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INVITATION TO THE UBC SEMINAR IN TAMPERE

Dear colleagues,

The UBC Commission on Urban Planning will have its next seminar in Tampere, Finland, between April 14th and 17th 2010. The seminar theme "Edges of the City Centre and Reuse of Traffic Areas" concentrates on an acute question in many cities, namely increasing the density of city centres and avoiding urban sprawl. Also climate change and sustainability in urban planning are taken into account in the seminar programme. Enclosed is the invitation to the seminar, the seminar programme, information of travelling to Tampere and registration form for the seminar.

Tampere is the 3rd largest city in Finland with approx. 210 000 inhabitants. It is 176 km northwest from the capital city Helsinki and 157 km north-east from Turku, but has an airport of its own, too. Tampere has always been a very important industrial city and a centre of industrial innovations, and in 1882 it actually had the 1st electric light in Scandinavia. In 1974 the world's first mobile phone call using the NMT-technology was called from Tampere, in 1991 they already used GSM technology, and the world famous NOKIA company was originally founded in Tampere although it then moved to the neighbouring municipality Nokia in the 1860's! The rich industrial history of Tampere is visible everywhere in the city, and in fact we'll have our get-together on Wednesday, April 14th in the former Frenckell paper mill that now serves as the offices of the city planning department of Tampere. You can find more information about Tampere on the city's web page http://www.gotampere.fi/eng.

When coming to Tampere, remember to pack your swim suit with you, because you cannot visit Finland without going to sauna (in the programme on Friday evening, April 16th)!

Looking forward to meeting you in Tampere in April,

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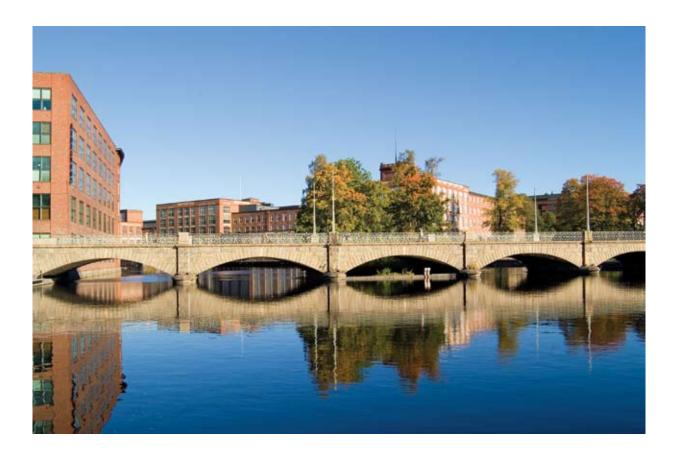
UNION OF THE BALTIC CITIES, Commission on Urban Planning Invites you to the next seminar in Tampere 14.-17.4.2010

The UBC Commission on Urban Planning and the City of Tampere warmly invite you to attend the Commission's next seminar in Tampere on 14th-17th April 2010.

The theme for the seminar is "Edges of the City Centre and reuse of Traffic Areas" A topical subject with the actual slow change of the city centers all around. There is strong debate about the land use planning in Tampere. There are projects under planning either construction and hopefully the seminar and the workshop will bring new aspects for the discussion.

The seminar and workshop will be held at City Council Hall. Workshop cases are both near, as we are working in the city centre. The preliminary program is included.

We really look forward to see you in Tampere! Wellcome!



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SEMINAR AGENDA

TIME **EVENT** WEDNESDAY 14.4. 19:00 Get-together Frenckell, **THURSDAY 15.4.** 8:30 Registration City Hall, 5th floor 9:00 Opening Kari Kankaala, Director, Mayor's Office of Tampere and Sirpa Kallio, Chairman, UBC City Hall, 5th floor

- 9:15 Lecture: Urban planning in low-carbon societies, Oras Tynkkynen, Government Climate Policy Specialist
- 9:45 Lecture: Traffic in Tampere Hanna Kalenoja, Senior Researcher, Technical University of Tampere
- 10:15 Coffee break
- 10:45 Lecture: Actual Town Planning Tasks in Tampere, Risto Laaksonen, Director of Urban Development, City of Tampere
- 11:30 Lecture: Land use and traffic Kimmo Ylä-Anttila, Architect
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Lecture: The Future of Town, Olli Niemi, NCC, Senior Vice President,
- 13:30 Lecture: The Townscape of Tampere, Jorma Mukala, Chief Editor of the Finnish Architectural Review
- Lecture: Reuse of the Industrial Centre, Mikko Järvi, Town 14:00 Planner, Mayor's Office of Tampere
- 14:30 Coffee break
- 16:15 Guided walk to Finlayson and AmuriMuseum of Workers' Housing
- 18:00 Dinner at Tower Restaurant Näsinneula



VENUE

former paper mill

City Hall, 5th floor

City Hall, 5th floor

City Hall, 5th floor

Restaurant Näköala,

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TIME EVENT

VENUE

FRIDAY 16.4.

