# 1 Praha: Přijdte Pobýt

Come to stay (... not, pass through)

the connectors through Karlín, down from Žižkov Railways and provide high-yield developments in and Vinohrady, north from Vyšehrad and Nusle or return for a major - and necessary - challenge to by bus or rail, incomers to the centre of Praha are CZR's current bridge development proposal which met by barriers of traffic movement and poorly will have a negative effect on lower Žižkov and the utilised land. The same is true for those who venture out from the old city.

Our proposal extends the existing character of Praha and its inner suburbs to each "gateway". It calms the vehicular bustle that has dominated the urban form around Wilsonova. The districts are consolidated as they reconnect to Nové Město.

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#### The proposal envisages:

- · flexible options for the removal of
  - a new retail and commercial centre Station building;
  - a sequence of public spaces all the way from the Hlavkuv Bridge to the National Museum:
  - new movement lines for pedestrians and for traffic;
  - Karlín, Žižkov and Vinohrady and their connections to the city;
  - · re-forming and extending the existing parks;
  - new ecological facilities as part of the CZR bridge proposal.
  - restoration of Vrchlického Sady; · prestigious commercial sites of well-
  - located retail and office space.

Entering the city over the Hlávkův Bridge or along The main commercial sites are on the land of Czech city, similar to that of U Bulhara. The Main Station is refurbished and, in moving Masaryk Station, we provide a new terminal for commuters and those arriving on the international airport link.

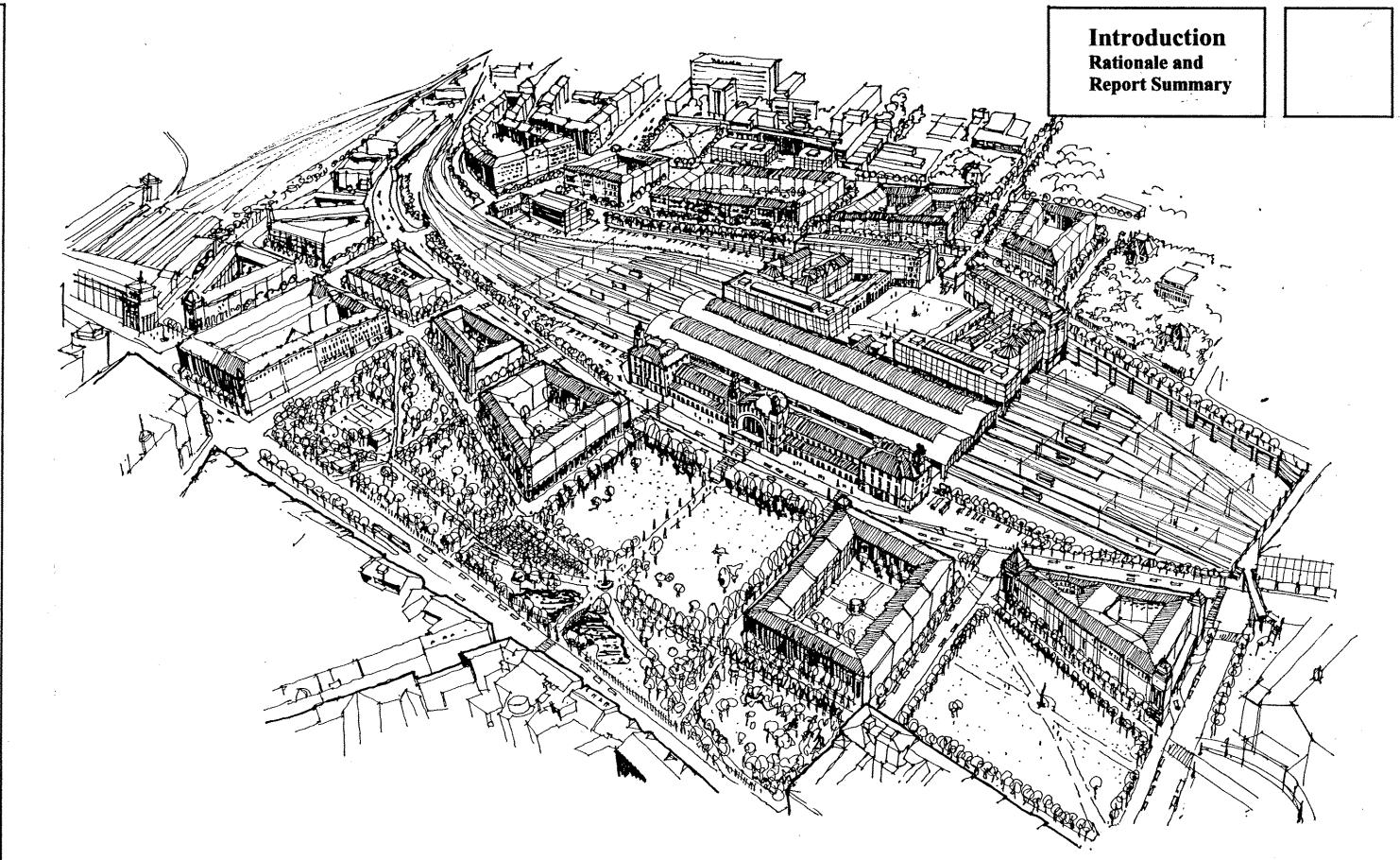
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Our objective is to blend respect for the historic city with the demands of traffic management, local movement, local public spaces and facilities, job creation and training and major commercial developments to provide the momentum for area regeneration in a city of international status. Integration of housing and local amenities consolidates existing communities.

The city has a unique opportunity to set in place its urban transport policy for the next millennium. We make an assumption that the development will progress in tandem with the continued development of peripheral routes for through traffic. We based on the conserved Masaryk encourage the development of city wide public transport systems, recommend major parking facilities at Vltavská and probably Pankrác and Andel Metro stations ("Park and Ride"), and propose extensions to the tram system (Drawing F).

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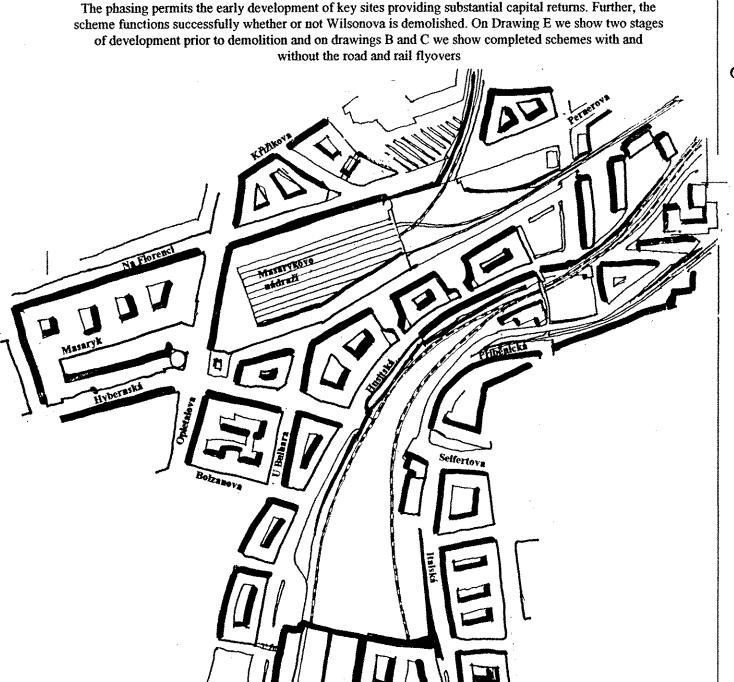
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# 2 The City and Exech Railways Holding the Golden Key

The regeneration of this area of the city is critically dependent on the land-use policy of CZR. Key developments all round the site will make a major contribution to the restoration of the local areas. We believe they will offer a high return on investment. They provide a "golden key" for CZR, but also for the urban form of the city and its inner suburbs.

The phasing permits the early development of key sites providing substantial capital returns. Further, the

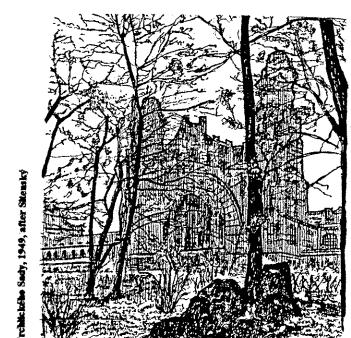


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- A Commercial and Retail Development, modelled on the original city, at Vinohradská/Španělská/Legerova;

## A Financial Strategy for EXR

- (Full text in Report Document.)
- A multi-million CK saving on current expenditure proposals for the Husitská Bridges and Žižkov Tunnel.
- The combination of released capital and development revenue to finance New Masaryk Station and the new rail
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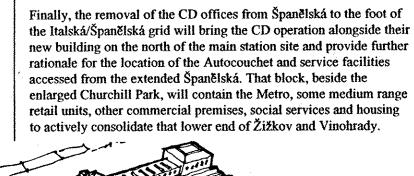


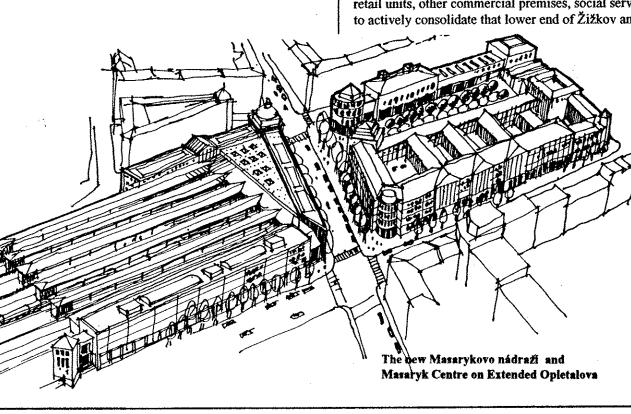
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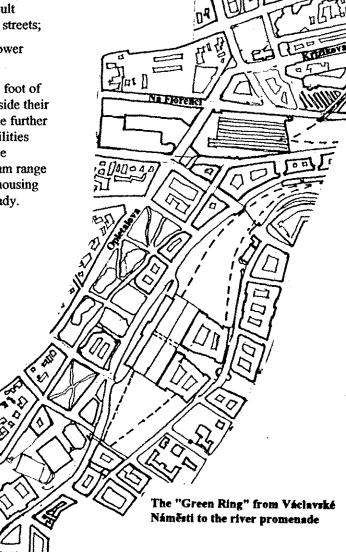
- A development package in harmony with the planning needs of the city;
- · Sites with early capital gain;
- Substantial Capital Generation (and, if preferred, revenue); • Separately packaged development sites;
- Passenger-oriented investment in terminal facilities;
- Incorporation of new international airport link; • Low cost accommodation of autocouchet and services;
- · Concentration of technical and operational staff For the City:

