MAL 2019
DRAFT PLAN
key facts
26 October 2018
Helsinki region municipalities, number of residents and jobs

The region is home to 1,478,000 people and 709,000 jobs. The region prepares for population growth.

**Capital region**

- **Helsinki**
  - Population 645,179
  - Jobs 379,518
- **Espoo**
  - Population 279,529
  - Jobs 116,246
- **Vantaa**
  - Population 223,600
  - Jobs 109,779
- **Kauniainen**
  - Population 9,602
  - Jobs 2,371

**Kuuma region**

- **Siuntio**
  - Population 6,149
  - Jobs 1,444

**HSL area**

- **Kirkkonummi**
  - Population 39,232
  - Jobs 10,536
- **Kerava**
  - Population 35,635
  - Jobs 12,101
- **Sipoo**
  - Population 20,299
  - Jobs 5,532
- **Tuusula**
  - Population 38,650
  - Jobs 14,105

- **Vihti**
  - Population 29,094
  - Jobs 8,069
- **Hyvinkää**
  - Population 46,739
  - Jobs 19,179
- **Mäntsälä**
  - Population 20,777
  - Jobs 6,055
- **Järvenpää**
  - Population 42,656
  - Jobs 12,238
- **Porvoo**
  - Population 5,120
  - Jobs 1,048
- **Nurmijärvi**
  - Population 42,211
  - Jobs 11,731

The 14 Helsinki region municipalities and Siuntio
MAL 2019 objectives

Low-emission
The region grows sustainably and emissions are effectively reduced

Attractive
An internationally connected region attracts new businesses and residents

Vibrant
Economic efficiency ensures the development and functioning of the region

Healthy
A safe and healthy living environment enables everyone to lead an active everyday life
MAL 2019 core indicators and target levels

- Greenhouse gas emissions from traffic decrease by at least 50% by 2030 against 2005 levels [CO2]
- Labor force accessibility improves at least by 10% by 2030 from the current level.
- Differences between areas decrease from the current level and social segregation does not increase from the present situation by 2030.
- Socio-economic efficiency: the cost/benefit ratio of system level development activities is over 1
- At least 90% of new housing developments are located in the primary land-use development zones.
- The modal share of sustainable modes of transport (walking, cycling, public transport) in the region is at least 70%.
- At least 85% of the population is located in sustainable mobility zones.
In 2030, the goals are achieved by an effective and concrete set of measures

- **Growth in the region** is directed to the existing structure and to areas that are competitive in terms of public transport.
  - At least 90% of housing located in the primary development zones.

- **Enough new housing units** are built and the quality of the living environment is ensured.
  - 16,500 housing units a year.

- **Major investments in rail transport and cycling**; road transport developed with a focus on freight transport and public transport.
  - Investments:
    - Public transport €1.8bn
    - Cycling €0.3bn
    - Road transport €0.3bn

- **Emissions** are reduced by implementing road pricing, which reduces vehicle mileage, and by renewing the vehicle fleet.
  - The plan reduces greenhouse gas emissions from traffic by 50%.
New land use is located sustainably in areas with good accessibility and infill development of the existing urban structure is enabled.

The quality of housing and the living environment in a compact urban structure is ensured.

The potential of areas around stations is harnessed.
Availability and affordability of housing is ensured

Diversity of housing is promoted

The quality of living environments is enhanced

The quality of the housing stock is ensured

Energy-efficiency of the building stock is promoted
Getting the most out of the current system

Using data to optimize the transport system

New networked links as enablers of sustainable growth

Share of cycling up through strong joint efforts

New mobility services and technologies support sustainable mobility

Road transport network is developed with a focus on freight and public transport

Provisions are made for nationally important rail links
Road traffic pricing is an effective measure for emission reduction, funding and improved flow of traffic.

Parking policy steers people towards sustainable mobility.

