



Struggle for Change – Process of Urban Transformation of Koroška Street in Maribor

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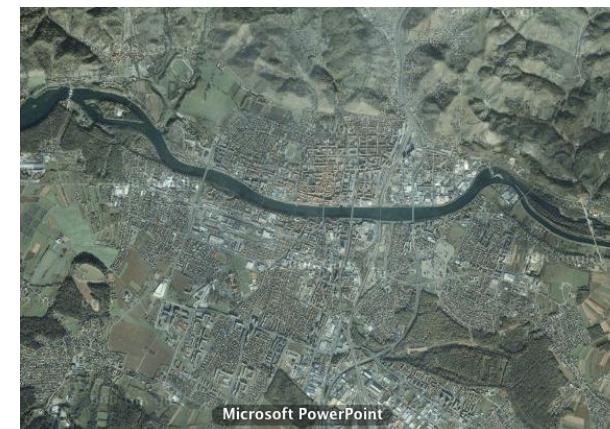
- Urban transformation of city streets (streets as complex organisms)
- How they are being used, how they are designed
- Big potential to transform them into more inclusive and sustainable places/spaces
- What they can become or serve
- How to approach their change

CASE STUDY: Koroška Street in Maribor / Slovenia

CONTEXT _ MARIBOR



- approx. 100.000 inhabitants
- former industrial city – car, steel, textile industry
- 2012 European Capital of Culture
- 15% unemployment (2017)





KOROŠKA STREET

- oldest street in town since -1250 a.d. ↗
- entrance gates to the medieval city
- courtyards •