## • The phased removal of Wilsonova;

- The restoration of Vrchlického Sady;
- The development and further integration of the public
- · A new, primarily residential area on lower Husitská with local shopping facilities and recreation space;
- The consolidation of the retail area in Florenc; • The restoration of U Bulhara to being "town" again;
- The recreation of the "green ring" from Václavské Náměsti to the Hlávkův Bridge.
- · A panorama and pedestrian link from Riegrovy Sady to Jeruzalémská and the city; · A secondary vehicular route from Seifertova to upper
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- viaduct and into Žižkov Park, enhancing the difficult space behind the Pfibenická/ Řehoťova residential streets;
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# Places for People

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- library, houses a new auditorium on the new Smetana square. Either side, tree lined avenues point north to the main station, the park

#### and to Masaryk. Mixed habitats

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- Making Connections A wholly re-formed U Bulhara.

park, into the children's area.

- The direct connection of Opletalova to Na Florenci and Na Florenci to A direct link from the station to the tram system on Opletalova.
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**Ecological Themes in** Vrchlického Sady

Národní Muzeum

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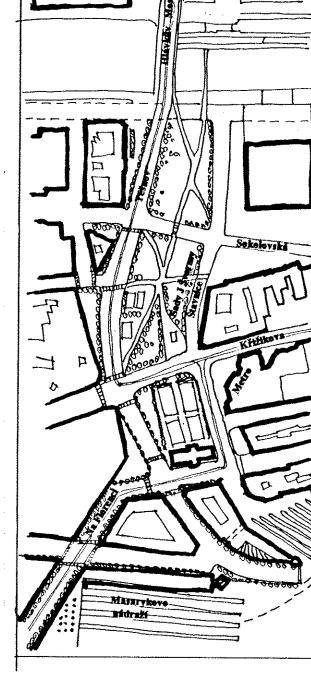
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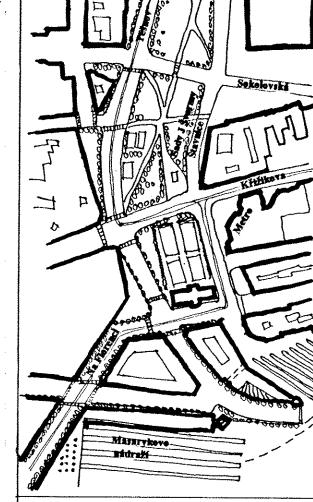
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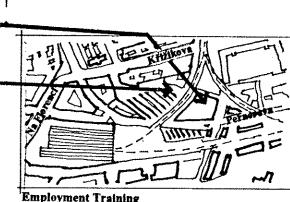
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- Two main park paths: one up and over the Hlavkuv Bridge - redesigned to give more comfortable pedestrian space, and the other to complete the "green ring" round the old city connecting to the river promenade and a new footbridge over the weir to

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## Žižkov

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## Employment

- New residential blocks along Husitská, stepping down to Karlín
- and the city. A re-aligned Trocnovská with new bridges.
- A small neighbourhood centre with supermarket and shops. New housing on Trocnovská. Behind Trocnovská is located light industrial uses and the re-located

#### Postal Service. At the Husitská junction is a kindergarten and community recreation space. Making Connections Thinking

## Pedestrians

- A secondary road from Seifertova to upper Husitská. Landscaping and a scenic walk, up and over the old viaduct to the park. A pathway and footbridge from Přiběnická/ Řehořova down to the
- new Husitská residential centre and Protection and enhancement of Přiběnická.

#### Local Districts ...again A new Přiběnická - Seifertova

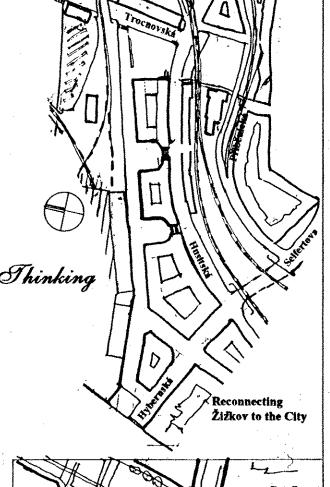
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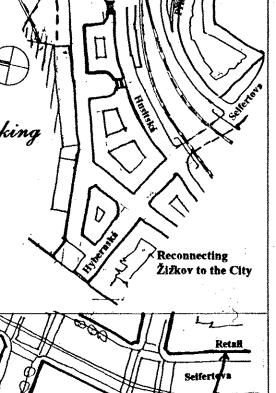
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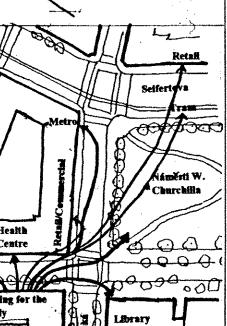
library, housing for the elderly,

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outlets, easy access to public transport, a fine park and access to a new "promenade" walk along Španělská. A walk under the Seifertova bridge, to a transformed U Bulhara.







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city and to the castle. Behind the station, "Spanish Steps" drop down into a public space flanked by primarily commercial

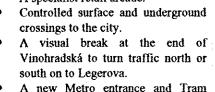
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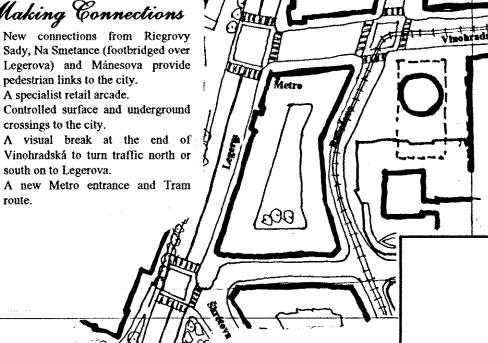
of governmental uses) provides a magnificent backdrop to the city as viewed from Hradcany and Letná. At the foot of Vinohradská, the return of the commercial blocks over Realignment of Legerova to sweep more comfortably round the

Smetanovo Divadlo. Rubešova and Škrétova are reformed to provide a residential block overlooking a new square between the Národni Muzeum and the old

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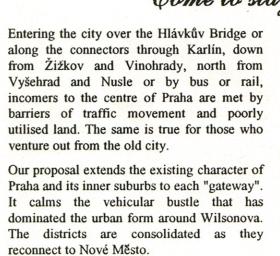


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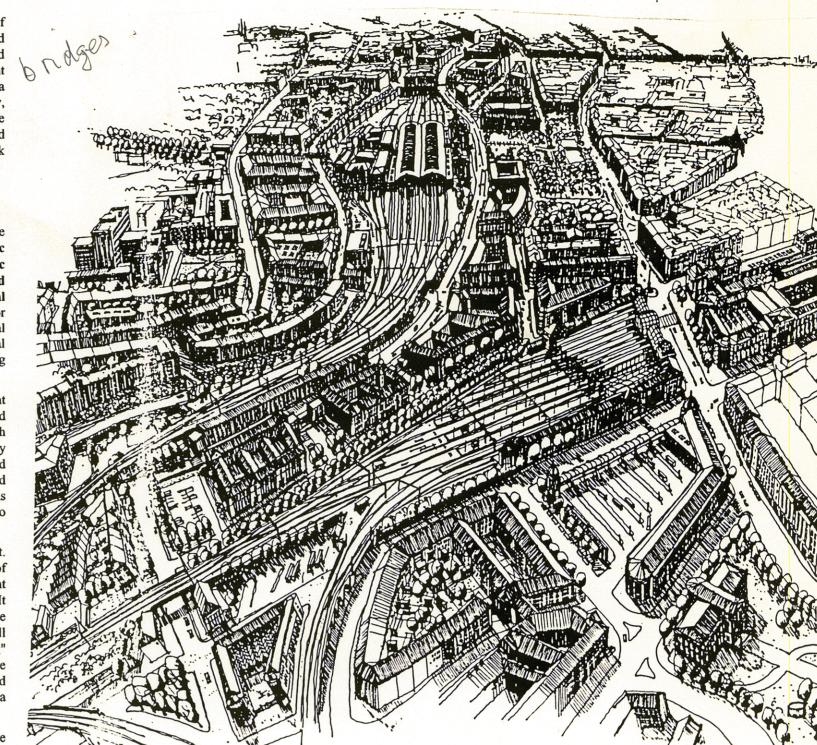
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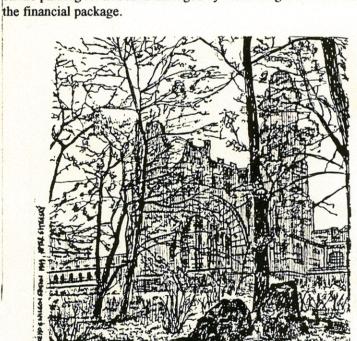
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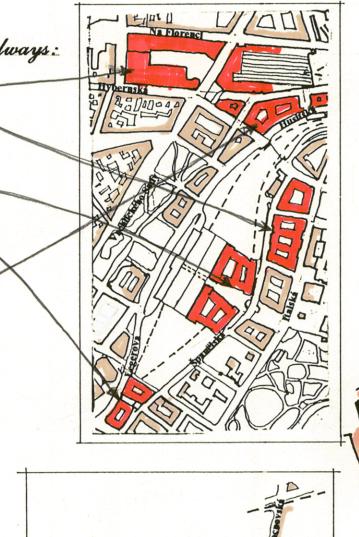
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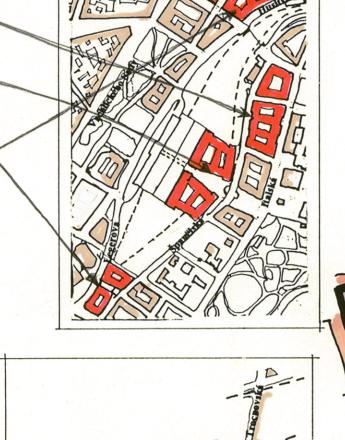
The combination of released capital and development revenue provides finance for the New Masaryk Station, with its own marketable floor-space greatly enhanced by the proximity of the Masaryk Retail Centre. It will also assist the new rail bridges (two are already in CD's budget) at Trocnovská, Seifertova/U Bulhara, Husitská (widening the existing line) and probably on the Florenc viaduct.

