

We want to intensify co-operation between all the players

- Growth and structural issues will be given priority in the work of GR and BRG.
- Existing forms of co-operation between Västra Götaland Region and Region Halland will be developed further, and with the other joint authorities/associations of local authorities on selected matters.
- The network of organisations dealing with transport infrastructure issues will be strengthened. New networks will be established in those areas identified as important for the development of the Göteborg Region.
- Co-operation will also take place at a national and international level.

COMMENT: Further dialogue with the other joint authorities/associations of local authorities in Västra Götaland and Halland will be necessary on the question of further regional enlargement. HUR 2050 is a network that seeks to increase knowledge and awareness around the development of a sustainable transport system in the Göteborg Region.



The new tram. Foto: Stig Hedström

The measures needed to achieve the goals

- A structural illustration of the Göteborg Region
- Coordination and strengthening of infrastructure planning
- Better analysis and a build-up of knowledge
- Development of the sustainability model

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Sustainable Growth

Goals and strategies that focus on a sustainable regional structure

Part of Göteborg Region's good life

On 16 May, 2006 the Executive Board decided to adopt the goal and strategy document "Sustainable growth – goals and strategies that focus on a sustainable regional structure", and to make it the basis for GR's work in developing the Göteborg Region.

This leaflet summarises this document and the vision that came out of the accompanying regional consultations.

Goals and strategies

We want to stimulate further population growth and at the same time make the most of the opportunities presented by further enlargement of the region

- Göteborg Region's population will increase by at least 8,000 inhabitants per year.
- Almost 1.5 million inhabitants will have access to Göteborg's regional employment market by the year 2020.

COMMENT: An attractive environment, balanced delivery of new housing and improved infrastructure across the region are some of the important factors required to support development. An attractive living environment embodies everything from the physical and outdoor environment, access to community care services, opportunities in education and even the staging of cultural events.

We want to strengthen those qualities that lead us to want to live and work in the Göteborg Region

- We will make use of the region's proximity to the coast, sea, woods and lakes as an attractive force. At the same time we will ensure that these environments remain widely accessible.
- The planning and design of our cities and towns will stimulate vibrant urban environments and a richness in daily life.
- Our everyday environment will be protected from harmful influences – everyone will be assured clean air and fresh water.

COMMENT: This means an holistic approach to planning based on openness and the basic qualities of responsibility and participation. Sometimes there may be conflicts between what is considered a good solution in the long-term and the strict application of rules in the short term.

We want to create a strong and sustainable regional structure based on the opportunities of the metropolitan area

- The Göteborg Region will develop a strong and attractive regional core with corridors to several strong and attractive regional centres.
- The regional core will be strengthened by a further 40,000 jobs and 30,000 residents by 2020. At the same time the regional centres will be strengthened by at least a further 40,000 jobs and 90,000 residents.
- This long-term approach will lead to a balance in population between the north and south, along the central axes of the Göta and Sæveån rivers.

COMMENT: The core and its surrounding areas will be developed in symbiosis. A strong core both presupposes and contributes to the strength of surrounding areas. The size of the core, and thereby the region, is dependent on the capacity of the region's transport network. The regional core is made up of the central districts of Göteborg: Centrum, Linnéstaden, Majorna and parts of Lundby (including the North River Bank). This core area possesses a third of the region's workpla-

North River Bank. Foto: Hans Wretling



ces and is home to a seventh of the region's population. As well as the question of the balance between north and south, attention also needs to be given to the balance between the coastal zone and inland areas.

We want to develop a long-term sustainable infrastructure and an attractive public transport service

- The Marieholm Link and the West Link railway lines will be completed by 2015 and the Götaland Line by 2020.
- The K2020 transport strategy will be implemented by 2020. By 2025, at least 40 per cent of journeys in the Göteborg Region will be made by public transport.
- The Port railway line will be completed along its new route by 2020.
- Landvetter Airport will have at least 6,000,000 passengers per year by 2020.

COMMENT: A number of other infrastructure projects, aside from those stated above, need to be carried out in order to support these goals. Houses must be built and businesses established if public transport routes are to be developed effectively. Transport infrastructure must develop in a way that does not harm the other basic qualities of the region.



Västra Gatan in Kungälv. Foto: Jan Kwarnmark