KOROŠKA STREET in 2014

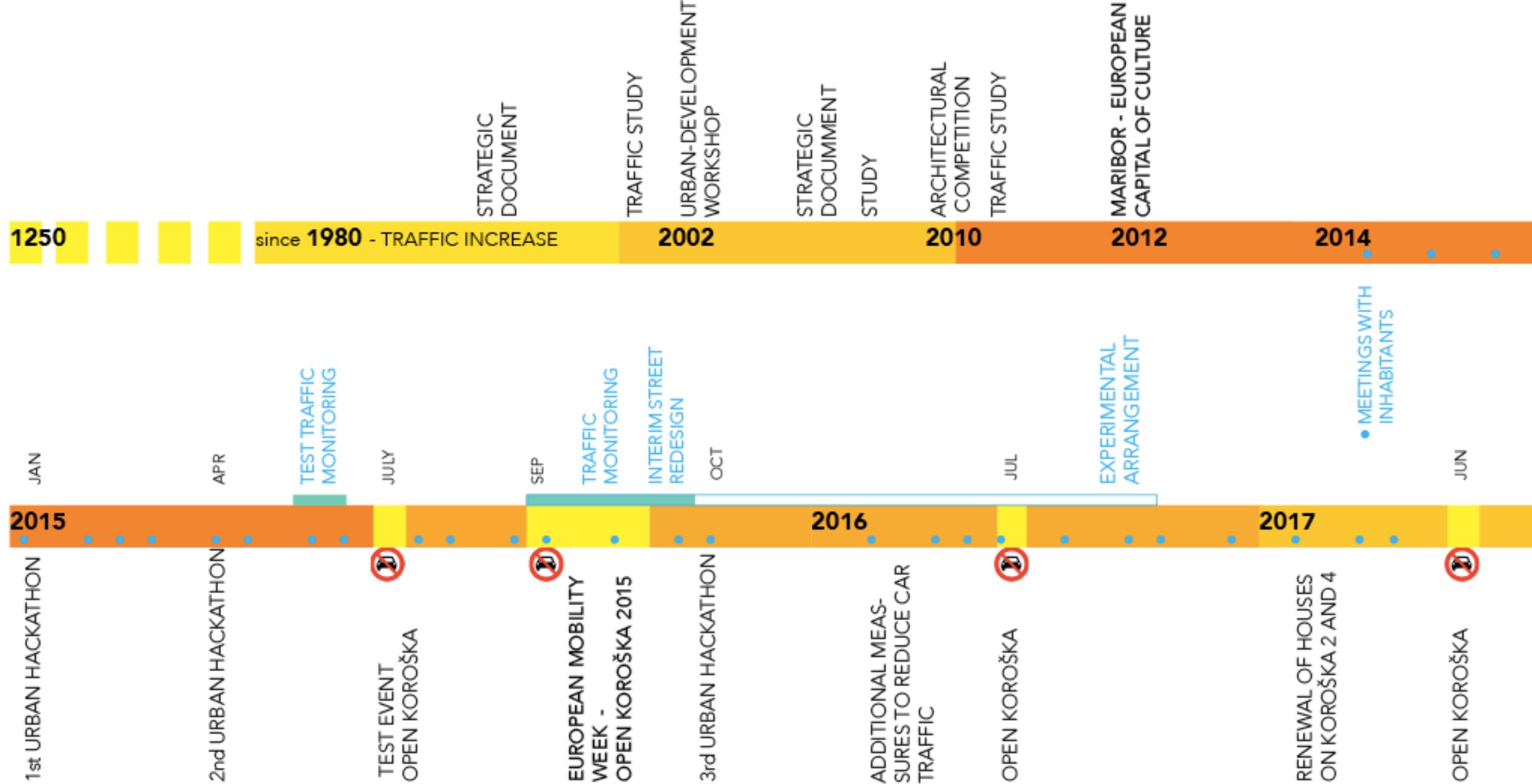


- approx. 18.000 vehicles per day (6.5 million vehicles per year)
- narrow street profile
- no cyclist paths
- only one pedestrian crossing
- noise, pollution,...
- no urban furniture
- no greenery
- destroyed paving
- dilapidated buildings / façades
- unused courtyards / unused stores
- no existing community



CASE STUDY

- Analysis of **different approaches** to urban change of the street for the last 20 years and more AND their spatial impacts
- Typology of approaches & Timeline & Impacts
 - Classic approaches (top down / municipality strategies, planning documents...)
 - Informal approaches (bottom up / tactical urbanism - Temporary use of space, Interim solutions, Participation of citizens, Creative regulations)



1. phase – classic approach

- 'General plan of the renewal of the old core of Maribor' (1985)
- Traffic analysis of the new traffic regime of the central area of Maribor (2002)
- Pilot project for the renewal of buildings on Koroška street 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10' was proposed (2002) / not implemented
- International urban-development workshop 'Reminiscence' was carried out (2002)
- Strategic document 'Renewal of the old town core – Maribor' (2003)
- 'Study of urban development and revitalisation of the old city, with an emphasis on renovation of façades on Koroška street' (2010)
- Architectural and urban planning competition for the wider area of the Main square, Koroška street and Kneza Kocljaj street' (2010)
- Traffic study 'Maribor old city centre' (2011)

ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN PLANNING COMPETITION for the wider area of the Main square and Koroška street' (2010).



KOROŠKA STREET in 2014



1. phase – findings

- need for transformation embedded in strategic documents
- however conditions of the street itself GOT WORSE - the number of motor vehicles has risen and the degradation of space – e.g. demolished road surface, dilapidating buildings facades, unused courtyards, abandoned buildings - got more severe
- no PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT OR INTERVENTION occurred in space

2. phase – informal approach

- ‘Living city project’ (2013-2015), Actors of Urban Change program
- ‘Meetings with the inhabitants of Koroška street’, regularly since 2013
- ‘Urban Hackathons’ - ‘City-toolbox: Revive the city together’ – Jan 2015, ‘Reviving Koroška street’ – Apr 2015 and ‘Reviving the city centre’ – Okt 2015
- Research project ‘Contemporary Spatial Analysis’ (April - July 2015)
- Interviews (22 June 2015 – 3 July 2015)
- ‘OPEN Koroška Street’ (5 July 2015)
- ‘European Mobility Week - Open Koroška street 2015’
- ‘Traffic monitoring’ on 13 streets (2015)
- ‘Lent festival - OPEN Koroška 2016’
- ‘Lent festival - OPEN Koroška 2017’

LIVING COURTYARDS >> LIVING CITY. Maribor. Slovenia (2013-2015)