9:00	Lecture: 'Shared streets' in Tulli area near the railway station Ruut Mattsson, Design Engineer, Ramboll, Finland	City Hall, 5th floor
9:30	 Workshop cases, introduction 1. Ratapiha Improvement of the railwaystation area and reuse of the former cargo station plot. Hanna Montonen, Head of City Planning Services, City of Tampere 2. Mustalahti Reuse of the highway area next to the small marina to connect the amusement park to the city centre. lina Laakkonen, City Planner, Urban Development, City of Tampere 	City Hall, 5th floor
10:00	Visit to the workshop areas	
11:00	Workshop	Group rooms 1-4
12:00	Lunch	Raatihuone,
13:45	Questions about the workshop	The Old City Hall Group rooms 1- 2
14:00	Workshop	Group rooms 1-4
15:00	Coffee break	Restaurant Näköala
15:30	Workshop	Group rooms 1-4
18:00	Coach to Pispala, Hervanta and Hangaslahti	
19:30 - 23:00	Sauna and light dinner	Hangaslahti

SATURDAY 17.4.

9:00	The participant's own projects or topics: Redevelopment of New Admiralty Island Anna Katkhanova, St. Petersburg	City Hall, 5th floor
10:00	Workshop presentations	City Hall, 5th floor
11:30	Presentation of the next seminar	City Hall, 5th floor
11:45	Closing words by Sirpa Kallio, Chairman, UBC	City Hall, 5th floor
12:00	Lunch	Restaurant Plevna
13:00	Optional visit to City Library 'Metso' and Moomin valley	

14:00 End of the seminar

PRESENTATION OF THE LECTURES

ORAS TYNKKYNEN:

Urban planning for low-carbon communities

Government Climate Policy Specialist orastynkkynen.fi

1. Low-carbon societies:

- key countries have committed to action in any case
- cheap fossil fuels are running out and sustainable alternatives developing
- forerunners show that it is possible to be green and grow
- customers demand low-carbon solutions
- climate crisis will force us to act

2. The role of urban planning in climate protection

- Urban planning affects e.g. transport demand and modal split
- possibilities for district heating
- infrastructure requirements
- adaptation needs

3. Towards sustainable communities

Aspects of sustainability energy consumption in buildings

- energy production
- urban structure and transport demand
- transport modes and services
- · food production and waste management
- biodiversity
- water management
- social inclusion
- participation and democracy

Challenges in pioneering projects

- focus on technological fixes
- top-down planning
- high costs
- shortcomings in implementation
- location
- outsourcing problems
- limited deployment possibilities

4. Will technology solve everything? Why electric cars (alone) will still not be enough?

- cars cause other problems than just CO2
 emissions
- technology may not commercialise fast enough
- car fleet changes very slowly
- even electric cars and the electricity they use have to be produced somehow

Conclusions

- we need a rapid shift to low-carbon societies
- urban planning has a central role to play
- there are several challenges to the largescale application of sustainable communities
- technology is key, but is not enough alone

Jätkäsaari, Helsinki

intl. competition about a sustainable block

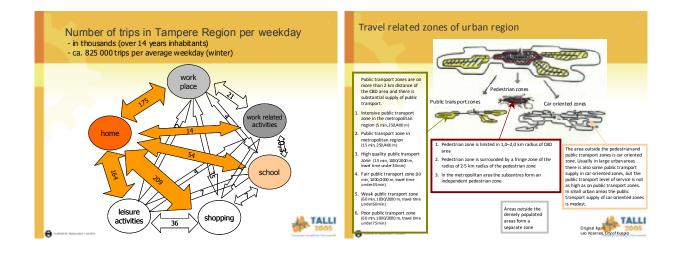
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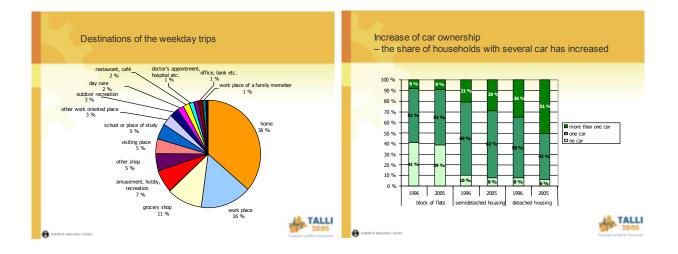
- Finland's 1. carbon-free neighbourhood
- district heating, solar electricity and heat, wind power and waste heat from ships
- real-time information about carbon footprint
- using rainwater and grey water
- urban gardening
- high population density