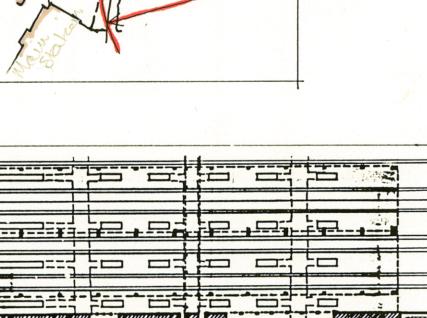
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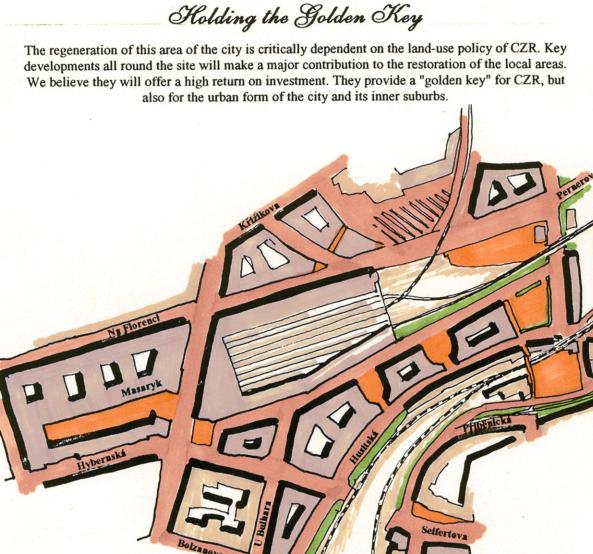
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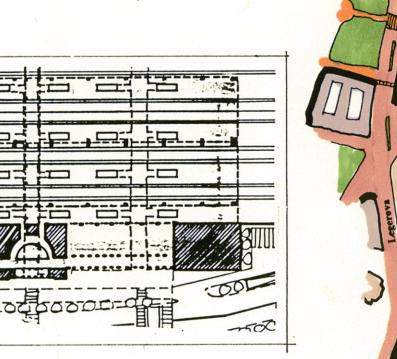








The City and Exech Railways



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Finally, the removal of the CD offices from Spanelská to the foot of the Italská/Španělská grid will bring the CD operation alongside their new building on the north of the main station site and provide further rationale for the location of the Autocouchet and service facilities accessed from the extended Španělská. That block, beside the enlarged Churchill Park, will contain the Metro, some medium range retail units, other commercial premises and residential units to make an active consolidation of that lower end of Žižkov and Vinohrady.

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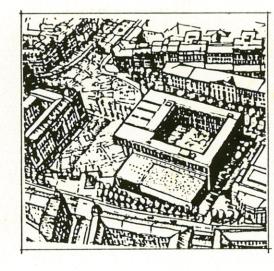
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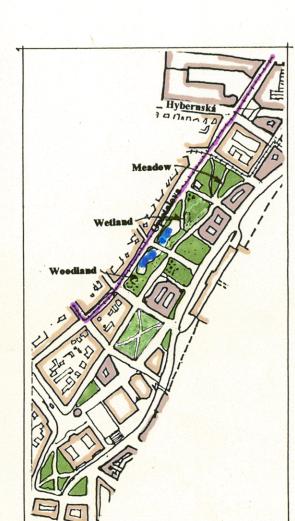
Residential and commercial accommodation interspersed with diplomatic and commercial uses dominate the blocks leading to and surrounding the park. We propose that the architecture of these prominent blocks pays special attention to envidonmental design, Wetland, woodland and meadowed areas will re-create some of the beloved images of the old park Between the lake and the existing children's area, we propose some ecological "toys" to consolidate the impression.

#### Making Connections A much livelier Opletalova provides a

direct link from the station to the tram system. We suggest a line from Hlávkův to Politických Věznů and Jindrišská. (The one way system and road widths in Ve Smeckách require further study for our preferred route across to Zitná.) Southbound cars are prevented from continuing past Politických Věžnů. Hybernská and Bolzanova are the main links to Wilsonova.

Blocks at U Bulhara re-form the town after the removal of Wilsonova. Earlier work at the junction will make the new Masarvk Retail Centre and the connection through to Florenc a popular part of the city with accessible street-space and good locations for leisure activities such as cinemas and restaurants. The new Masaryk Station will be the nodal point for the area.





## Karlin/ Florence

The development of the retail centre at Masaryk and the opening up of new movement lines between Opletalova and Na Florenci and between Na Florenci and Pernerova will be major factors in returning the whole stretch from Florenc to the Hlávkův Bridge to being traditional inner city, with active buildings, public spaces and controlled traffic.

## Thinking Pedestrians

We propose to remodel the full length of Švermy Park beginning with a formal garden in front of the City Museum (modelled on Praha's Royal Garden). Across Křižikova will be a more relaxed park with recreational facilities, the return of a cafe pavilion, and connecting paths towards the city and to the river. Nearer the river we propose a more heavily wooded area (to the west) against the road and two main park paths: one up and over the Hlávkův Bridge which will be redesigned to give more comfortable pedestrian space (a la Plečnik in Ljubljana), and the other to complete the "green ring" round the old city connecting to the river promenade and a new footbridge over the weir to the lock gates and Stavnice island.

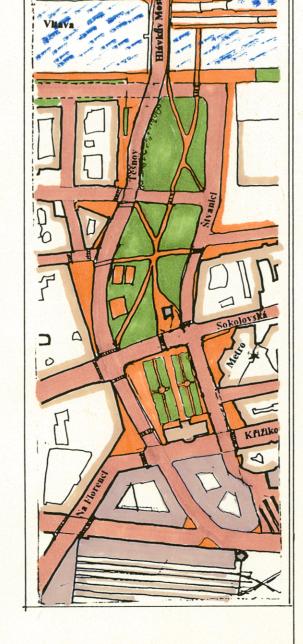
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Southbound traffic eases rightwards over the Hlávkův bridge and takes the old street pattern at Tesnov. City-bound traffic can turn right at Florenc; others follow the road towards Trocnovská and Husitská. The improved grid around Karlín will accommodate the likely traffic flows. The reformed bus station gives buses easy

access in all directions and the clearing of the "triangle" between the viaducts (where, unfortunately, the road connection necessitates one of our few demolition proposals) provides a home for some employment and a major employment training initiative.

#### Employment and Job Training

The replacement blocks re-house the wholesale market with open space and parking in the point of the triangle. The viaduct arches will be used for related outlets, storage and garaging. We also propose to locate a building skills centre there to extend the training of young workers with the skills - particularly in plasterwork, masonry, carpentry and joinery - that will be necessary if the whole development is to retain the character of the city and the adjoining suburbs. Where better to learn than "on site"?





## Zixkov

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New residential blocks along Husitská, will step down (similar to the stepping down from Seifertova to Havličkovo Náměsti and many other locations in Praha) to a new road where some professional and commercial uses will occur. The additional grid lines from Karlín, U Bulhara and Hybernská will ease the traffic flow on Trocnovská and Husitská generated by the downgrading of the U Bulhara junction.

## Local Districts

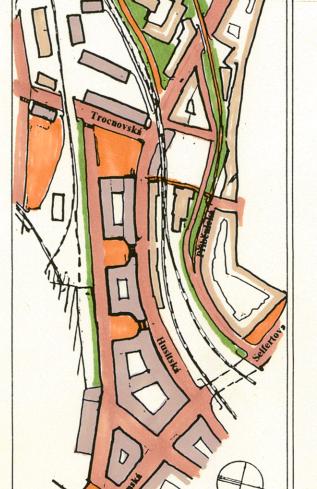
Employment The line of Trocnovská is straightened (CD already proposes a new bridge) and a small neighbourhood centre is located there with a medium size supermarket and a few local shops. Across the road is a residential terrace and the space behind is suitable for a variety of light industrial uses. Under the new Husitská bridge we use the small enclosed space for a kindergarten (partly under the bridge) and community recreation

#### Making Connections Thinking Pedestrians

CD's closure of the high rail line allows a secondary road to run from Seifertova briefly up the line of Přiběnická on to the old embankment and down to the gap between the cubist residential block and the viaduct at upper Husitská. The area will be landscaped with a scenic walk, up and over the old viaduct. Further, a pathway and footbridge will run from Přiběnická/ Rehorova under the rail bridge, down to the new Husitská residential centre and to Karlín. Přiběnická will be protected by taking the priority road line down to

Local Districts ... again The realignment of the rail bridge at Seifertova permits a proper junction with Přiběnická. The development of the Italská/Španělská grid, the enlargement of Churchill Park and the new block, housing the Metro station on the corner, virtually guarantee that the area round the square will continue to evolve into a fine suburban centre. There is the Economics School, a new library, housing for the elderly, health care, commercial uses, retail outlets, easy access to public transport, a fine park and access to a new "promenade" walk along Španëlská. It sounds wonderful! Better still, when locals walk under the Seifertova