The share of electric cars and low-emission vehicles is increased by joint means.
MAL 2019 Primary land use development zones
Primary zone
Primary zone linked to a new transport investment
Existing residential area
Existing industrial area
Metro line
Rail line
Motorway
Main road
Heavy rail projects and plans
Housing production 2018-2029, as estimated by municipalities
Housing units to be completed on a 250 x 250m grid
Primary development zones (updated zone boundaries)
## Forecast enabling housing construction 2018-2029

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Primary zones, location of housing developments and transport investments, Helsinki region
Primary zones, location of housing developments and transport investments, Capital region

Investment projects (not on map):
- Small transport infrastructure improvement projects (KUHA)
- Main cycling network
- Helsinki tram service development program
- Traffic control on Helsinki region main roads
- Program of measures for Park & Ride
- Noise abatement package of measures
- Heavy transport service areas
- Rail transport operating models and small infrastructure measures
- Review of the Pisara Rail Loop operating plan and track plan
- Rolling stock solutions for VR commuter train services (Ministry of Transport and Communications)
- Rail traffic management system ETMS Level 2
- Promoting the planning capability for a King Road IV level transport link (road 152)

Approved projects/projects underway:
b) Pasila-Riiahmäki 1st phase, western additional track in Pasila, improving the operation of the Helsinki rail yard
b) West Metro Mattilanlinna-Hämeenlinna
b) Kruununhaka Bridges

Investment projects of the plan:
F) Espoo City Rail Link (Lepävaara-Espoo)
G) Pasila-Riiahmäki 2nd phase
H) Light rail link Malminkartano–Tikkurila–Airport and interchanges by Highways A and 7
I) Vihti–Hame light rail link
J) Vilkki–Malmi light rail link
K) Tuusulanranta light rail link to Kaskimylä
L) Light rail link Matinkylä–Suurpello–Kera–Lepävaara
M) Central Uusimaa transverse logistics link (Järvenpää–Main road 46)
N) Ring Road III between Askisto and Pakkala
O) Highway 4 Lahteenkylä (additional lanes Ring Road III–Koivukylänväylä)
P) Highway 4 Lahteenkylä (additional lanes Koivukylänväylä–Kukkula)
Q) Metro turnround track at Matinkylä and Metro automation
R) Commuter train siding depots
S) Readiness to start the construction of the Pisara Rail Loop
T) Links to the Malmi airport area (Tattarisjärvi)
U) Kuninkaantammi intersection
V) Ring Road I Maarinsalmu (and Hagalund tunnel)
Measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from traffic in the Helsinki region by 2030

Changes in CO2 emissions from traffic up to 2030

- Changes so far
  - 2005
  - 2015
  - Changes Without the measures set out in the draft
    - Assumed changes in vehicle emissions per unit
      - Completed transport projects and projects underway
      - Intensifying land use which affects car ownership
    - Changes so far
    - Changes Without the measures set out in the draft
    - Measures set out in the Draft MAL 2019
    - Target -50%

Emission reduction potential of individual measures (1,000t)

- The measures set out in the draft reduce CO2 emissions from traffic by 17 percentage points, or about 400,000 tons
- Rapid increase of electric and low-emission cars
- Road pricing
- Helsinki region bus services are emission neutral
- Investment aid for heavy transport technology
- Transport projects and concentrating land use in key areas
- Shared rides
- Influencing employee parking and commuting
- Expansion of parking zones
- Environmental zone for heavy traffic in the city center
- Cutting public transport ticket prices by 15-30%
- Regional main cycling network, electric bikes and city bikes
- Development of centers, stations and nodes
- Increasing Park & Ride

Changes in CO2 emissions from traffic up to 2030

- 2005
- 2015

Changes Without the measures set out in the draft

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Measures set out in the Draft MAL 2019

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MAL 2019 core indicators and target levels

Greenhouse gas emissions from traffic
- Target: -50%
- Draft: -50%
- (0 ALT): -33%

Accessibility of labor
- Target: +10%
- Draft: +14%
- (0 ALT): +8%

Differences between areas decrease and social segregation does not increase
- Draft: the measures contribute to positive changes

Socio-economic efficiency
- Target: >1.0
- Draft: 2.9

Housing production located in the primary development zones
- Target: 90%
- Draft: 94%

Share of sustainable modes of transport
- Target: 70%
- Draft: 65%
- (0 ALT): 57%