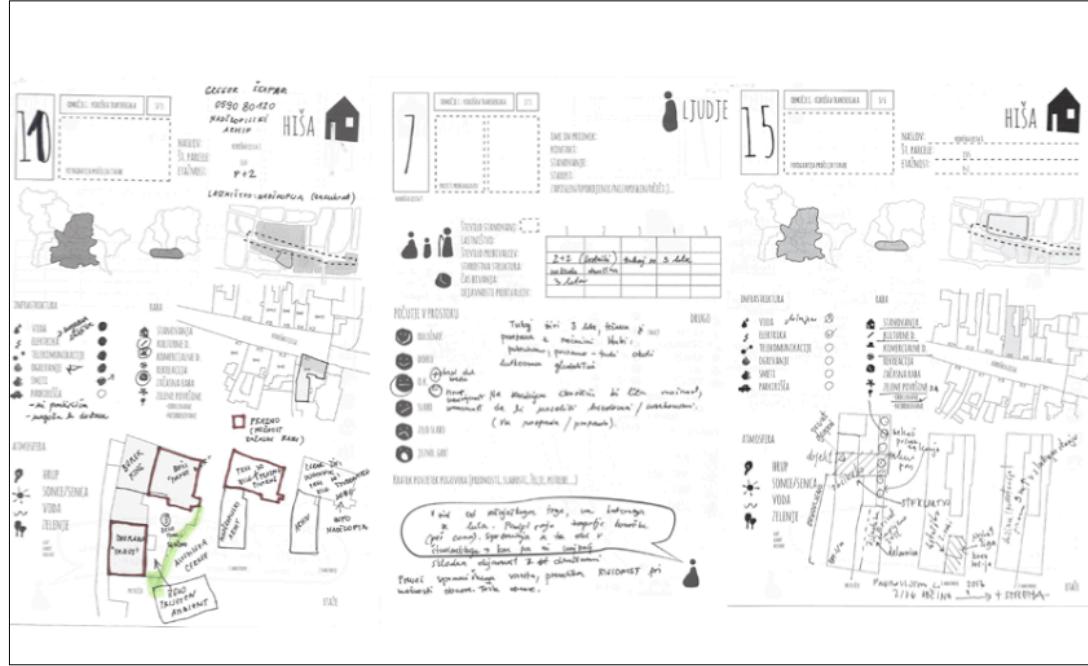
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ACTORS OF URBAN CHANGE (2013-2015)

NGO – LIVING COURTYARDS ASSOCIAT.
MARIBOR MUNICIPALITY
UM – DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
PRIVATE SECTOR – RVA OFFICE

Reactivating devastated spaces, such as streets and courtyards, in the medieval part of Maribor together with local communities.





MEETINGS WITH INHABITANTS – more than 30 meetings since 2013



3 URBAN HACKATHONS - 3 x 2days in jan., apr. and oct. 2015

WIDE RANGE OF STAKEHOLDERS

HORIZONTAL INTEGRATION

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

MOBILISATION OF PUBLIC



PARTITIPATION OF INHABITANTS

NEW EXPERIENCE OF THE STREETSSPACE

INFORMATION SUPPORT



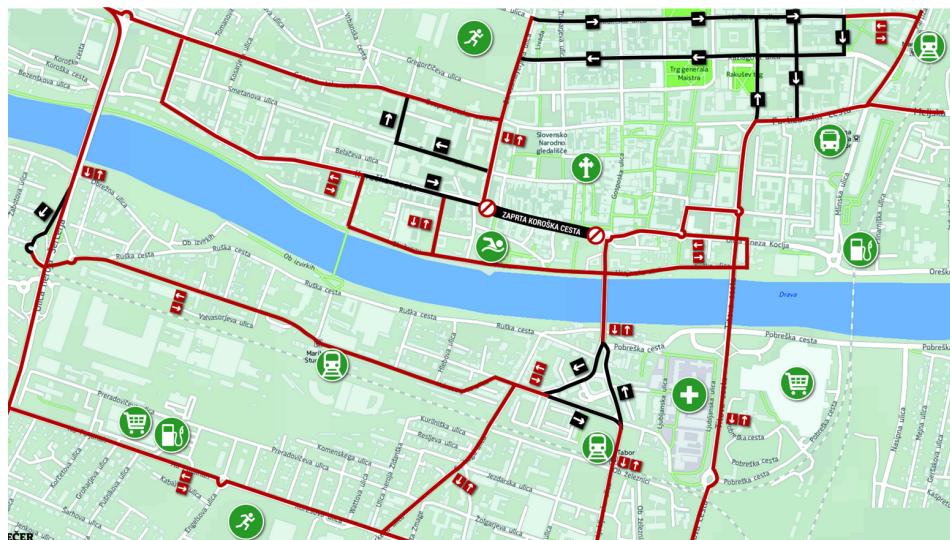
EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK – 3 weeks in september 2015

