



Summary Urban Forum 26/4/2020

Meeting took place online (via ZOOM) and was attended by eight (8) participants - thank you all for joining!

Topic: The upgrade of Ramban street

Meeting Schedule

- Mirital, who is coordinating the Olim activities at the Community Council, and Elias, the Urban Planner of the Community Council, sent out before the meeting an invitation with a short explanation about the meeting topic and a questionnaire for questions on the street renovation or other issues in the city. The Q&A are listed below.
- At the online meeting Elias presented the floor plans that the City prepared for Ramban street upgrade, and explained the issues that were raised by other groups of citizens who also reviewed the plans.
- Then, the participants shared their views, comments and suggestions for improvements, which are listed below.
- Overall, the reaction to the plan was positive, and the comments shared to the point.

The discussion on Ramban street renovation

- **Commercial activity on Ramban, Aza, Ibn Gvirol**
The issue of preserving the commercial activity of the streets in Rehavia was raised. In particular, the closure of businesses on the corner of Ben Maimon and Aza (cafe), and on Ramban and Ibn Gvirol (super market). The group reviewed the Master Plan of Rehavia (number 9988) which requires these locations to maintain a commercial street facade. The approved plans for renovating these buildings, have approved: for Ben Maimon residential on ground level, and for Ibn Gvirol (permit 2016/0084) the building will be a small hotel, and the ground level will be reception and cafe.
- **King George and KKL junction**
The need to review the junction was raised. It is a junction that is dangerous and there was at least an accident there. It was requested that the work in Ramban street, also extend the limits to the project and also gives solution to this junction, which is at a short distance from Ramban.
- **Graffiti on the building of Discount Bank**
The question was raised whether the work will include the cleaning up of the graffiti from the Bank Discount building.

- **The Supersol building on the corner of Agron street**
The need was raised for improving the general look of this building, which is in a very prominent location and downgrades the overall look of the street. The issue was raised within the context of improving the junction with Agron.
- **Improving the pedestrian traffic light on the junction with King George**
The need was raised for improving the duration and phases of the traffic light on Ramban and King George, which, due to the car traffic, results in a very unaccommodating situation for pedestrians. The green light for pedestrians is fragmented, short, and does not allow for easy flow to Agron and towards Paris Sq. The traffic light needs reprogramming.
- **Shading on Paris Square**
The need for shading on Paris square was raised. The new plan proposes new trees. They will have to be considered in the right locations to create shading on the square, combined with shaded seating areas.
- **Timeframe**
The renovation of Ramban will take approx. 9 months to complete. The first phase, which started this week, focuses on infrastructure upgrade. The next will include the new layout and pavement of sidewalks.
- **Will Ramban remain one way by the kings hotel?**
Yes, there is no change in the traffic directions of Ramban. One way till Arlozorov and two way after Arlozorov.
- **Updated plans of Ramban renovation**
Please follow this link to review and download the plans:
<https://www.qinothair.org.il/index.php?dir=site&page=articles&op=item&cs=1766&category=994>

The above issues will be included in the summary of comments on Ramban street.

Questions / Comments over chat on ZOOM

- 19:19:33 From chaim : will Ramban remain one way by the kings hotel?
 19:54:11 From sa : thank you very much for your efforts on presenting these projects to us.
 19:56:54 From chaim : thanks for the update

Q&A from the online questionnaire that was distributed before the meeting

- **The renovation of Ehad Haam-Brenner-Bartenura streets**
The city is proceeding with the renovation of these streets right now. The changes will be primarily cosmetic - change of pavement, new lighting, new road cover. No geometric changes are expected (no change in parking spaces, or other existing conditions).

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- **Will Aza be bi-directional at the top?**

Yes, a new bus lane has been created at the far left of Aza at the junction with Keren Hayesod. The lane will be dedicated only to buses from Arlozorov till Keren Hayesod. The rest of Aza traffic without change.

- **About lighting on Hapalmah street**

All light poles will be replaced with new light poles and therefore, if there were areas underlit, their lighting will be improved after the installation of the new lighting poles.

- **About reopening Shaskin and Hagdud Haivri street**

Shaskin will be opening shortly. The renovation was planned to take about 2 months. Hagdud Haivri may open too, but only for outgoing traffic. Not ingoing. Meaning that cars will drive from Hagdud Haivri to the roundabout, but they will not be allowed to drive from the roundabout into the street. This will keep traffic low in the street and not be affected by the traffic of the new Jerusalem Theater parking.

- **Corner of Zvi Graetz / Dubnov street**

Dubnov street, which is a continuation of Chopen street, will also be renovated. The project is in the planning at the moment. The junction with Graetz will be re-designed and upgraded.

- **Ben Maimon street**

Although surveyors have been seen on Ben Maimon, we are not aware of any planned renovation of the street in the near future. If something changes, we will be updating the community.

Useful Q&A

Here are some useful replies to your questions:

- **How can I report a problem I see in the street?**

Call **106** (municipal hotline) and/or download the app '106' of Jerusalem Municipality.

- For traffic violations, call the police **100**.

- **How can I join the Urban Forum Moshavot? Is it in Hebrew?**

The forum is in Hebrew and meets every second Monday at 20:30. For more details and to join, contact Elias by email (contact details below).

Useful Information and links

The 'Urban' page of the Ginot Hayir website contains helpful information for learning about plans and using the city GIS system (both the maps and three-dimensional model of the city).

- Link to 'Urban' page: [LINK](#)
- Link to page with useful links: [LINK](#)
- Link to 'Maps' with public uses in the Ginot Hayir areas: [LINK](#)

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