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## Vinohrady/ Museum

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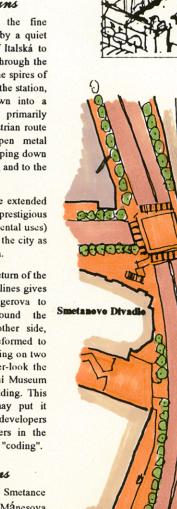
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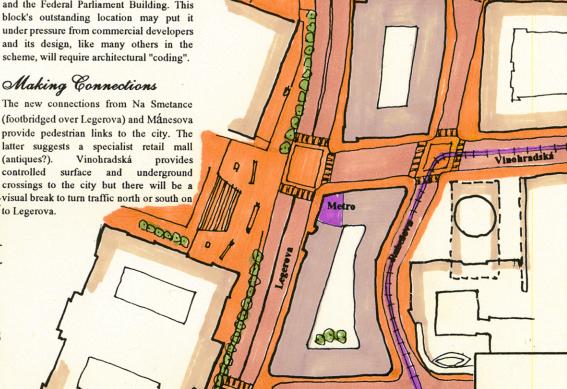
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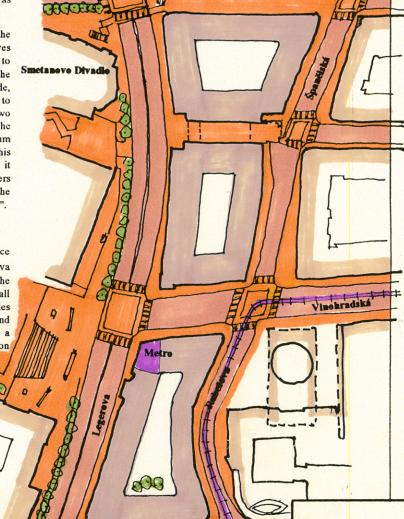
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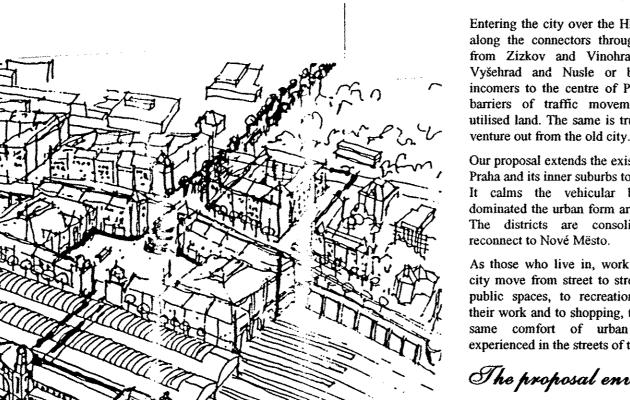






## Praha: Prijdté Pobýt

Come to stay (... not, pass through)



Entering the city over the Hlávküv Bridge or along the connectors through Karlín, down from Zizkov and Vinohrady, north from Vyšehrad and Nusle or by bus or rail, incomers to the centre of Praha are met by barriers of traffic movement and poorly utilised land. The same is true for those who

Our proposal extends the existing character of Praha and its inner suburbs to each "gateway". calms the vehicular bustle that has dominated the urban form around Wilsonova. The districts are consolidated as they

As those who live in, work in and visit the city move from street to street, to parks and public spaces, to recreational facilities, to their work and to shopping, they will feel the same comfort of urban space as is experienced in the streets of the historic city.

## The proposal envisages:

- a new retail centre based on the conserved Masaryk Station;
- · a sequence of public spaces all the way from the Hlávküv\*Bridge to the National Museum;
- new movement lines for pedestrians and for traffic;
- remaking the spoiled lower ends of Karlín, Zizkov and Vinohrady and their connections to the city;
- · re-forming and extending the existing parks;
- new ecological facilities as part of the restoration Vrchlického Sady;
- prestigious commercial sites of well-located retail and office

The main commercial sites are on the land of Czech Railways and provide high-vield developments in return for a major - and necessary - challenge to CZR's current development proposal which will have a negative effect on lower Zizkov and the city, similar to that of U Bulhara. We also provide a modern Masaryk Station for commuters and those arriving on the international airport link and a refurbished Main Station.

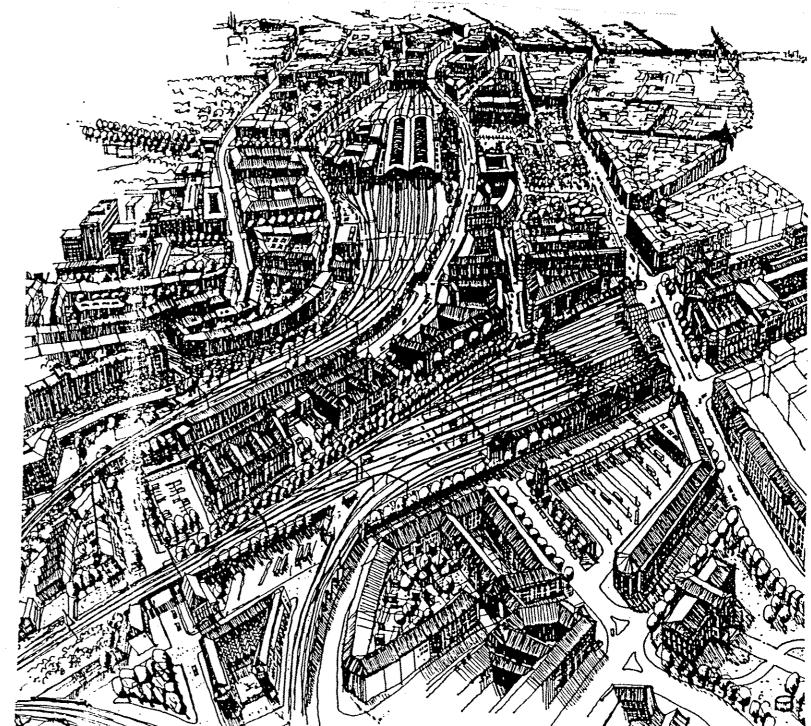
#### Respecting the City

Our objective is to blend respect for the historic city with the demands of traffic management, local movement, local public spaces and facilities, job creation and training and major commercial developments to provide the momentum for area regeneration in a city of international status. We integrate housing and local amenities to consolidate the existing communities.

We make an assumption that the development will progress in tandem with the continued development of peripheral routes for through traffic. We encourage the development of city wide public transport systems, recommend major parking facilities at Vltavská and probably Pankrác and Andël Metro stations ("Park and Ride"), and propose extensions to the tram system (Drawing F).

We offer a process rather than a blueprint. Our "ideal" scheme proposes the removal of Wilsonova and we set out a development framework that sets the process in motion. It offers a vision of a possible outcome (Drawings A and B) and phasing that will function in its own right (adapted "phasing" drawing, E). On Drawing C, we show that the principles of our proposal can be maintained even with the retention of most of Wilsonova and the CZR bridge proposal.

On the Phasing Drawing (E) we also make recommendations for the conduct of the development process.



## Five major development sites for Exech Railways:

- The Masaryk Retail Centre and New Rail Terminal;
- · A series of prestigious Commercial, Residential and Administrative blocks on an extended Italská/Španëlská
- A new commercial development sitting beneath the magnificent panorama from behind the main station, and incorporating a pedestrian route from Riegrovy Sady to the station and the city;
- A Commercial and Retail Development, modelled on the original city, at Vinohradská/Španělská/Legerova;
- A Recreational, Residential and Commercial sequence that reclaims the U Bulhara junction and Husitka for the

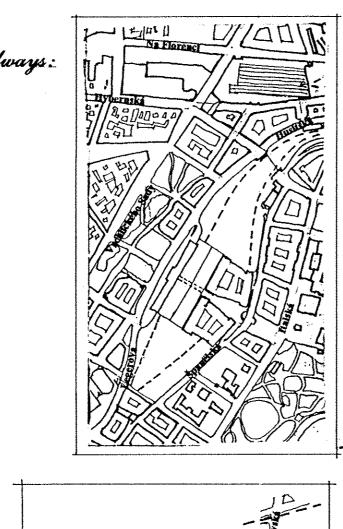
In addition, we propose a multi-million CK saving on current expenditure proposals for the Husitská Bridges and Zizkov Tunnel. If the proposals for the new bridge, high -speed bridge and tunnel go ahead (and, on Drawing C, we show a possible scheme), it will end any possibility of repairing the lower end of Zizkov. The requirements for 300m minimum radius tracking into the Main Station and an easing of the gradients can be accommodated on the existing lines and on the Zizkov embankment. And... if the High-Speed rail link is not stopping in Praha then, like cars, it should take another route around the city.

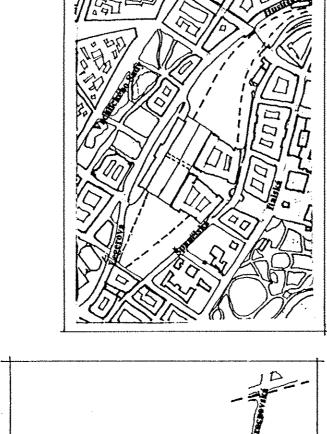
The combination of released capital and development revenue provides finance for the New Masaryk Station, with its own marketable floor-space greatly enhanced by the proximity of the Masaryk Retail Centre. It will also assist the new rail bridges (two are already in CD's budget) at Trocnovská, Seifertova/U Bulhara, Husitská (widening the existing line) and probably on the Florenc viaduct.

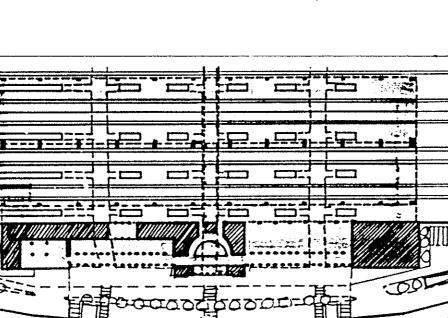
The financial package requires two other strategic changes by CZR. Firstly, the proposals for the road connections from Karlín to the city and the car routes from Hybernská to Trocnovská (and their related developments) require the removal of the heavy shunting yards from their inner-city location to the ample land-space barely a kilometre or two to the east. Secondly, we seek an abandonment of the vast Main Station Concourse under Wilsonova. That space is a major contributor to the mis-use of public space in and around Vrchlického Park. We propose to retain enough of the underground space to maintain the present passenger service facilities in the station and the links to the Metro. The fine, but greatly under-used Fanta building will be refurbished to provide street level passenger services. The dome will be the focus for international rail travel and a radial point for movement in the city.

