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Plan would create civic square in front of Union Station

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A designer's rendering of the new civic square being proposed for Front Street near Union Station. (Kim Graham & Associates)

Plans are in the works to give Toronto a new "front door" with a city vision that would see a section of Front Street turned into a grand civic square.

The European-style boulevard in front of Union Station would see traffic reduced to just two lanes with textured pavement. Lighting would be enhanced and sidewalks would be doubled in width. The current median would be replaced with a tree-lined island.

Pedestrians would be allowed to cross Front Street anywhere between Bay and York Streets.

The architect behind the plan says the changes are needed because Front Street acts like Toronto's "front door" and is currently lacking when it comes to pedestrian friendliness.

The plan still needs final approval from city council.

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