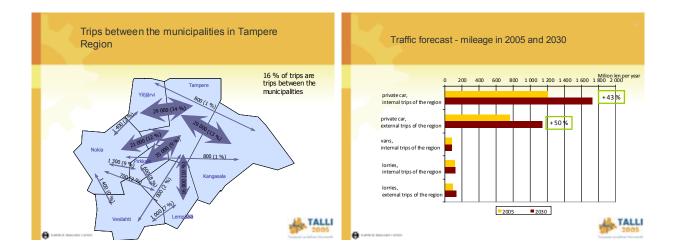
HANNA KALENOJA:

Travel demand in Tampere Region

Senior ResearcherTampere University of Technology, Transport Engineering







RISTO LAAKSONEN

Actual town planning tasks in Tampere

Director of Urban Development, City of Tampere

Goals for development of infrastructure

1. Being prepared for increase in population 2. More efficient and concentrated urban infrastructure

3. Development of town centres and sub-centres

4. More versatility in housing production

5. Promoting new opportunities of sustainable means of traffic and every day travel6. Supporting growth of industry and com-

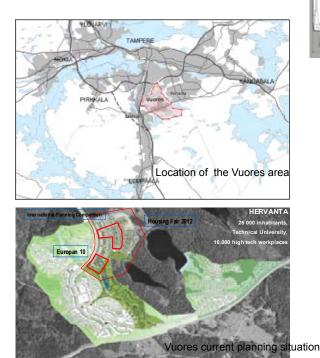
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7. Improving accessibility of services across municipal borders

The Tunnel of Rantaväylä

Rantaväylä is located in the centre of Tampere. Between the city centre and Lake Näsijärvi in the middle of the urban structure. It is a part of the nationwide road network and the main road 12. At Tampere Rantaväylä serves national, regional and urban traffic.

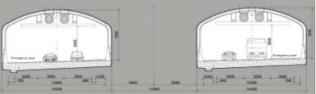
The tunnel is planned to be sited under built environment. It will also under pass The Tammerkoski Rapids. Length of the tunnel is approx. 2,3 km. Tunnel will generate possibilities to evolve land use near the city centre.





- The tunnel consists of two tubes
 - Each direction in own tube
 Two lanes and emergency lane per tul
 - Two lanes and emergency lane per tube
 Driving lanes are 3,5 m wide and emergency lane 3,0 m.
- Continuous emergency lane makes possible to pull off the road at any point of tunnel.
- Distance between tubes is 11 m.
- Tubes are connected with 11 pedestrian cross passages 200 m distance apart.

•Ov erlying beds of the tunnel are 15–20 m. There is minimum 8 m bedrock over the tunnel. Underneath The Tammerkoski Rapids there is 15 m bedrock between rapids and tunnel roof.



Vuores:

13,500 inhabitants, 3000-5000 jobs The goal is to build a structurally and functionally harmonious urban district on the territory of two municipalities. Small town image, "urban village". The natural environment and ecology are an essential part of the area identity. The environmentally valuable areas will be protected.

Diversity in the housing stock and social structure.

Traffic system emphasises public transport, walking and cycling

KIMMO YLÄ-ANTTILA: Land Use and Traffic

Senior lecturer, D.Sc.(Tech.) Tampere University of Technology / School of Architecture / Urban Planning & Design

TOPICS:

- Transformation of Urban structure: Metapolisation

- CASE study: Tampere 1960-2000 (Alppi & Ylä-Anttila 2004-2008, Ylä-Anttila 2010)

- Urban design and planning in between land use & traffic

- Integral urbanism: European examples

Research question: What kind of urban transformation in Finnish mid-size city?

- Hypothesis: from hierarchical decentralization to polycentric network structure (Zwischenstadt, Multiplex City, Metapolis,...)