Upgrading the character of the Main Station, carried out in conjunction with the city, permits the restoration of Vrchlického Park to its former glory. The two commercial and residential blocks on the parking lot and land damaged by the underground will assist the financial package.

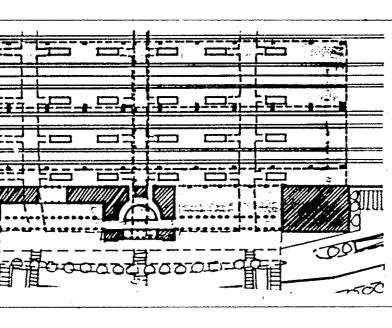


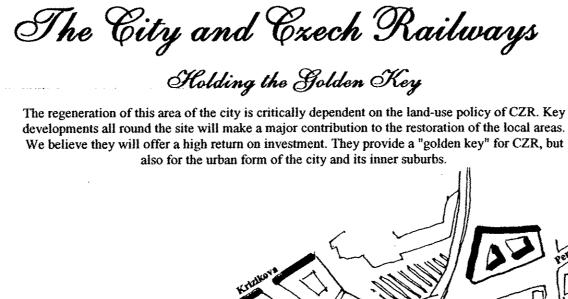


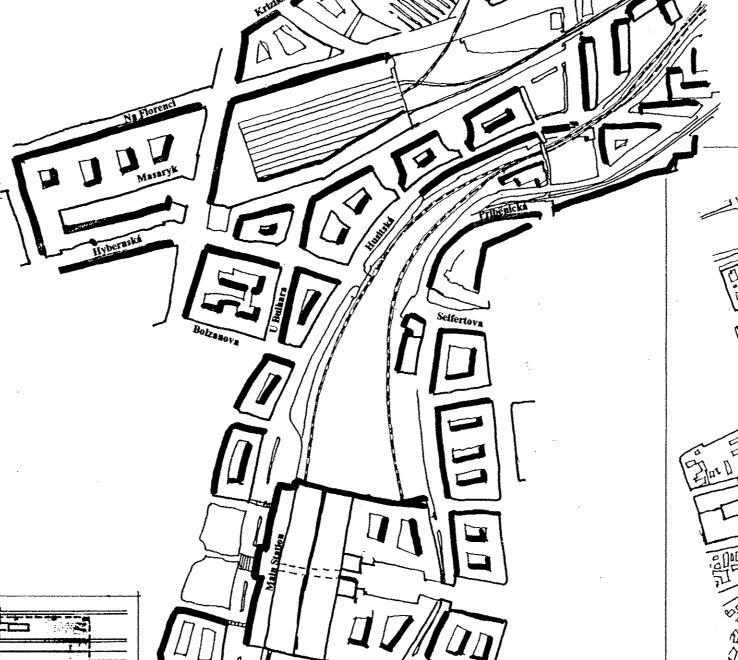














Substantial Capital Generation (and, if preferred, revenue):

Separately packaged development sites; Passenger-oriented investment in terminal facilities;

Incorporation of new international airport link;

Low cost accommodation of autocouchet and services;

Concentration of technical and operational staff

For the City:

The restoration of Vrchlického Sady;

A panorama and pedestrian link from Riegrovy Sady to Jeruzalémská and the

A secondary vehicular route from Seifertova to upper Husitská,

A scenic walk from Pribënická over the Zizkov (high) viaduct and into Zizkov Park, enhancing the difficult space behind the Pribënická/ Rehorova residential streets:

A pedestrian route from Rehorova/Pribënická to lower Husitská and to

A new, primarily residential area on lower Husitská with local shopping facilities and recreation space;

lower end of Zizkov and Vinohrady.

The consolidation of the retail area in Florenc;

The restoration of U Bulhara to being "town" again; The recreation of the "green ring" from Václavské Náměsti to the Hlávküv

Finally, the removal of the CD offices from Španëlská to the foot of the Italská/Španëlská grid will bring the CD operation alongside their new building on the north of the main station site and provide further rationale for the location of the Autocouchet and service facilities accessed from the extended Španëlská. That block, beside the enlarged Churchill Park, will contain the Metro, some medium range retail units, other commercial premises and residential units to make an active consolidation of that

## Václavské/ Vrchlického/ Masaryk

At Václavské, we propose to draw popular movement to a cultural/ historical focus opening up a greened way north to the

Thinking Pedestrians The Federal Parliament is converted into a

National Library and Convention Centre with an active frontage opened to the square offering tourism, education, research and cultural retail outlets. With a weekly market and informal and formal cultural events in the summer and, by slight sinking, skating in the winter, the square will be a popular focal point enhancing property uses and values in the adjoining area.

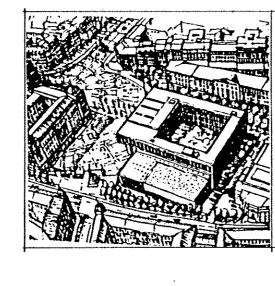
A quiet, tree-bounded garden finishes the square against Washingtonova. The adjacent block, linked to the library, houses a new auditorium entranced from the new Smetana square. Either side, tree lined avenues point north to the main station, the park and to Masaryk.

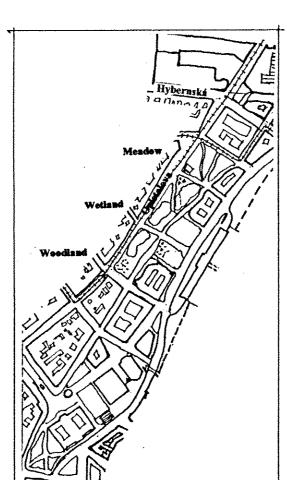
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modation interspersed with diplomatic and commercial uses dominate the blocks leading to and surrounding the park. We propose that the architecture of these prominent blocks pays special attention to envidonmental design, Wetland, woodland and meadowed areas will re-create some of the beloved images of the old park. Between the lake and the existing children's area, we propose some ecological "toys" to consolidate the impression.

Making Connections
A much livelier Opletalova provides a system. We suggest a line from Hlávkův to Politických Věznů and Jindrišská. (The one way system and road widths in Ve Smeckách require further study for our preferred route across to Zitná.) Southbound cars are prevented from continuing past Politických Věznů. Hybernská and

Bolzanova are the main links to Wilsonova. Blocks at U Bulhara re-form the town after the removal of Wilsonova. Earlier work at the junction will make the new Masaryk Retail Centre and the connection through to Florenc a popular part of the city with accessible street-space and good locations for leisure activities such as cinemas and restaurants. The new Masaryk Station will be the nodal point for the area.





## Karlin/Floreno

The development of the retail centre at Masaryk and the opening up of new movement lines between Opletalova and Na Florenci and between Na Florenci and Pernerova will be major factors in returning the whole stretch from Florenc to the Hlávkův Bridge to being traditional inner city, with active buildings, public spaces

## Thinking Pedestrians

We propose to remodel the full length of Svermy Park beginning with a formal garden in front of the City Museum (modelied on Praha's Royal Garden). Across Krizikova will be a more relaxed park with recreational facilities, the return of a cafe pavilion, and connecting paths towards the city and to the river. Nearer the river we propose a more heavily wooded area (to the west) against the road and two main park paths: one up and over the Hlávkův Bridge which will be redesigned to give more comfortable pedestrian space (a la Plecnik in Ljubljana), and the other to complete the "green ring" round the old city connecting to the river promenade and a new footbridge over the weir to the lock

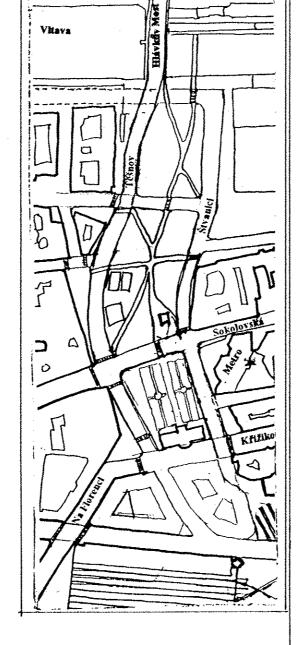
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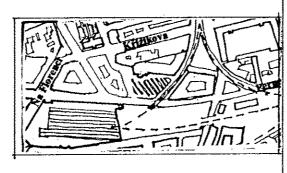
pattern at Tešnov. City-bound traffic can turn right at Florenc; others follow the road towards Trocnovská and Husitská. The improved grid around Karlín will accommodate the likely traffic flows.

The reformed bus station gives buses easy access in all directions and the clearing of the "triangle" between the viaducts (where, unfortunately, the road connection proposals) provides a home for some employment and a major employment

#### Employment and Job Training

The replacement blocks re-house the displaced uses and accommodate a wholesale market with open space and parking in the point of the triangle. The viaduct arches will be used for related outlets, storage and garaging. We also there to extend the training of young workers with the skills - particularly in plasterwork, masonry, carpentry and joinery - that will be necessary if the whole development is to retain the character of the city and the adjoining suburbs. Where better to learn than "on site"?





