

Unique for the Amsterdam waterfront project is the concept of the Central Station complex as a commuter island. This area, accessible for all methods of transportation, will undergo a radical change. The plan calls for a new underground metro station, expansion of the railway, a bus station located on the Ij side of Central Station situated above an automobile tunnel. The plan also calls for redevelopment and expansion of the Central Station and the construction of new public spaces in the area. The Station complex will offer space for new shops and services both for commuters and tourists.

An urban design plan is being prepared for the adjacent Oosterdok island by the Eegaraat Architect Association. These plans include the expansion of the present Chinatown from the inner city, construction of the new main branch of the public library, the conservatory, a cinema complex, and possibly the new Amsterdam Stock Exchange. This island will become the center of arts and sciences in Amsterdam.

The plans for the Oostelijke Handelskade are now under construction. The project includes hotels, business parks, and offices, combined with renovated storage houses of residential and commercial uses. On the Westerdok Island, the railway yards are being leveled to create a residential area with space for smaller businesses and offices. At the tip of the island, a spectacular complex which includes offices, a hotel, residential units and a new yacht club will follow. All of these projects include flexible and durable building structures, developed to accommodate any future change of use and function.

9.9 One of Amsterdam's canals.

The public support for this waterfront project has been relatively positive