Location of population in sustainable mobility zones
- Target: 85%
- Draft: 90%
- (0 ALT): 82%
Measures after 2030

→ Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced from the 2030 levels so that Helsinki region is carbon neutral by 2050
  • by land use and transport planning
  • by economic steering tools
  • by developing and utilizing new services and technologies
  • by local production of food and energy
  • by emission compensations and carbon sinks
→ New land use is located sustainably in the primary development zones and their infill areas
  • Potential expansion areas are used if a binding decision has been made on the required transport investment
→ Ensuring sufficient housing to meet the needs of the growing population that enables high-quality housing for all population groups
→ Integrated public transport, beginning with the train and metro network
  • The transport system is developed to be increasingly based on sustainable modes of transport by creating a long-term rail vision and implementation path for the entire region.
Abstract of the impact assessment of the Draft MAL 2019
5 November 2018
Impact assessment is an integral part of planning.

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Planning  Modelling  Continuous interaction

Impact assessment
The CO₂ emission reduction target for transport is achieved

- Greenhouse gas emissions from traffic can be reduced by half if the proposed measures are adopted quickly and efficiently.
- According to the goal proposed in the National Energy and Climate Strategy for 2030, there should be at least 250,000 fully electric vehicles and rechargeable hybrids in 2030. This is also the point of departure when drafting MAL 2019.
- The assumption in MAL 2019 is that 20% of the vehicles in the region will be powered by electricity in 2030. The emissions calculated for an electric car are 15 g CO₂ per vehicle kilometer.
The share of sustainable modes of transport will increase throughout the region, especially in new rail corridors.

- Urban structure will become more compact as land use focuses on centers, areas around stations, and areas with good accessibility.

- Walking, cycling and the use of public transport for everyday journeys will become easier.

- Motor vehicle traffic mileage will almost remain at the present level in spite of considerable growth in the region.

- Car density will decrease considerably. Vehicle mileage per inhabitant will also decrease.
• Introducing a more compact urban structure and making efficient use of the transport system is sensible in view of the use of resources.

• A more compact urban structure will also reduce the use of natural resources in the long term.

• Concentrating land use development will save natural areas and support the maintenance of the green network.

• In further planning, it is possible to significantly affect the formation and intensity of impacts through area borders and planning solutions.
Dependence on private cars will continue to high outside rail centers

- As the population increases and the urban structure becomes more compact, local recreational areas may be threatened and there is pressure on their use. Noise and local emissions may also increase.
- Pressure will be imposed on landscape areas and the built environment, especially in central Helsinki and close to the rail network.
- Residential areas and new transport projects will be located in flood risk areas in places. There will also be some pressure on groundwater areas.
- A compact structure increases rainwater risk and strengthens the urban heat island phenomenon.
More labor closer to jobs

→ The measures listed in the draft improve the operating conditions for business and industry.

- Labor accessibility will increase by 6 percentage points, the reliability of transportation will improve, and travel times will shorten.

- Population growth, locating population in the core areas and rail transport zones of the region and improving the flow of traffic (e.g. the road charges) will improve labor accessibility.

→ 94% of the planned housing production will focus on the primary regional development zones close to the region's urban centers and rail corridors.

→ The measures outlined in the draft will improve accessibility by different modes of transport, which in part will sustain economic growth.
90% of the region's population and jobs are located in areas where it is possible to use public transport or to walk or cycle to make everyday journeys.

The share of new inhabitants settling in the rail zones is approximately 71%.

The use of private cars will become easier and travel times more predictable as congestion decreases.

People can reach their jobs and leisure activities faster.
Congestion on the road network will decrease and the reliability of transportation will improve.

- Road pricing will considerably reduce congestion on the region's road network.
  - Congestion will decrease by almost half, compared to the base alternative.
- Road pricing will also reduce travel times by approximately 10%.
- They will also improve the reliability of transportation.
- The fees will affect less than 20% of the region's inhabitants travelling during the morning rush hour.

