

Equity in the Helsinki Region Transport System Plan



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Helsinki Regional Transport Authority (HSL)

- Plans and organizes public transport in the region and seeks to improve its operating conditions
- Procures bus, tram, metro, ferry and commuter train services
- Approves the public transport fare and ticketing system, as well as public transport fares
- Is responsible for marketing of public transport and passenger information
- Organizes ticket sales and is responsible for ticket inspections
- Is responsible for the preparation of the Helsinki Region Transport System Plan (HLJ)







Cooperation is an important part of transport system planning

- A Transport System Plan (TSP) is a long-term strategic plan that takes into consideration the transport system as a whole and its integration to land use
- Transport system planning is based on dialogue and cooperation between interest parties (regional and state authorities, cities and municipalities, business community, NGOs and residents)



 Transport system planning and cooperation is an ongoing process: the plan is revised / compiled approximately once in four years



Transport system plan is one key to influence decision making

Objectives of a Transport System Plan (TSP)

- produce binding decisions and a letter of intent on transport system development measures over the next few years
- ensure implementation and funding of the agreed measures in cooperation with the parties.





Transport System Planning in the Helsinki Region

- and Equity?





Equity can be found in

... the vision and objectives of HLJ:

A key goal of the plan is to improve people's everyday lives and ensure equal possibilities of travelling to all citizens

Economic efficiency

The transport system is socio-economically efficient and the distribution of costs influences the location of services and mobility choices.

Safety

Traffic safety improves, the sense of security increases and responsible mobility culture develops significantly.

Functionality

Public transport, walking and cycling are increasingly popular. The functionality of the transport system improves and logisticrea lability is ensured.

High-quality and eco-efficient means of mobility and transport promote development and wellbeing of the Helsinki region.

Land use

The coherent urban structure of the region relies on good public transport connections, especially on rail transport.

Everyday services are accessible by foot and bicycle.

Environment

Green house gas emissions from traffic decrease and energy efficiency improves. Noise and other emissions affecting peoples' health decrease.

Social

Basic services and jobs are reasonably accessible to everyone irrespective of their level of income, residential area car ownership or mobility.



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- ... the making of the plan
- All transport modes are considered
- Participation is essential and governed by law



















1. Sustainable urban structure and land use

HLJ 2011 development levels

2. Public transport, walking and cycling connections and services

3. Mobility management, pricing and regulations

Operation and maintenance of the transport system

5. Transport infrastructure



Ongoing HLJ 2011 projects

- Planning a main cycling network for the Helsinki region
- Regional park-and-ride strategy
- Regional Traffic safety strategy



Closing words

- TSP is needed to ensure the functioning of a sustainable and an equitable transport system (now and) in the future
- Increasing capacity as a solution for the growing use of car has met its end
 - in the future, influencing the demand of different modes in a balanced manner will probably play an important role in TSP
- Promoting walking and cycling is an efficient way of tackling not only transport-related problems but also health and societal problems ...and a way to increase equity!







