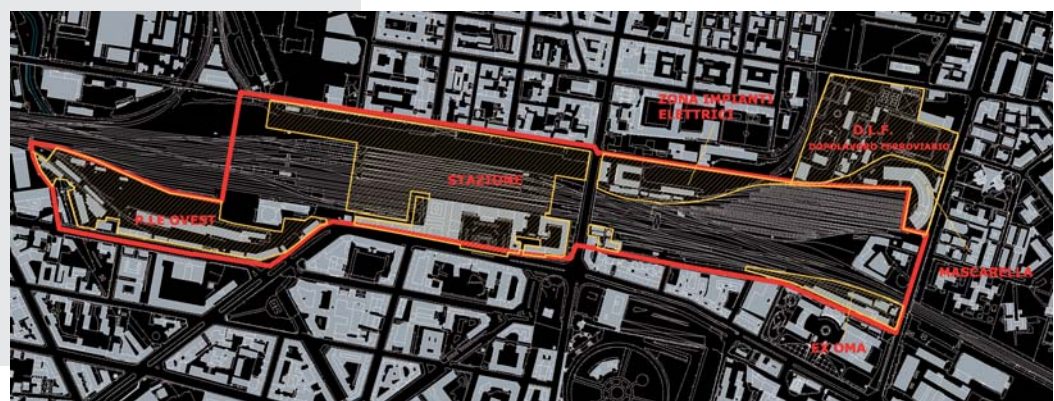


Bologna's New Central Railway Station and the requalification of the Ravone area

Bologna is a natural crossroads between Continental Europe and the Mediterranean basin. It is crossed by goods and people from Europe and the Mediterranean area. The construction of the Milan-Bologna and Bologna-Florence sections of the High Speed (TAV) railway is almost completed. The railway station itself will undergo renovation, completed by the addition of new parking areas. For this reason, a territorial agreement was signed in 2006 between local authorities and RFI (Italian Railway Network) for a complete renovation of the railway hub, affecting 35 hectares of land. **The new Central Railway Station will cover 180,000 sqm of land, suitable for construction 42,000 sqm for station related services and 120,000 sqm for complementary urban functions** such as shops, offices and hotels. The international competition for the architectural and urban design of the new Central Station is drawing to a close (the bidding was called in 2007). The 12 bidders selected from the 52 contestants are currently developing the project:

- Agenzia di architettura 5+IAA of Alfonso Femia (Italy)
- Arata Isozaki & Associates (Japan) with Arup Italia
- Cruz y Ortiz Arquitectos (Spain)
- Ingenhoven Architekt (Germany)
- Jean Nouvel (France) with Arep and Silvio D'Ascia
- M.B.M. of Oriol Bohigas (Spain) with Carlo Aymonino
- MVRDV of Natalie de Vries and Winy Maas (Holland)
- Ricci & Spaini (Italy) with Actar Arquitectura and Pippo Corra
- Skidmore Owings & Merrill (USA) with Eisenman and Sartogo
- Souto Moura Arquitectos (Portugal) with Chipperfield
- Stefano Boeri (Italy) and Metrogramma
- UNStudio (Holland)

The international panel chaired by architect Gae Aulenti will announce the final winner of the design competition by summer of 2008.



