

TEN (PLUS ONE) SIMPLE SUGGESTIONS FOR TAKSIM



1. THE MAIN BUS STOPS, AND WAITING AREAS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THEIR CURRENT LOCATION. THIS AREA SHOULD BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, AND RE-DESIGNED TO CONNECT THE GEZI PARK TO THE SQUARE. THERE ISN'T A MAJOR BUS WAITING STATION RIGHT IN THE CENTER IN ANY OTHER CITY IN THE WORLD.

2. THE BUS STOPS SHOULD BE RELOCATED IN FRONT OF THE SHOPS IN THIS AREA. THE VALUE OF THE SHOPS WILL ALSO INCREASE WITH THE SURGE IN ACTIVITY.

3. ALL SHOPS SHOULD BE REDESIGNED TO GAIN MORE LIVELY FUNCTIONS AND ALSO CATER TO THE TALIMHANE TOURISM AREA.

4. ALL STORES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR UPPER TERRACES FACING THE PARK. THEREFORE, GEZI PARK WILL BE EXPERIENCED IN A DIFFERENT MANNER, AND BE SAFER AND MORE LIVELY.

5. THE GROUND FLOORS OF ALL BUILDINGS SURROUNDING THE SQUARE AND THE PARK SHOULD BE USED FOR FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE MORE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND SHOULD SPREAD OUT INTO THE SQUARE. THIS WILL CREATE A RELATION AND INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE TAKSIM SQUARE AND ITS ENVIRONS.

6. THE SQUARE SHOULD BE REDESIGNED TO ALLOW FOR UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO THE RENEWED ATATURK CULTURAL CENTER. A SUBWAY EXIT MAY ALSO BE SUGGESTED HERE, IF NECESSARY.

7. THE CULTURAL CENTER'S STORAGE AREAS SHOULD BE RELOCATED TO A MORE APPROPRIATE PLACE. INSTEAD, A HIGH- CAPACITY CAR PARK SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE UNDERGROUND AREA. THE CURRENT OPEN CARPARK ABOVE SHOULD ALSO BE USED AS A SITE FOR A MULTIPURPOSE, SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

8. ANOTHER SUBWAY EXIT MAY BE PLACED IN GEZI PARK, WHERE VARIOUS OPEN AIR EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE.

9. THE PARK SHOULD BE DESIGNED AS A "TRUE" GREEN SPACE.

10. THE SQUARE SHOULD BE CLEANED OF ALL UNNECESSARY INTRUSIONS AND BE REDESIGNED WITH SIMPLE, YET STRONG MATERIALS. THE SURROUNDING VEHICULAR ROAD SHOULD BE NARROWED DOWN, WHILE THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS SHOULD BE WIDENED. CIVIL SEATING AND RESTING AREAS AND STRONG LIGHTING UNITS SHOULD BE DESIGNED FOR THE SQUARE.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THESE SUGGESTIONS (AS WELL AS OTHER ALTERNATIVES) SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN A SIMPLE MANNER ON BOARDS IN TAKSIM. IN SMALL KIOSKS, DESIGNERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION TO THOSE INTERESTED. BROCHURES SHOULD BE HANDED OUT IN THE SQUARE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS. INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE MADE. NEW SUGGESTIONS AND APPROACHES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. A COMMON DECISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR THIS SQUARE, WHICH BELONGS TO EVERYONE, AND EVERYTHING.