## Zixkov

For an area that is apparently only marginally affected by the competition we

New residential blocks along Husitská, will step down (similar to the stepping down from Seifertova to Havlickovo Náměstí and many other locations in Praha) to a new road where some professional and commercial uses will occur. The additional grid lines from Karlin, U Bulhara and Hybernská will ease the traffic flow on Trocnovská and Husitská generated by the

#### downgrading of the U Bulhara junction. Local Districts/

Employment The line of Trocnovská is straightened (CD already proposes a new bridge) and a small neighbourhood centre is located there with a medium size supermarket and a few local shops. Across the road is a residential terrace and the space behind is suitable for a variety of light industrial uses. Under the new Husitská bridge we use the small enclosed space for a kindergarten (partly under the bridge) and community recreation

#### Making Connections Thinking Pedestrians

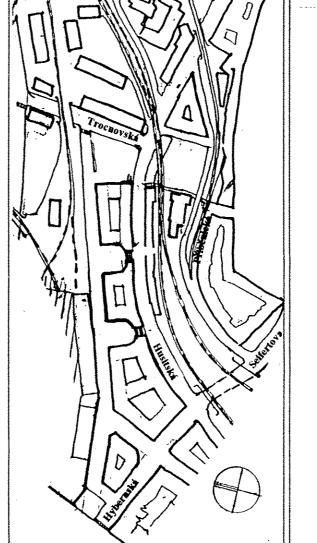
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Local Districts ...again The realignment of the rail bridge Seifertova permits a proper junction with Pribënická. The development of the Italská/Španělská grid, the enlargement of Churchill Park and the new block, housing the Metro station on the corner, virtually guarantee that the area round the square will continue to evolve into a fine suburban centre. There is the Economics School, a new library, housing for the elderly, health care, commercial uses, retail outlets, easy access to public transport, a fine park and access to a new "promenade" walk along Španělská. It sounds wonderfull Better still.

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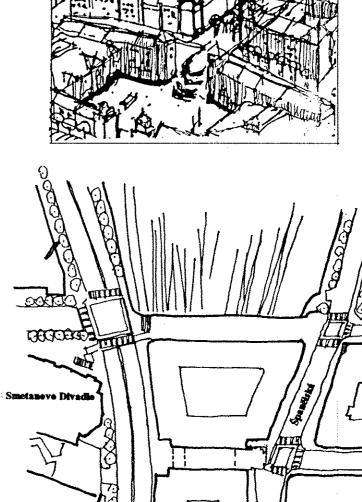
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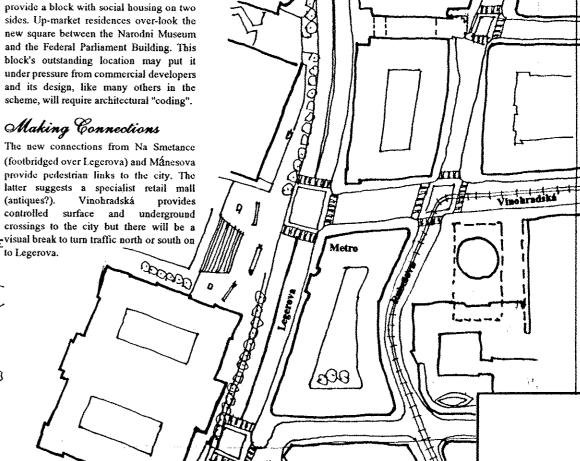
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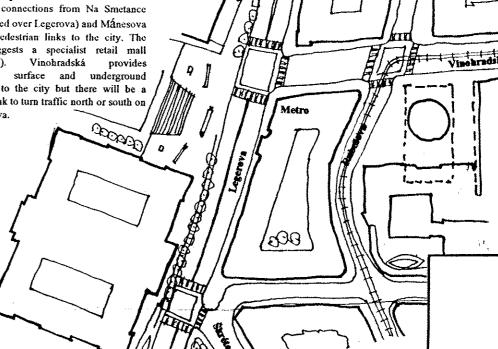
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## The Development Process

The suggested phasing is only indicative of the development process. Economics and politics will create their own dynamics. We show that the proposal will work under various conditions, but we wish to make a few recommendations regarding the development process.

Firstly, we recommend a major public consultation exercise with a tour of accessible public exhibitions and workshops both in the city centre and in local areas, e.g. Masaryk Station, Florenc, Seifertova, Vinohradská and Stare Mesto. The city users will provide many refinements that will benefit the designs.

Total

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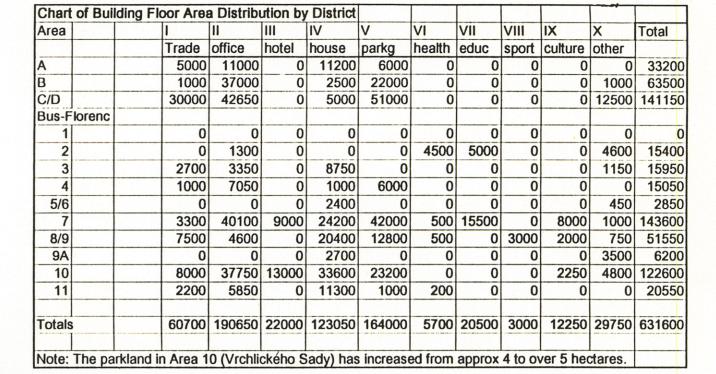
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Secondly, we propose a city wide transport study. We have made many assumptions and have endeavoured to satisfy the competition requirements regarding traffic movement and parking. However, we believe that Praha has a unique opportunity to reduce the impact of automobile traffic on the city environment. This can be begun by limiting through traffic and parking provisions. We anticipate that a transport study would reveal that the overwhelming majority of city users arrive by means other than the car. The city already has an excellent public transport system that is capable of considerable expansion.

Thirdly, whilst we have been conscious of the need to create employment opportunities and training, we have not specified the need to provide long term funding for the care and maintenance of public parks. We strongly recommend such a commitment.

Finally, we recommend consideration of a number of design controls, codes, to be used to inform the design of block form, building heights and the large number of prominent facade and corner details that our scheme generates. If any single factor stands out in the historic city's architecture, it is the richness of such detail.



The new road system requires an early start on the rail bridges at Trocnovská, Husitská and Seifertova. In doing so, both Trocnovská and Scifertova are realigned with minimal disruption of traffic flows. The realignment of Trocnovská assists the width adjustment of the existing Husitská Bridge line.

#### Traffic and Transport

Chart of Building floor areas and uses

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**Totals** 

Percentage

We suggest that "Park and Ride" facilities are opened at Vltavská, Anděl and Pankrác Metro stations (and/or preferably further out). Line D of the Metro should be made ready for use.

To ease the pressure on the U. Bulhara junction, the first targets must be the exit roads from Wilsonova. An interim south-bound exit, necessitating minor roadworks at Tesnov, is taken rightwards at the Hlavkûv Bridge. Only city bound traffic will enter the street system.

The tram lines are re-routed from Seifertova and the new north-bound road (on ground) is constructed to form the main road to Husitská. The slip road remains fully operational. Bolzanova is connected under the motorway

The gradual removal of the shunting yards from Masaryk will permit the commencement of the Na Florenci -Pernerova and the Hybernská - Trocnovská connections. There is likely to be a need for a new viaduct bridge on Na Florenci - Pernerova.

#### Building and Landscaping

Karlin and Masaryk Station

As soon as ground clearance permits, we seek the construction of the new Bus Station buildings and the Building Craft Training Centre at Florenc.

Completion of the first phase of the New Masaryk Station (the new main Building and platforms) is a prerequisite to the opening of the Opletalova - Na Florenci connection early in "phase 2". This will also permit an early development of the prestigious Masaryk Retail Centre. Lixkov

#### The first phase of the new residential and recreational block (7) is built on Husitská, beginning to reclaim the U Bulhara junction.

Italská is re-aligned and a substantial part of the new Španělská formed. The block at Seifertova/Italská (which includes the Metro Station) is constructed and the park at Churchill extended. At the top of the hill, the commercial, residential and hotel developments behind the main station and flanking the re-aligned Kunětická allow the early creation of the fine high square with its bridged panorama of the city spires and the new boulevarded entrance to Riegrovy Park.

#### Vinohrady The decked blocks over the rail lines at Španělská/Legerova open the new pedestrian routes from Vinohrady and

incorporate a modest realignment of Legerova. Across Vinohradská on Římská, social housing is built to accommodate the residents of the Nad Museem block. Its demolition, early in phase two, will allow the complete development of the important visual facade at the top of the new square. It will also allow the reformation of the road system at the foot of Vinohradská. Stare Mesto and Main Station The proposal for a new square between the old Federal Parliament Building and the National Museum can begin almost immediately with the conversion of the Federal Parliament (we suggest a National Library, Cultural and

Convention Centre) and the construction of its attached auditorium and additional facilities on Washingtonova. This also catalyses the creation of the new public space fronting the Smetana Divadlo, the visual lines from

#### Wenceslas to the Main Station and Vrchlického and the commencement of the new park. The Car Park remains in the first phase.

Landscaping of the different habitats in the lower section of Vrchlického Sady can also begin. Finally, the refurbishment of the Main Station is undertaken along with its new (road level) concourse. This entails minimal disruption to traffic flows on Wilsonova.

Bullding Nr	Location	Uses	Building Nr	Location	Uses
1	Washingtonova	Cultural Events, Library (attached to New National Library), Tourist Services,	17	Trocnovská	Residential
2	Wilsonova	Hotel and Parking	18	Behind Trocnovská	Light Industrial (poor dre porter
3	Vrchlického Sady	Commercial Office Space, Residential, Parking, Hotel, Retail	19	Husitská/ East Masaryk	Residential, Retail, Health and Social Services. (Delete if HSR Rail bridges proceed. Replace with Reed Beds)
	Vrchlického Sady	Commercial/Office Space, Residential, Parking, Retail	20	Husitská/ East Masaryk	Residential (incl. Housing for the Elderly) Parking, Small Professional/ Commercial Offices, Etc. (Ditto)
•	Vrchlického Sady	Commercial/Office Space, Residential, Parking, Retail	21	East Husitská	Residential (incl. Sheltered Housing)
5	U Bulhara	Residential, Commercial/ Office Space, Retail, Parking. Other	22	East Husitská	Nursery, Community Centre, Sports Club
7	U Bulhara	Parking, Residential (incl. Homeless Shelter), Retail, Commercial/ Office Space, Sport and Recreation, Cinema, etc.	23	Seifertova	Commercial and Retail
	Hybernská	Commercial/Office Space, Parking, Residential, Retail	24	Scifertova/ Španělská	Commercial/ Office Space, Residential. Parking, Retail, Metro Station, Health and Social Services
	Hybernská/ Opletalova	New Masaryk Station, Commercial/Office Space, Retail	25	Špančiská/Italská	Parking, Education Faculty, Residential (incl. Housing for the Elderly), Commercial Office Space
10	Hybernská/ Křížikova	Parking, Commercial, Retail, Residential, Crèche, Other Services	26	Italsk <b>á</b>	Library, Education
1	Na Florenci/ Křižikova	Commercial/Office Space, Retail, Residential, Parking	27	Italská/Španělská	Parking, Commercial/ Offices Space, Residential, Retail (Service)
2	Křižîkova/ Těšnov	Retail, Commercial/ Office Space, Bus Services and Administration, Public services, Health Centre. Note: In the event of the retention of Wilsonova, the retail area will reduce significantly.	28	Italská/Španělská	Parking, Hotel, Commercial/ Office Space, Residential
13	Bus Station Site	Building Craft Training School, Sundry Uses	29	Špančlská/ Behind Main Station	Commercial/ Office Space, Parking, Residential, Service Retail, Cafe/Bar, Restaurant Etc., CZR Fire Services, Power Rooms and Safety Centre
14	Viaduct	Residential, Commercial/Office Space, Wholesale Market, Bar Restaurant Etc.	30	Legerova/Špančlská	Residential, Commercial Office Space, Parking, Retail (including specialist retail mall).
15	Pernerova	Religious Facility	31	Legerova/Vinohradská/ Rubešova	Residential (incl. Homeless Shelter), Commerce/ Office Space, Retail, Parking, Health Care
16	Trocnovská	Cafe/ Bus Services/ Toilets			

