

## City of Göteborg – Plans, Programs and Policies

### Summary

The budget of the City of Göteborg establishes a clear vision of sustainable development from an environmental, economic and social perspective. The budget, which serves as a guideline for the separate administrations and municipally owned companies, has the ambition to safeguard a prosperous society and environment for coming generations.

The needs of the inhabitants of Göteborg is central for the City Council and its activities. The work of the City administrations is carried out within the guidelines and principles of the budget. Derived from the budget the three committees for City Planning, Real Estate and Traffic, have adopted a common strategic document for the 2008 budgets of the individual committees and serve as guidance for the work of the City Planning Office, Real Estate Office and Traffic & Public Transport Authority. In the document, all of the strategic and prioritised targets of the City council relevant to the work of the three committees, are included.

The existing Comprehensive City Plan, ÖP 99, has the ambition to develop Göteborg into a liveable, long-term sustainable city with balance between social, economical and environmental aspects. Since the plan is partly out of date, the City Planning Office developed a proposal for a new comprehensive plan, which is planned to be adopted by the City Council during 2009. The proposal gives directions on future building plans and of water and Real estate use in the city. The plan encompasses the whole municipality and gives directions for decisions and plans for traffic and transport issues. In this report only the new proposal for a comprehensive plan is presented.

The Association of Local Authorities of the Göteborg Region, GR, has adopted strategic plans which act as guideline for the region. In this report, the plan for traffic and public transport, K2020, is presented.

Apart from these documents, there are a number of programmes and policies for different issues of traffic. In the report the environmental programme, “aktivt trafikantstöd”(the mobility management programme), traffic safety programme, cycle programme, pedestrian programme, disability programme, and parking policy are presented. From these programmes and policies the Traffic & Public Transport Authority has adopted a strategic plan for its own work. The vision is to ensure effective, sustainable and safe mobility to all inhabitants.

The programmes and policies of the Traffic & Public Transport Authority have been developed for different reasons and perspectives. Most programmes focus on environmental aspects and safety. Some programmes have a coordinating ambition, such as the environmental programme, traffic safety programme and “aktivt trafikantstöd”. Others focus on certain groups, such as pedestrians, cyclists or people with disabilities. Therefore it may be hard to see a clear and consistent direction of the work of the Traffic & Public Transport Authority. The ambition with this report is therefore to give an overview of the different existing programmes and plans. This enhances the possibility to create a clear view on the different targets and strategies and highlights the different implemented actions. This report can therefore hopefully contribute to better linking the programmes and policies to existing general plans and visions.

The report is aimed for politicians and officers working for the City of Göteborg but can also be of interest for the general public.

This report on transport plans and policies is produced as a part of the EU-funded project BUSTRIP. The objective of BUSTRIP is to focus on the necessity of breaking the correlation between economic growth and increased transport with negative environmental consequences.

One part of BUSTRIP has been to establish Transport Plans, or produce compilation reports on existing plans and programmes.