EMPIRIC ANALYSIS

- Macromorphology: city & city region

- Multi-level network approach:

- Physical structure (urban settlement, transportation, infrastructure)

- Nodal locations (public and private services, workplaces)

- Time-space paths (individual citizen/consumer) diachronic 1960/80/00

SOME CONCLUSIONS:

- "Regional city", but still quite monocentric - Polycentricity occurs mostly as new retail locations (sparse national network of cities, size of the city)

- Scalar change in road network

- Reorganisation of individual everyday timespace –networks "home is the true centre of the city", à la carte –city

Conditions for transformation:

- Modern era master plans (overall low density & sprawl written into)

- Transportation planning (capacity & safety principles, national capacity for local use) change in retail logics: scale, locations, logistics,... increased "network capital" of consumers

HOW TO DESIGN NEW URBAN FORM AND ITS TRANSFORMATION?

- New transformation context recognised: metapolisation

- No new practise exist, new design solutions under development, old models still in use (written in laws, norms & unwritten practises)

INTEGRAL URBANISM:

 Integration of activities, integration of places
 Goals of planning – enabling, sustainability new systems view: simultaneous systemic and qualitative approach













METROPOLISATION

HIERARCHICAL DECENTRALISAT

FUNCTIONAL ZONING

• CITY OF WORK

PLANNING AND DESIGN MODELS: Howard: Garden City Perry: Neighborhood Units





ION-HIERARCHICAL, POLYCENTRIC

CITY OF CONSUMPTION

TRAFFIC: PRIVATE CAR

INTERPRETATION MODELS: Sieverte: Zwischenstadt Ascher: Metapole Oswald & Baccini: Net2stadt



THEMES:

- New nodes and hybrids
- Boundaries between land use and traffic areas
- Integration of nodes and nodal fields
- Re-use of the urban space
- Landscape as a unifying space and identity supporter

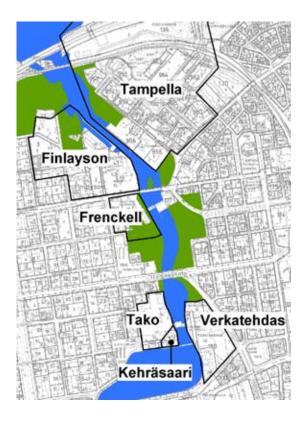


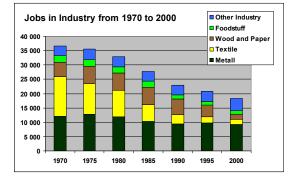
MIKKO JÄRVI

The History and Reuse of Industrial Buildings on the Banks of Tammerkoski river in the Centre of Tampere

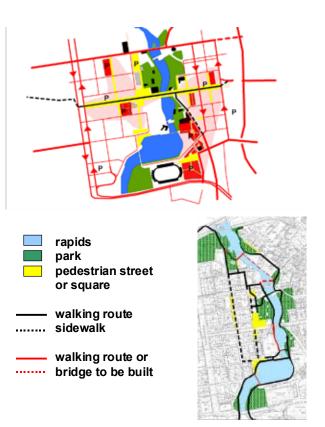
Town planner, M.Sc. Architect , Mayor's Office of Tampere

The City of Tampere was founded on a narrow neck of land between two large lakes. These two lakes are connected by one-and-a-half kilometre long river Tammerkoski, which runs from north to south and descends 18 metres. In the 19th century several paper and textile mills and machine shops were founded along the river banks of the rapids.





The change in the industrial structure of Tampere began already in 1928 when the Frenckell paper mill was closed. Verkatehdas, a massive 19th century industrial complex was demolished in the late seventies. The demolition decision sparked strong public discussion. Ever since, the general opinion has been to preserve the remaining old redbrick mills.



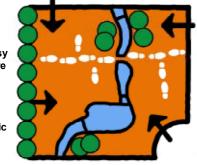
Pedestrian traffic Is first in the centre

But it have to be easy to come to the centre

• cycling

by bus and by private car

but no through traffic by private car







Tammerkoski

Most of the old buildings on the banks are already protected in the town plan (grey) or by the building conservation law (black).



In the city centre the "Tako" cardbord mill is still in function on the western bank of the river. Most of the other former industrial buildings are now preserved and accomodate new functions. Offices, shops, restaurants, institutes and museums provide convenient forms of reuse of the old buildings. To transform an old factory to an apartment building is more difficult. The dimensions of the buildings are seldom suitable for flats.

The banks of the river are being and shall be further developed in the future as the recreation and entertainment centre of the city.



WORKSHOP AREA "MUSTALAHTI"

RAILWAY

Main railway to the north Finland. There shall be also local trains in the future. For the local trains have to be built at last one track more (now there are two tracks). There is also need for a local train station (stop).