INTERIM SPATIAL SOLUTION

LOW-BUDGET STREET REDESIGN

NO TRAFFIC (except for inhabitants)

EVENTS, WORKSHOPS

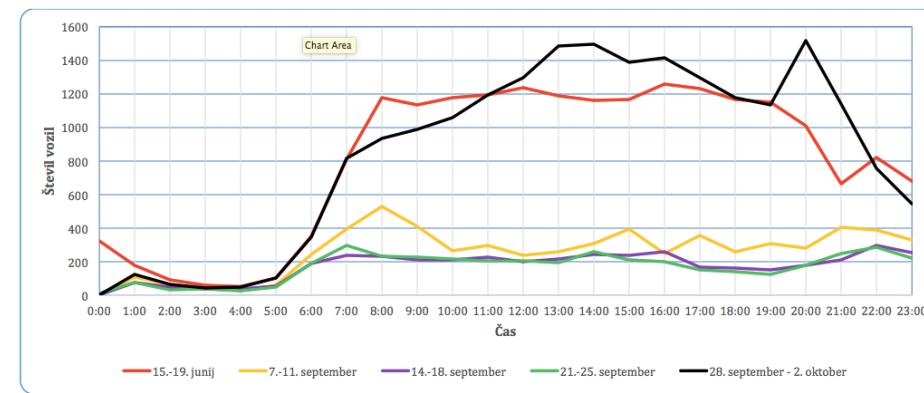


Koroška cesta:

Čas štetja:

- ⇒ 15/06/2015 (od 00:00) – 19/06/2015 (do 24:00)
- ⇒ 07/09/2015 (od 00:00) – 02/10/2015 (do 24:00)

MONITORING OF TRAFFIC ON 13 STREETS



Grafikon 1: Število vozil na povprečen delovnik na števnem mestu Koroška cesta.



Ker jim ni vseeno, županu pošiljajo pismo

Poziv udeležencev tretjega
urbanega hektona in
akterij Koroške ceste
Mestni občini Maribor, naj
se loti strateškega razvoja
mesta in ozivljjanja starega
mestnega jedra.

MITJA SAGA

Z odprtim pismom in pozitivi Mestni
občini Maribor (MOM) udeležen
ci tretjega tveganega urbanega he
ktona, prepričani, da lahko skupaj
naredijo več kot vsak zase, zdaj ure
snjujo obujbljivo. Namreč, da bodo
župana, podlagane in prisotne odbi
ske službe pozvali k skupnemu za
bojni Maribor.

Urban hiši. Urban hekton ni po
stregi le z uradno predstavljeno re
sultatu monitoringeja geometrija v čas
tridevdesetka podstavljen. Zapita Ko
roške ceste, pospremljeno z disku
cijo prometnih strokovnjakov, pa
tudi s spoznanjem, da poslovna
služba Moma je finančno zagot
ovala, da se podjetje ne morejo zravn
iti, je podjetje načrtovalo pravne
moci pri izvajanjima javnega reda in
miru. Prelivati mesta so ponudili šte
vilne ideje, tudi želje, kaščno mesto si
želijo, in udeleženci urabljajo hekto
na menijo, "da je vloga MOM in njenih
služb vitalnejša pomembna za izvajanje
mesta in starega mestnega jedra Ma
ribora".

