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I - Diagram City

Good Morning, City! Is first and foremost defined by the notion of a moment. The project frames an attempt to foster and stimulate a possible future for inhabitants and visitors of Graz and Kärntner Straße neighbourhood. The street demarcates a connection between city > suburbs > region and generates a line of ongoing cinematic impressions. We propose a scheme which organically but systemically consolidates innovate pursuit of the city within the notion of a productive community. We intend to unify working and living conditions by means of progressive development in which intensification of build environment is key to generate an alternative entry to Graz.

II - Diagram Circulation

The organisation and regulation of movement is proposed along a hybrid system of transitional and domestic mobility. We propose the redevelopment of Kärntner Straße towards the definition of a boulevard, combining a system of mobility with spatial and dynamic qualities of use. Domestic traffic is interlinked directly from the street and defined by the organisational limits of the newly envisaged blocks. The logistic linkage between infrastructure and program is incorporated within the territorial and regulatory framework of each block, facilitating space for parking, delivery and temporal events.

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III - Diagram Block

We propose an inclusive set of principles along which new development generates centralities at the scale of housing blocks. The traditional 'hof' is taken as a reference to define new localities along the street. Rather than implementing the continuous massing of the hof, we intend to interrelate the phased development of the neighbourhood with fragmented architectural entities. Densification will occur along an ongoing negotiation between the interests of municipal ambitions and the existing socio economic premise of inhabitants. The block itself allows for mediation between the dense strip along Kärntner Straße and the residential areas behind. The threshold between street and interior allows for a high degree of visibility and accessibility. In response, we propose a plinth which facilitates a range of spatial typologies facilitating space for small and medium scale productive entities with emphasis on innovation, design, education, culture, manufacturing, maintenance and repair.

IV - Diagram Open Space

The quality of emptiness is promoted in immediate response to the proposed densification of building blocks. Openness exists in a multitude of qualities, from framed gardens within each block towards extensive areas which allow for temporal activities. Open space is not simply understood as a formal solution, but allows for an operative and inclusive strategy of commonality and exchange between the different user groups of the neighbourhood. The system of open spaces manifests the transitional quality between a public boulevard and reclusive residential areas.