MAIN ROAD (PAASIKIVENTIE)

Today the main road has 2+2 through going lanes. The original plan of the tunnel did not have any junction to the centre. There is a new alternative with junction to the tunnel with ramps from east and to east from Mustalahti.

For the western part of the centre it is utmost important that there will be good connection from the centre to the tunnel and vice versa. We have also an idea of a full underground junction with ramps to Hämeenpuisto esplanade or smaller streets besides it. When the tunnel with the junction is ready, there is need only for a local 1+1 lane street. Also one of the two-lane wide bridges over Tammerkoskiriver can be destroyed or used for some new purposes.

HARBOUR

The harbour and the old pavilion with restaurant have to be preserved for a few passage boats (most existing), charter boats, quest boats and boats of the authorities (police, fire brigade). There are two bigger harbours to west and east for boats of the residents of Tampere.

AMUSEMENT PARK (SÄRKÄNNIEMI) AND ART MUSEUM

The amusement park has to be preserved, but it does not need more room. However, in the summertime there is a big need for more parking. The Sara Hilden Art Museum is located on a very beautiful plot on the lakeshore, but separately behind the amusement park.

CREATIVE TAMPERE INSTITUTE

There is plan to built a new complex of creative arts and studies with tv-studio, and music auditorium to the old red-brick textile mill building with possible new buildings around it. http://www.luovatampere.fi/eng/

SOME OBJECTIVES AND POSSIBILITIES

More life to the old harbour and traffic area Better pedestrian connections from the centre to the amusement park and Sara Hilden Art Museum

•More housing near to the centre •More parking places for the amusement park in the summer time – with some other use from September to May ?















GROUP "MUSTALAHTI" A

Main problems of the area:

- Physical barriers
- Isolation
- Traffic noise
- Nothern orientation of the waterfront
- Only one function in the amusement area & only summertime use
- Parking problems
- Low quality of landscaping
- Lack of attractive pedestrian roads

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Lack of good connections from the city to amusenmentpark

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- Urban furniture, urban design
- No attractive entry

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Our great ideas:

- LAS VEGAS GATE
- NEW TUNNEL / NO ROAD LEAVE OUT THE PRESENT ROAD COMPLETELY
- WINTER USE IN AMUSEMENT PARK ALSO FOR ADULTS
- SPORTS, PLAYGROUNDS, SKATING, SLEDDING ...
- NEW PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS ON LAKESIDES
- ATTRACTIVE HARBOUR RESTAU-RANTS, SHOPS...
- CULTURAL CENTER, CREATIVE CENT-• FR
- UNDERGROUND PARKING ON THE PRESENT PARKING FIELD
- NEW CONNECTION TO SARA HILDEN MUSEUM FROM CREATIVE CENTER
- MORE HOUSING ON THE LAKESIDE



GROUP "MUSTALAHTI" B









Questions

- How to bring more people to the area?
- How to connect two parts of the city?
- How to deal with the traffic?

Actions

- cross the railway barrier open Mustalahti to the city centre and open the city centre to the lake
- invite more people to the Mustalahti develop the housing area, more pedestrain zones, new cultural attractions, new vision of the old harbour
- lower traffic underground tunnel and parkings, bus lane and bus stops, new railway station,





WORKSHOP AREA "RATAPIHA"

RAILWAY

Railway yard makes a barrier between city center and residential area. There shall be trains in the future – local trains are planned to run also. One track more in the east is needed in the near future. Noise and vibration give conditions to the functions and technique of the buildings. Good connections are necessary to the platforms and station area.

NEW ROAD (RATAPIHANKATU)

In planning process there is a new main road at the east side of the railway yard for transiting car traffic (approx.8000 cars/ day). It's completed already as far as to its' halfway. Main road will be connected to the city tunnel as well vas to the center and residential areas in the east.

CAR PARKING

Parking house of 950 cars in under construction beneath the main street. One of the entrances

Is located nearby the station. Along the new road Ratapihankatu the will not be parking.

OLD BUILDINGS

There are historical buildings at the planning area: former cargo station, residential houses,

a society house and a textile industry storehouse. Some should be preserved.

CONNECTIONS ACROSS AND BENEATH THE RAILWAY YARD

At the city center there are six connections – two are only for pedestrians. A new

"light traffic" tunnel will be completed 2013 in middle of the workshop planning area.







