

From isolated to integrated

The research on improvement of connectivity in Railway Station Areas (RSA) in Chinese high-density city centers by applying the Dutch experience to Shanghai station

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2017 Traffic units/rounte-Km(mills), the World Bank



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## Why is Shanghai selected as the test object?

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## Three MLTDP regional intercity systems

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In August 2014, the General Office of the State Council issued the opinions:

"Encourage the INTENSIVE USE of railway land, Development of underground space, Compatible with a certain percentage of OTHER FUNCTIONS"



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By summarizing the Dutch experience and applying it into Chinese context, this research will introduce a Dutch perspective to Shanghai station area redevelopment, discussing the improvement of connectivity, particularly for future development.





First physical boundaries Tracks & Logistic facilities

Station building layout

Pollutions



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First layer of physical boundaries

# Tangible boundary





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Second layer of physical boundaries





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Intangible boundaries







**Extension of connectivity concept:** Traffic network, environmental quality, economic performance and urban identity.



## How to reduce the barrier effect?







#### Step 1

Urgency/potential from big picture

Intended Product:

Vision

Scenario

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2.Space-making, overcome the physical barriers

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4. Feasibility assessment





+Dutch experience +Shanghai Ambitions +Basic site analysis





Vision

# +Inclusive +Multimodal transport

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Vision

+Inclusive +Multimodal transport +A readable image

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## Economic Performance

Environmental Quality







## Economic Performance






### Economic potentials



#### Economy and transport

The blue curve represents the convenience of transportation, and the red one represents the economic development potential.

#### Potential Curve

The closer the economically developed area is to the train station area, the steeper the curve is. The larger the gap between the high point and the low point is, the more potential for economic development it has.

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Current commercial center Current business center **∢·**→ Economic structure Potential space



### Proposed Economic Structure

Railway Station

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Railway Services

Metro stations

Developing area

Potential space



As the map above shows, on the north-south direction, the new economic development axis in Shanghai station area should focus on the east side of the station, which is the end part of the rail yard. It locates close to a metro stop, and also in the middle of the developed commercial street. Moreover, a large area of low-quality logistic function and low-rise bungalows offer the sufficient space for possible investment.

100M 200M

500M

### Environmental quality urgency

Physical influence of railway

- 1. Visual influence (mainly for the residential building on the northern side)
- 2. Dust pollution (Influenced by wind orientation)
- 3. Noise pollution within 50M (Reduce 3 dB per 10M)
- 4. Vibration (Theoretical range: 500M)



#### **Regular** solutions



1. Enclosing wall for noise 2. Greenery for noise and dust 3. Trench for Vibration 4. Cover for all kinds Financial cost/Space consuming



the Boundary with dust issue the Boundary with noise issue Hustle and Bustle boundary





Limited space Visual influence for high-rise Spots which should open to public

## Proposed environmental Quality Map

Mainly focusing on pollutions caused by trains



In addition to passengers, there are a variety of environmental pollutions along with the railroad tracks, namely dust, noise, vibration and visual impact. These physical effects greatly downgrade the surrounding space quality, especially for residential functions. Moreover, the agglomeration effect of the railway station also gathered other transportation facilities, creating a hustle and bustle environment with a large number of users. After considering these effects comprehensively, the two regions which are suffering from the most

prominent pollution, are selected



### Traffic operation

# 4 Elevated level: Light rail lines and stops — Viaducts ——— Ground level: Primary roads Underground level: Metro system and stops — Tunnels ——

#### poorly connected area of bus system



Uncovered area of Metro system



Road system: Tortuous network Strange shape blocks further lead to the difficulty of development.



Introduce new bus stops and promote new bus lines in the developing blocks



Open gated communities which block the routes leading to metro stations, reducing the detour.

Adjust tortuous network which has high economic potentials



**Railway Station** 

**Railway Services** 

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 $\longleftrightarrow$  Vehicle Roads

↔ Walking Routes

••• New roads ••• Footbridge

Green space

 $\langle \cdot \rangle$  Links to bus stops

Pedestrian nodes

Developing areas



The approach needed for proposal is to ensure a dense enough pedestrian and bicycle network such that large detour factors are not imposed on cyclists and especially pedestrians. This can be achieved with a clear and direct network structure, increasing density of the street and path network. At the same time, the small-scale block also helps to provide a finer grid of public pedestrian paths.

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#### Urban identity Mental Map by Kevin Lynch



Lynch proposes that these mental maps consist of five elements: (1) paths: routes along which people move throughout the city; (2) edges: boundaries and breaks in continuity; (3) districts: areas characterized by common characteristics; (4) nodes: strategic focus points for orientation like squares and junctions; and (5) landmarks: external points of orientation, usually a easily identifiable physical object in the urban landscape. Among these five elements, paths are much more important, since they contribute to the urban mobility. According to his theory, four paths are standing out, showing more potentials due to the link more elements than the other paths.

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## Three indexes for describing the street atmosphere

the degree of mix use the presence of greenery the skyline









1. Complete & continuous

2. Varied & continuous







3. Varied & seperated

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#### Rounte-1



Rounte-4



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> Suggestion: Elements like rows of trees that promote linearity and visual contact could be applied. The unified pavement materials for guiding the flow of people could also be useful. These actions make the concept of connection more legible.





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Problem: Low degree of mixed-use, Low density

Suggestion: Develop this traffic node into a complex node. Demolish the low-quality buildings to free up space for possible investments.

#### Blind facade

Open facade







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ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY













#### Reason-stimulate unused public resources



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The railway station, as well as metro station, bring the hung amount of passengers into the site, but the surrounding couldn't host them with a high-quality environment. So the most of passengers decide to leave as soon as possible instead of hanging out there, which means the commercial potential is losing and enclave conditions exist for sure.

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#### M50 Creative Park

M50 is an important growing art location in the city center of Shanghai. But due to its end position and blockiness of residential blocks, the accessibility is poor, which limits its development.



# Pilot project-1 Station Square

Railway passengers 100,000 ppl/day

> Metro passengers 90,000 ppl/day



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#### Space-making: Overcome five Obstacles





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#### Added value: Waterfront features









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#### Added values

Establishing temporary or permanent street activities are the easiest ways that can contribute to create an urban identity and boost the economy. With decreasing the barrier effects, the road has to become a more integrated part of the urban structure.








2. Elevated platform redefines the boundary.







3. Open network avoids being another obstacle to the city.

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4. Densified edge guarantees economic benefit



5. Flexible follow-up possibilities

### Pilot project-2 Railyard

Railyard area: 140.000.00m<sup>2</sup> Developable Neighborhood: 130.500.00m<sup>2</sup>



Added value: a readable image

## I am Shanghai Railway Museum

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Enclosing wall

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