

„Respawn Sonnenstraße“

Kategorie: Site / Plan & Strategy

Gruppengröße: bis zu 6 Personen

Sonnenstraße is a very central place in the inner city of Munich. However in the moment it appears as a six lane urban highway with a Tramline in the middle, leaving little space for cyclists or pedestrians. As the street is a leftover from the city fortifications it has many peers in other European cities. Ringstraße in Wien, the Grüngürtel of Kologne, St. Ptersburger Straße in Dresden or Ronda de Sant Pere in Barcelona, streets which developed after the walls had been removed in the 18th and 19th century can take very different shapes. They are free spaces which appeared in central spots of cities some of which had already outgrown their walls by far. As such they can react to the current needs of the respective city and time or represent a certain mindset of the planners of the time. Sonnenstraße clearly is a child of the german rebuilding phase after world war two. It represents a time where progress meant planning the best conditions for cars to thrive. Not only is it hardly leaving any space for other modes of transportation, it also lacks quality of stay or spaces for social interactions. Local restaurants and cafes having outdoor seating out on the street as it is common in other places even in Munich is not thinkable here.

So which hopes do we put into this place? Which functions should it contain and to which needs could it cater? What do we expect from our city and which values should it communicate through its representative places? Which stakeholders should be included in a planning process and how should the public be involved?

The city of Munich has already identified this space as in need of change, however they just dealt with it on a strategic level jet. With the Freiraumkomzept Innenstadt from 2021 they have surveyed different options for redesigning the street, but want with the concrete planning they want to pay attention to another space first. This gap of discourse was already used by NGO Bund Naturschutz which publicly pitched the idea of a long urban park instead of the highway 2022. Since that, nothing really happened. Is it time now to give the public urban design discourse in Munich another push? You decide! And with it which idea of the city and which values you want to promote with it! The outcome should be one or more proposals for the space which are clearly let by a theoretical agenda accompanied with a proposal for the process leading to a reconfiguration of the site. If you just want to influence the public discourse by publishing a counterproposal or if you also want to work with the city on a genuine consensus is up to you!



Sonnenstraße as it is now. (Source: google Street View)



The by the city preferred variant of the future street. (Source: Mahl-Gebhard-Konzepte)



The Proposal of Bund Naturschutz (Source: Bund Naturschutz)