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## New Roman Master Plan To R

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The city government on Wednesday revealed a master plan to excavate and restore the ancient Forum, demolish a main boulevard, and turn the heart of Rome's finest ruins over to pedestrians.

Mayor Ugo Vetere announced that new archaeological excavations will destroy the wide, tree-lined Via dei Fori Imperiali, which runs in a straight line between the central Piazza Venezia and the ancient Colosseum, which was started in the first century and remains one of the most recognizable symbols of Rome.

The boulevard, opened in 1933 by dictator Benito Mussolini, divides the Roman Forum and Imperial Forums and covers many of the ruins. Archaeologists, ecologists and city planners have long demanded that the street be torn up to expose the hidden treasures of the forums, which were the commercial and government center of imperial Rome. The Forum was founded as a marketplace in the seventh century B.C. by Tarquinius Priscus, the fifth king of Rome.

"This is the most ambitious project affecting central Rome in modern history," Vetere said at a news conference. "It is aimed at resolving the problems of decaying monuments, the traffic chaos in the historic center and restoring cultural and urban perspective to the area."

When the work is completed, the entire area will turn into a huge "archaeological park," open only to pedestrians, Vetere said. Various cultural activities including concerts and art exhibits will be organized in newly created squares.

Adriano La Regina, the superintendent of archaeology for the city of Rome, said the plan will be carried out in three stages, the five-year first phase starting this spring at the cost of \$5.6 million.

Following are highlights of the project, which is expected to be approved by the city council by February.

✓ Restoration of the Market of Trajan, the semicircular structure of 150 shops built in the second century

and located in the Forum of Trajan.

✓ Extensive excavation in the Forum of Nerva and creation of a small park around Trajan's Column, the most imposing monument of the Imperial Forums. The area will be closed to traffic.

✓ Reinforcement of excavated monuments and other protective

measures to prevent further damage to time-ravaged ruins.

In the second phase of 15 years, the entire stretch of Via dei Fori Imperiali will be excavated to expose the original shape of the area, La Regina said.

For two years, authorities have been closing the street, 850 yards long

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## Restore Ruins, Close Off Traffic

and 30 yards wide, on Sundays and holidays to cut down on damage to monuments from pollution and traffic vibrations. Throughout Rome, decaying monuments are being restored behind green cloth cages.

The Arch of Constantine is being treated by experts for pollution damage, and when the work is finished in

several years, all traffic around the Colosseum is expected to be banned.

When all these works are completed, the Roman Forum will be joined again with the Imperial Forums.

The master plan also calls for a national museum complex to display art treasures that have been collect-

ing dust in basements or locked-up palaces.

Under the plan, other streets in the area will be banned to traffic to create pedestrian malls.

The cluster of four museums, all in Rome's historic center, would rival Paris' Louvre or London's British Museum, Vetere said.

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