Beyond the site, work is undertaken on the Hlávkův Bridge to change the character of the public space entering the inner city. The bridge width permits a good pedestrian walk-space. Cars must feel the presence of the city ahead. The footbridge over the weir can be installed and the gardens, parks and recreation spaces at Tesnov and Svermy and along the river can be restored

#### Traffic and Transport

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The exit slips from Wilsonova at U Bulhara are removed. A formal, if temporary, Husitská/ Wilsonova junction would also permit the removal of the south-bound access road. In place of the south-bound exit slip, a new road drops down from Hybernská to the Hybernská-Trocnovská Road. New Masaryk Station is opened and block 8 constructed. The Opletalova - Na Florenci road is made and the Masaryk Retail Centre can be developed.

The construction of the Tesnov road line will mean that the whole road system is in place: Tesnov to Na Florenci-Pernerova, Trocnovská, Trocnovská-Hybernska, Husitská, and Opletalova-Na Florenci. The only temporary road will be to take Tesnov through the motorway piers adjacent to the city museum.

New tram routes are proposed: from Vltavská Metro to Wenceslas and beyond (via Na Florenci and Opletalova)

from Končvova and Husitská to join the 5, 9 and 26 route turning left into U Bulhara and Bolzanova. the Number 11 tram from Vinohradská turns into the renewed Rubešova and back into the system (avoiding Legerova)

## Building and Landscaping

#### Karlin, Lixkov and Masaryk

With the main infrastructure complete, development can proceed in Florenc, Pod Viaduktem, Trocnovská and Ilusitská. The completion of the rail bridges permits the closure of the east-bound "high" rail line out of the main station thus allowing the construction of the Přiběnická-Husitská road link down the old embankment and the new walk to Žižkov Park over the high viaduct. The west side of the road is finished with the community facilities and social housing as it joins upper Husitská.

The lettable wings of the new Masaryk Station are completed along with the Masaryk Retail Centre. The bus station block at Florenc is also ready for completion. Its uses depend on a final decision on Wilsonova's future.

The move of CZR construction staff to new premises in block 24 (or 23) allows building of the faculty block on Španělská/Italská along with the new library and additional educational facilities across the road. (There is also sufficient space there to house a primary school if required.)

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normal city street again.

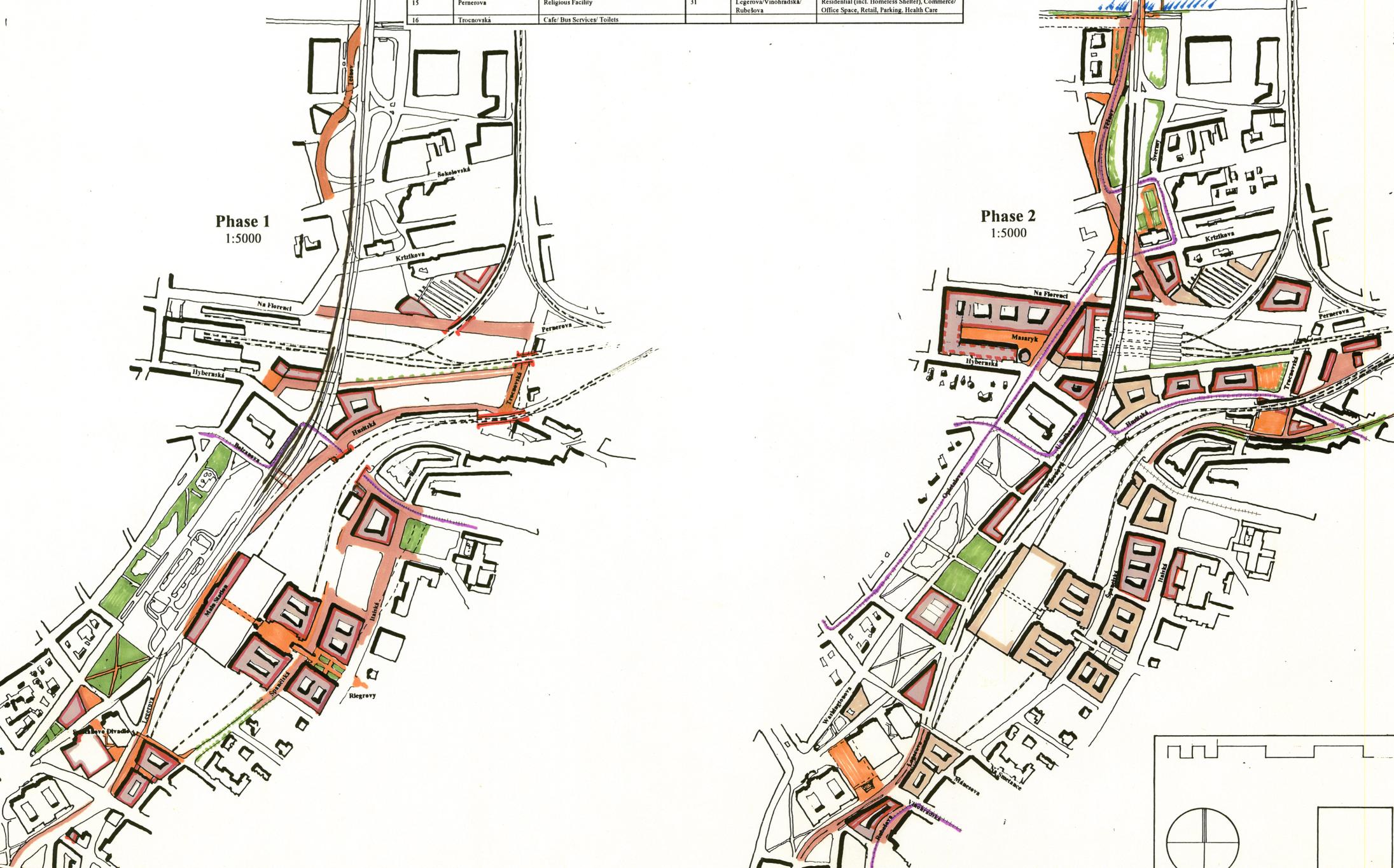
Residents of Vinohrady get early benefit from the development. Both Italská and Španělská are complete as are the pedestrian connections from Riegrovy Sady through the main station to the city and from Na Smetance and Mánesova. At the foot of Vinohradská, as soon as the decked blocks are complete, the two-way Legerova is opened allowing the completion of the public spaces between the Museum and Library and towards Vrchlického. The Rubešova /Legerova block can be completed.

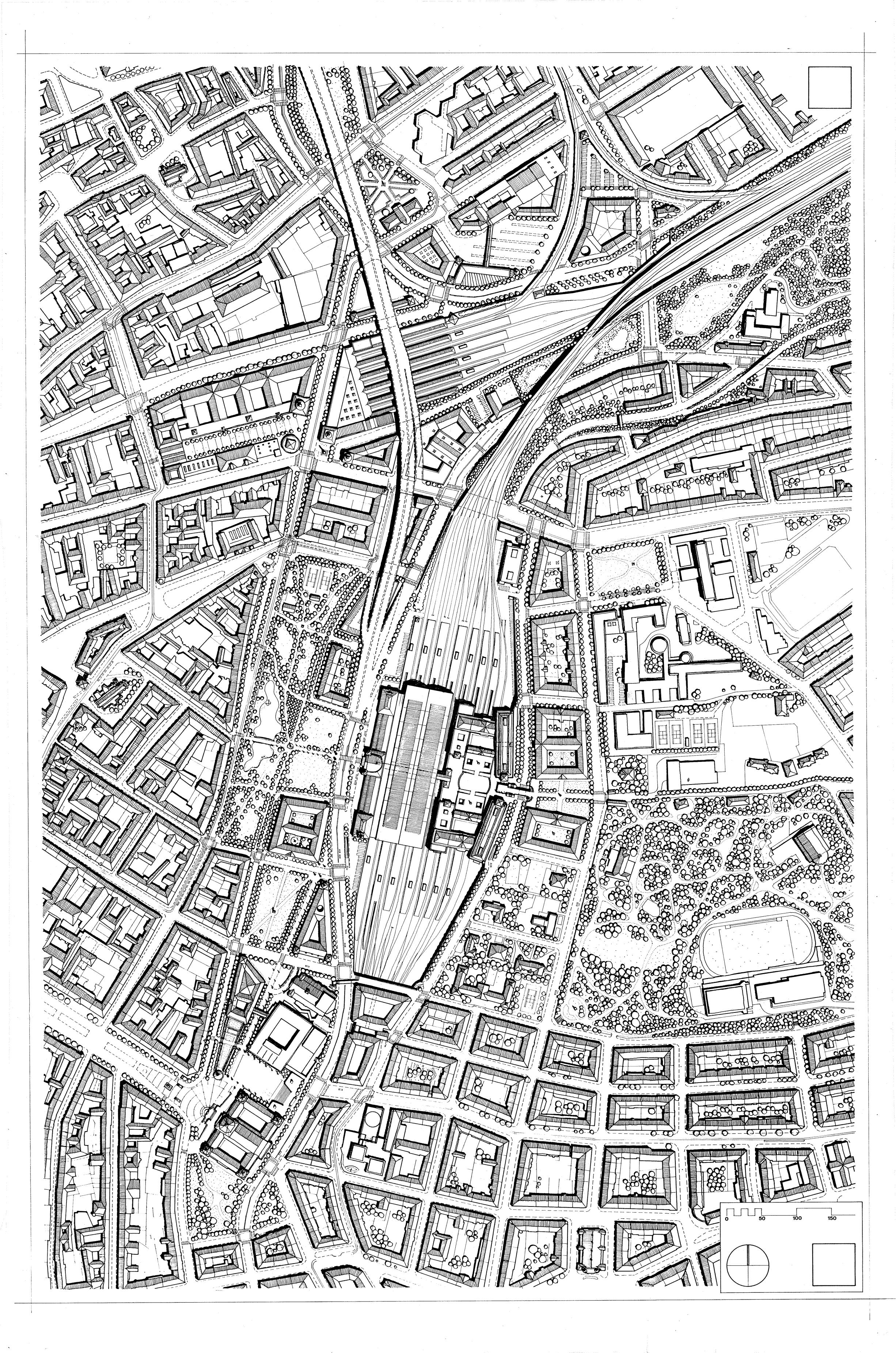
At the high end of the new square we suggest a sculpture (rising storks in water sprays?) to also provide a visual break to the end of Vinohradská.

