

Sustainable Urban Transport Plan for the Municipality of Örebro – English Summary

A Sustainable Urban Transport Plan (SUTP) for the Municipality of Örebro was developed as a part of the EU project BUSTRIP,¹ during 2006-2008.

The initial assessment of the current situation showed that most of the challenges are closely related to the transport system in the city itself, and that most of the work in the near future should be focused on a reduction in the number of short car trips. There is however also a need to improve public transport from surrounding areas into the city, while at the same time making car trips less attractive.

The SUTP describes the visions and goals for the municipality, and describes potential synergies and conflicts for the development of a sustainable transport system. The assessment is made from seven different aspects: 1) Transport volumes and modal split; 2) An attractive city; 3) Örebro and the regional transport system; 4) Traffic safety; 5) Climate change; 6) Air quality; 7) Noise.

A final section sets out the priorities for the near future, in terms of investments, information, and new incentives for more sustainable travel patterns. The SUTP also points out responsibilities for reporting important indicators and for regular evaluation of the development.

The process

The SUTP work started in spring 2006 with the formation of an internal working group, which made a self-assessment. It describes the current transport system and challenges for the future. The self-assessment was followed by a peer review, carried out by colleagues from other participating cities.

A political steering group has been supervising the work since January 2007. It decided to send out the preliminary plan for a broad consultation between May and September 2007. After some modifications the plan was adopted by the Community Planning Committee in May and has now been forwarded to the City Council for final decision.

¹ Baltic Urban Sustainable Transport Implementation and Planning, www.bustrip-project.net