I would like to think of my smart phone UI concept to be something of an Android 8.2. My design is heavily influenced by the UI decisions of Android’s latest Oreo 8.1 release, but also comes with a suite of features I wish I could have on my current Google Pixel device. For starters, let’s talk about general app layout out-front.

In terms of app placement, there is not much new I redesigned in my concept. There are, however, two things I would like to point out. First is the lack of subtext under each icon. Preferably, I think the app’s name under the icon is redundant. Sure, adding it there in the settings is a possibility, however out of the box I think that app names under their icons should be removed. Lastly are the SMS and phone call app icons on the left and right. My idea with this is as follows: SMS and phone calls are the primary function of a phone, however instead of opening the entire app, the user can slide the icons out from the edge and get a quick preview of their most recent messages or phone calls.