Preveriti smernost izvedbe že iz delih rešitev

Zato pozivajo Mestno občino Mar
ibor in prisotne službe, da "izvedejo ak
tualizira, spremeni in prilike izvajanja
delgorodno strategije razvoja mesta
Maribor", da "nujno opredeli, sprej

me in zagotovi realizacijo delgorodne
strategije izboljšanja starega mestnega
jedra" in da "čim prej pripravi in
izdobi zanesivo preporočilo prostorskih
postopkov v starem mestnem jedru
z jasno definiranimi koraki in časov
nim in redosledom, takoj pristopi k prever
bi težav, ki je izdelalnih prostorskih
rešitev in prav tako do izboljšanja trž. J. zlasti po
preveri aktualnosti in smernosti izved
be te izdelanih rešitev in letih 2016 in
nadale - relativne na bil urejale razmer
za vral 10 do 20 let - oziromo čim
pričnejo ustrezne prostorske re
šitve in prav tako do izboljšanja trž. J.
Koroško mesto temveč zlasti si mora de
lgadano mestno jedro v povezavi z
drugimi deli in sosedskimi mesta". O
čelovitoj relevantnosti prometne pro
blematike v starem mestnem jedru je
je veliko govorilo tudi že v času za
poten zapise Koroške ceste in prav Kent se
vedel omenja v nujni povezavi s Ko
roško cesto.

Izboljšati komunikacijo občine s skupnostmi

Udeleženci hektona in akterij Koro
ške ceste od MOM pričakujejo tudi,

**Za izboljšano
komunikacijo med
občino in skup
nostmi bodo
ključne vzpostavi
te tako inovativ
nih odprtih pisarn**

"da po keratih nadaljuje urejanje
prostornih razmer na Lenu. Koro
ški cesti in drugih cestah in ulicah
s skozi spremembe prometnih razmer
vključevanje ulicami, trgi in cestami
mesta v skladu z že znanimi dobri
nimi izkušnjami. Kot možno takojšnje
izkušnje navaja pravljivo, posred
ovanje in izboljšanje komunikacije
med mestnem uradom, posavitev
več hitrostnih ovir, postavitev maz
zora izsvajanja ukrepov za zagata
vanje varnosti v prometu, prepopov
iranilnega prometa po okzih in
obremenjenih prometnicah, prepre
čevanje hkratne rabe prostora več
ljudjev v prometu, predvsem pa
tudi zagotavljanje javnega reda in
miru. Vendar je potreben tudi, da se po
menjava stavevajočev Koroške ceste dolo
čišča preb problem nočnega življenja
na relaciji Mariborska trička-Glavni
trg. Med drugimi ukrepi predlagajo
dolgoročne strategije uprabe javne
potništva prometa, pa tudi pre
učitev sedanjih prometnih potreb v
mestu, pri čemer osmnenjuje potrebov
zagotavljanja parkirnih mest, javnega
prevoza, dejavnosti taksišev, peščen
kolesarskih con in razvoj potniške
vezi potnjaš let."

Prepričani so, da mora MOM iz
vezanje vseh navedenih nalog zag
otoviti tudi ustrezno organizirano
službo, "predvsem s poudarkom na
pravljivo, posredovanje in takratne ob
vezbe in prece prostorske probleme,
na primer izdvajanje načrte Drave,
ureditev in ozivljjanje trgov in ulic,
dokončno razrešitev tečajev in opred
elitev bivalcev vlog Metnine (Tinče, me
stnega parka...). Po njihovem mnenju
je potreben novo komunikaciju med
Mestno občino Maribor in skupnostmi
ključne vzpostavitve tako inovativnih
odprtih pisarn.

REVOLT BY THE ARCHITECTS-ASSOCIATION

REVOLT BY THE GROUP OF CITIZENS, CAR-DEFENDERS,...

HUGE MEDIA ATTENTION !!!





UNACCEPTABLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS !!!

SELF-ORGANISATION OF INHABITANTS – CIVIL INITIATIVE OF KOROŠKA STREET (MARCH 2016)



CONCLUSIONS

- THE (IN)EFFICIENCY OF DIFFERENT APPPROACHES
- The potential of contemporary approaches exists. It is thus necessary to find new solutions and to try out creative and more efficient approaches, such as tactical urbanism and participatory practices, which have to be taken seriously primarily by the architects and urban planners.
- Top down practices should be complemented by the bottom-up approaches or vice-versa.
- It can be concluded that the transformation processes of city streets can be successfully supported by the small physical interventions and bottom-up approaches of civil initiatives, but the most decisive factor remains a clear vision and determination to facilitate change on the side of public administration.

STRUGGLE FOR CHANGE !



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