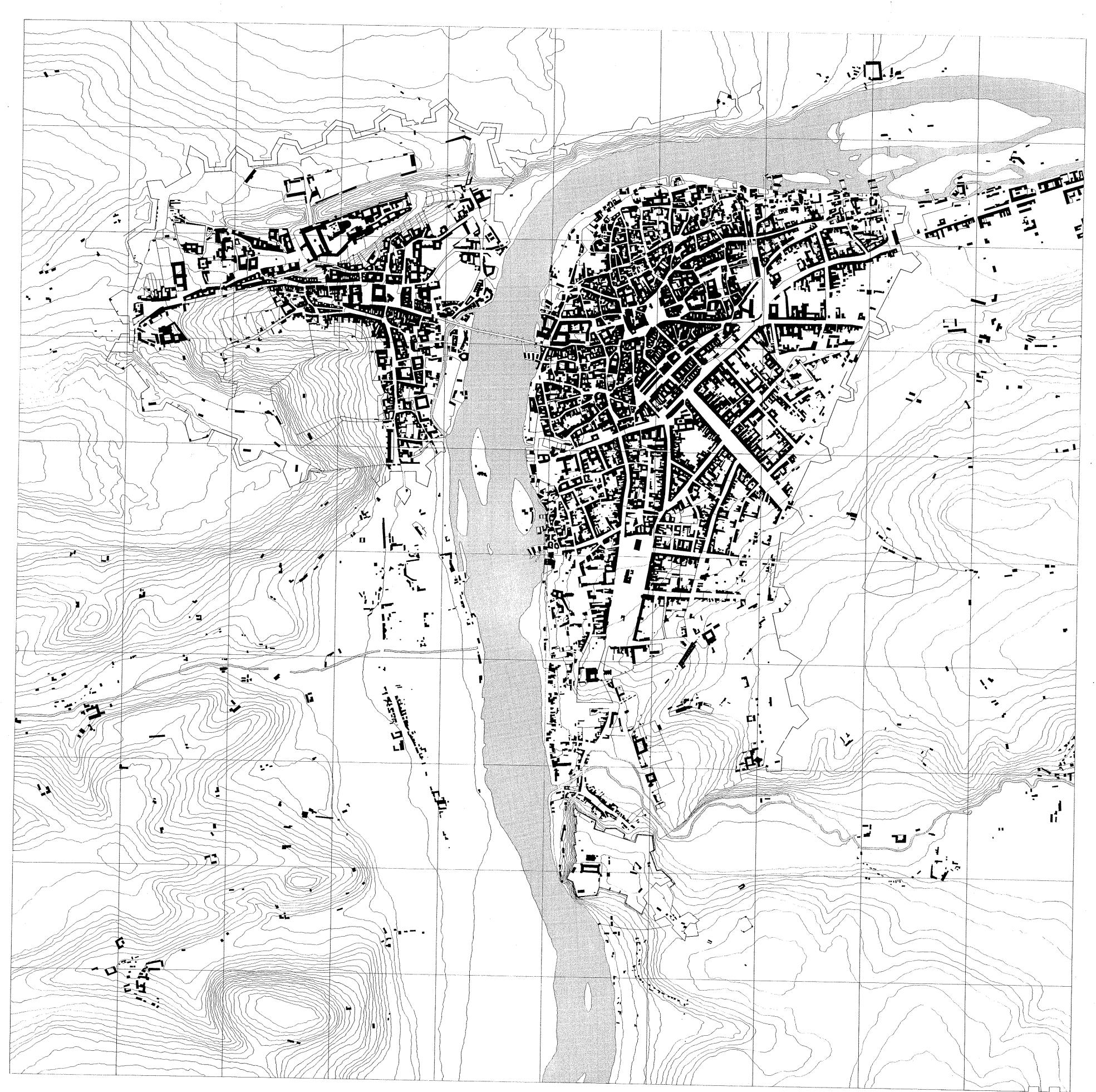
The hotel on the car park site next to Smetana Divadlo can be built as can the block overlooking Vrchlického Sady. With the completion of the main station, the landscaping of the station side of the park can be carried out and the blocks against Wilsonova partially constructed. Meanwhile ...

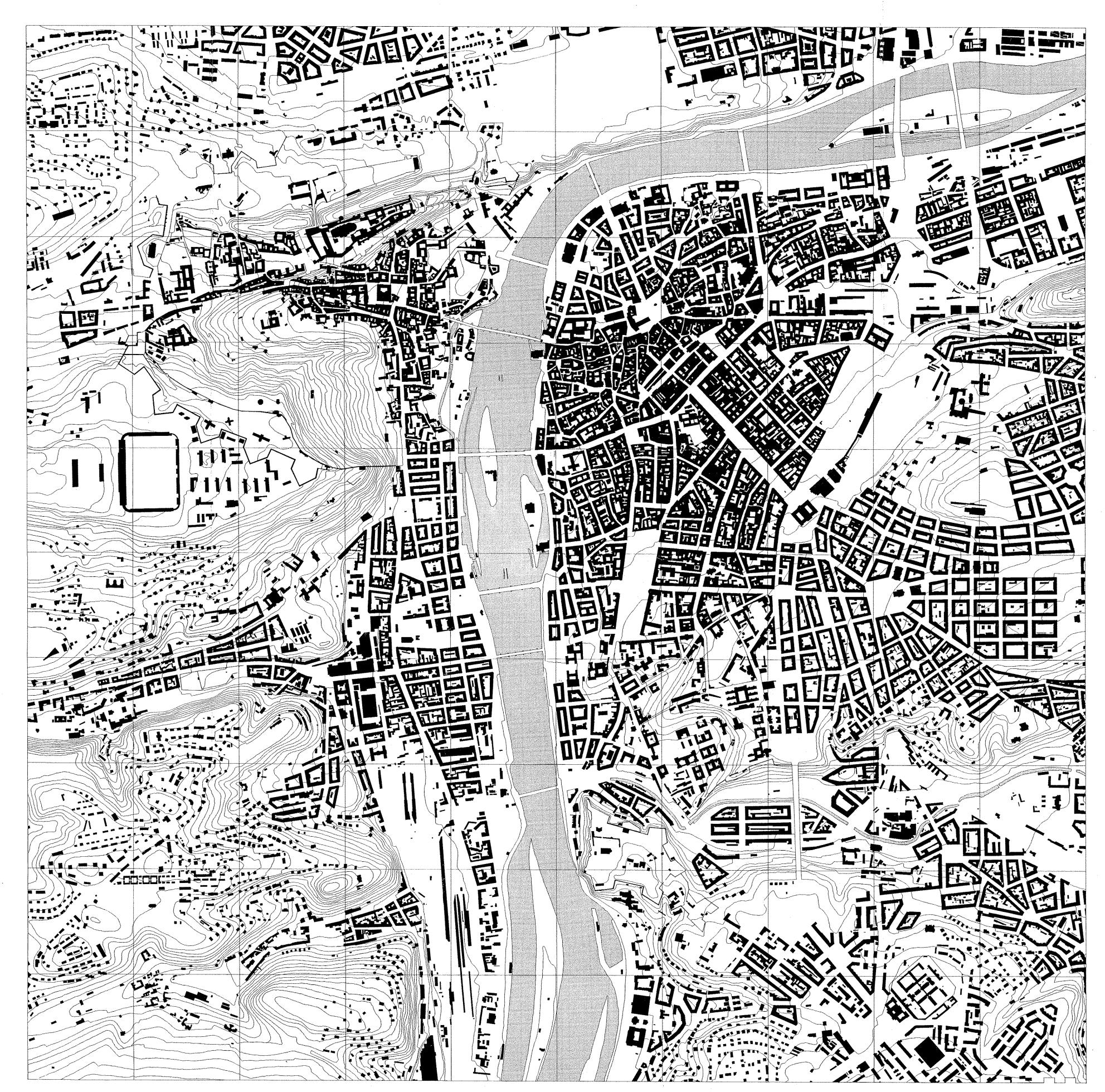
place. We are ready for the big decision regarding Wilsonova. When it is removed, the Klimentská - Pobřežní junction can be re-formed and blocks at Florenc and Hybernská completed. The construction of the two blocks from Vrchlického Sady to Hybernská will make the infamous U Bulhara a

Sufficient time has elapsed for the formation of the peripheral road system. Most of the urban form is now in









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