SOME OBJECTIVES AND POSSIBILITIES

New built outline and townscape facade to the railroad yard Better connections across and beneath the tracks More housing near to the centre – both residential and commercia



GROUP "RATAPIHA" A

STRENGHTS

- free to design
- start from zero
- possibility to add more to the area
- add more to the city core
- add more facilities to people
- intensify density

WEAKNESS

- No-mans-land
- barrier (railway is not the heart)
- desertlike appearance
- bad approach
- introverted
- noise problem
- no green

THREATS

- cargo functions
- old buildings
- 'train platforms' in underground
- dangerous activity on the surface

OPPORTUNITIES

- 'empty' areas close to the bridges
- new view
- new landscape
- Akerlundinkatu as a small square
- renovation of streets
- create an alley
- to bridge the gap inbetween



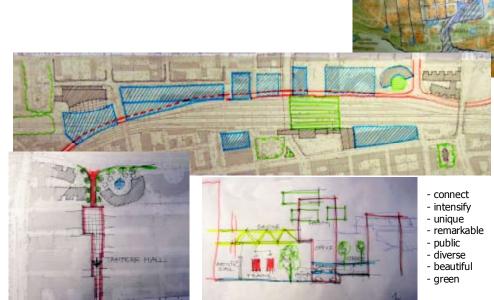


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WEAKNESS:



OPPORTUNITIES:





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new functions
tracks crossed



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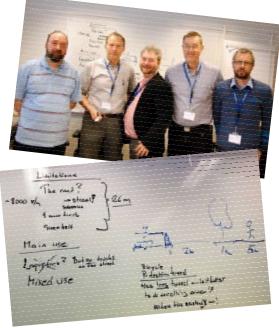
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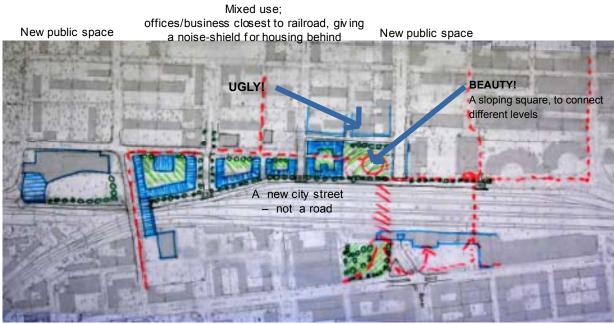
The Ratapiha area.

Work shop mission: How to make the best reuse of the former cargo station plot?





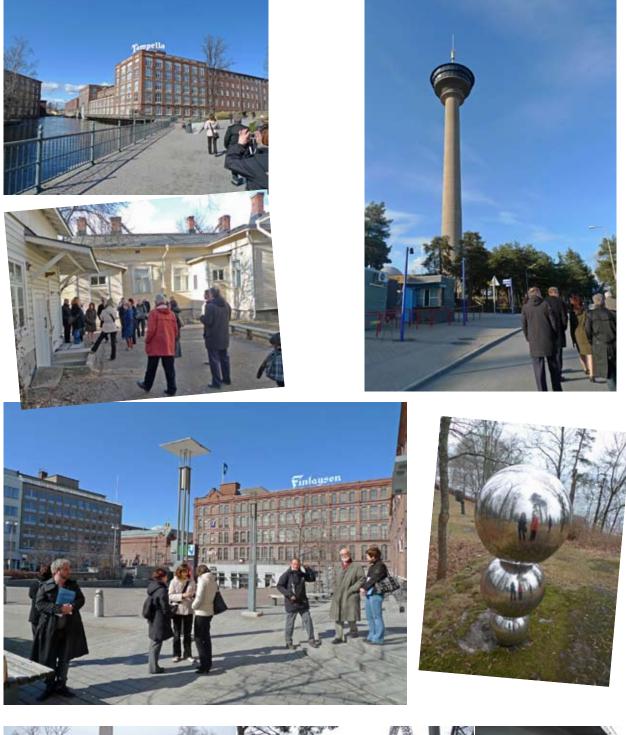
Connecting places -- and people!



Improve the existing bridge, especially for pedestrian and bikes

No pedestrian/bicy cle tunnel here. Low quality (too long and narrow to be atttractive) Widen the existing passage and create high quality for pedestrian and bicycles

GUIDED WALK AND VISIT TO WORKSHOP AREAS





"RAATIHUONE", RECEPTION AT THE OLD CITY HALL













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The UBC Commission on Urban Planning and the City of Tampere wish to thank you all for coming toTampere.

We hope that you had a good time here! Hope to see you all again!!



