

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE (UNTIL 2013)

Public transport measures

One important element of financing the West Swedish Solution is the congestion charge. But before it is introduced on 1 January 2013, a number of measures will be implemented in the area of public transport to create, among other things, shorter journey times, better reliability, higher capacity and greater frequency. This will be done by means of:

- Longer platforms for commuter trains on the Alingsås-Göteborg and Göteborg-Kungälv routes, to allow for increased capacity onboard longer commuter trains.
- Expanded parking facilities for commuters at stations and by bus stops along the routes into the city, to allow for connecting journeys by car or bike.
- Extended bus lanes on the routes into Göteborg, to create a significant increase in bus traffic with good accessibility and more reliable public transport.
- New bus routes and bus lanes in central Göteborg to create fast, reliable bus and tram traffic.

In addition to this, the whole journey will be made easier by means of extended hubs for public transport, more cycle parking facilities, better accessibility for cyclists and improved information about times and delays for travellers.

Measures on existing roads and streets

Measures on the existing network of roads and streets to create smoother traffic flows and better utilisation.

Planning the West Link

Starting during 2011.

THIS IS HAPPENING IN THE LONGER TERM... (AFTER 2013)

Public transport initiatives will continue, and the major projects in the West Sweden Solution will also start: the Marieholm Tunnel, a new Göta Älv Bridge and the construction of the West Link.



The West Swedish Solution



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A good living environment and conditions for growth

West Sweden is Sweden's most important region for industry and transport. There is a high level of inward migration and many new companies are being set up. To create a growth region that attracts both inhabitants and business, a major initiative is needed in public transport, railways and roads.

Starting now, and in the decades ahead, a series of infrastructure initiatives are being planned that contribute to building an attractive, sustainable West Sweden. These initiatives aim to create a bigger labour market and to promote employment and growth in the region. Something that benefits the country as a whole.

An attractive, easily accessible core in the region and development along the five main routes into and out of Gothenburg create the conditions for people to live and work throughout the whole region.

Infrastructure initiatives shall also contribute to slowing down the negative effect of traffic on the environment and reducing the vulnerability of the infrastructure.

A solution with many elements

The West Swedish Solution includes a number of projects. It is above all about a significant increase in public transport, an effective railway network, new road projects and better conditions for cyclists.

Some of the more wide-ranging projects are:

- Public transport initiatives. The number of buses, trams and trains will rise. This creates more trips, and more regular trips. Accessibility will be improved for buses, providing shorter and more reliable journey times. Platforms for commuter trains will be extended to take longer trains. Cycle paths and car parks at commuter stations will also make it easier for those who choose to travel on public transport.
- The West Link. The West Link is a tunnel under the centre of Gothenburg that will connect commuter traffic to lines passing through and create new stations in the city. The tunnel will contribute to the more efficient use of commuter trains and regional trains.
- The Marieholm Tunnel. A road tunnel under the Göta Älv river aims to improve accessibility to the Port of Gothenburg, Norra Älvstranden and to industries in Västra Hisingen. The Marieholm Tunnel will relieve the Tingstad Tunnel and link up the E6, E45 and E20 motorways by creating a connection to the Partihallsförbindelsen link.
- Torslandavägen is being extended to create a multi-lane road with greater accessibility for public transport.
- The Göta Älv Bridge. The bridge is the most important public transport link over the river at present. It is in a poor state and needs to be replaced. A new bridge is being co-financed by the West Swedish Solution.

How the West Swedish Solution is being financed

The West Swedish Solution costs SEK 34 billion, and the financing consists of 50 per cent State funding and 50 per cent local and regional funding. Regional co-financing, which includes measures such as a congestion charge, is a precondition for it being possible to finance the solution. Without the congestion charge it would not have been possible to implement the initiatives during the same period of time. The congestion charge, which will be introduced on 1 January 2013, will reduce congestion and produce a better environment.