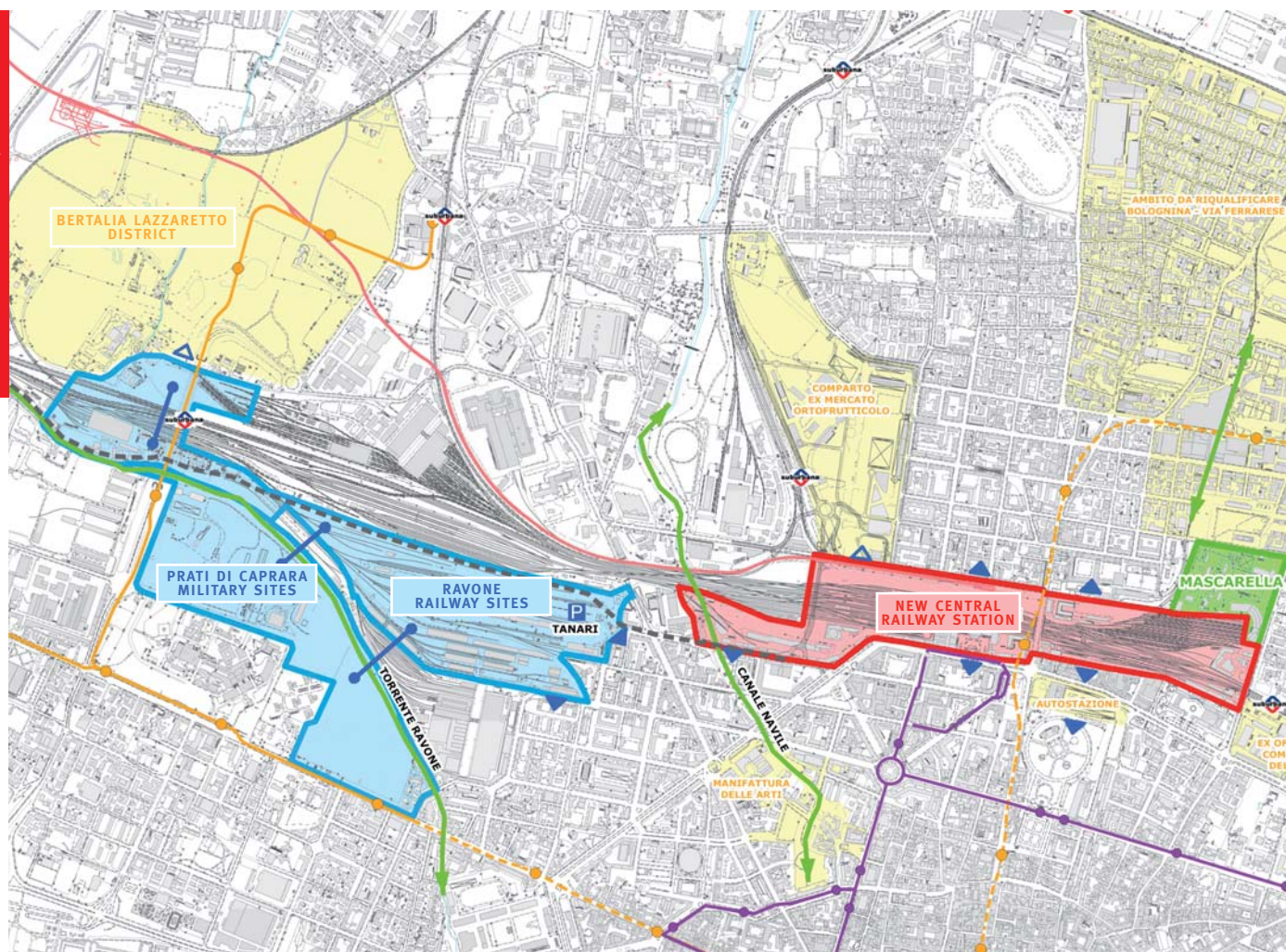
The new railway hub will also serve as an intermodal transit point and a vital part of the national and metropolitan railway network which will integrate all urban and suburban public transport systems, including the High Speed train, the People Mover, the tram-subway and the Metropolitan Railway System (SFM). The Bologna railway station will become 'multi-storey', with the station for the High Speed trains underground and the renovated historical station at ground level accommodating the Metropolitan Railway System (SFM), local and long-distance trains, as well as new buildings for station services and additional urban functions (shops, offices and hotels). The new station is expected to have 180,000 passengers and customers passing through it daily, which will make it the city of Bologna's main hub for public transport.

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URBAN REQUALIFICATION OF RAVONE

The project to requalify the railway station covers a further **32 hectares of the surrounding urban area** (named Ravone). The area will undergo extensive requalification, including **135,000 sqm of private services**, of which **70% residential and 30% of related functions**. RFI will present the detailed project by the summer of 2008. In order to undertake this complex plan of urban requalification, **RFI will establish a dedicated company which will be open to private investors and capital**.

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