Road pricing is a very efficient, flexible way of cutting CO2 emissions from traffic, promoting the use of sustainable modes of transport, reducing congestion, and ensuring the availability of transport system development resources.
Faster travel – easier day-to-day life

The zero alternative 2030

Draft 2030

Congestion on the road and street network /morning peak hour
Challenges with attractiveness are connected with improved accessibility.

- Road pricing and parking fees in part impair labor accessibility by increasing mobility costs. Together with improved transport links and reduced public transport fares, however, the combined effect on accessibility will be positive.
- Labor accessibility in the surrounding municipalities will not increase in the same way as elsewhere in the region.
- The higher the population growth in the region, the more important beginning to implement these measures becomes. This is also connected with housing production.
- Improving accessibility depends on when the measures are implemented and infrastructure projects completed.
Sustainable and strong public finances create basic conditions for the whole plan

→ As a whole, the transport project program in the draft plan is socio-economically efficient.

→ The socio-economic efficiency of the draft plan is 2.9 when described as a benefit-to-cost ratio.

→ The computational time and costs savings as well as the revenues of public finances are markedly higher than the investment costs.

→ This is especially due to road pricing and parking fees, but also to the choice of efficient investments.

→ Relying on the current infrastructure is also cost-effective.

→ The computational time and costs savings as well as the revenues of public finances are markedly higher than the investment costs.

Socio-economic efficiency describes the relationship between the benefits of the transport projects produced by the draft and the resources used for them, i.e. overall profitability.
The measures presented in the draft will improve regional accessibility by public transport, walking and cycling.
The most important thing is the infill development of the existing structure and making it more compact.

- The proposed zones are justified, considering that the aim is to locate regionally important housing construction in them during the entire planning period.

- Land use within the zones must be directed to areas that are highly accessible by sustainable modes of transport and where land use potential has not yet been fully utilized.

- Attention must be paid to less densely built-up centers and areas around stations.

- Land use development in the expansion zones must be closely connected to developing public transport.
The measures have many interdependencies.

→ The successful implementation of the measures set out in the plan and the scope of its benefits depend on several interconnected aspects that can impair viability.

→ An increase in transport project costs impairs efficiency and delays to them reduce benefits, thereby further impairing viability and public finances.

→ The socio-economic efficiency of the plan only accounts for cost/benefit ratio of the transport project program and not the efficiency of the entire MAL plan.
A high standard of housing production and regionally correctly targeted housing production ensure moderate pricing and responding to different housing needs.

The draft estimates that the need for sufficient housing will be 16,500 housing units a year, which will mean almost 200,000 housing units by 2030.

More compact land use will allow the provision of a variety of local services for more people.

The measures set out in the draft will help to mitigate the segregation trend in the Helsinki region.

The draft identifies infill development, new construction, and demolition and additional construction as instruments for mitigating segregation.
Housing and jobs will be located in areas with good accessibility by public transport, walking and cycling.

- The preconditions for a car-free lifestyle improve with compact housing in centers, improved conditions for walking and cycling and improved public transport links.
- Cutting public transport ticket prices will remove financial obstacles to mobility.
- Decreased road traffic translates into a more healthy and pleasant living environment. In addition, the draft proposes various measures for improving well-being and the pleasantness of the living environment.
- Personal injuries in road traffic will decrease.
The volume of road traffic must be reduced according to plans in order to deliver positive health effects.

- Dependence on private cars will continue high in the area outside of rail centers.
- Compact construction beside busy roads poses a challenge to providing a healthy environment. On the other hand, infill development also offers opportunities for combating the current adverse health impacts of traffic.
- In further planning, it is possible to effectively control the intensity of the impacts through area borders and planning solutions.
The measures in the 2050 plan support the achievement of the MAL 2019 goals

- The measures identified are strategically important in view of regional developments.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving the carbon neutrality goal by 2050 require the use of strong mitigation measures, which must begin immediately.
- The preparation of the rail vision and the related implementation path provide a good starting point for developing the region and for prioritizing transport projects after 2030.
- Improving regional, national and international accessibility must also be taken into consideration in the long term.
Critical issues after 2030 that must be already be prepared for and anticipated through planning:

→ Mitigating climate change and implementing carbon neutrality in all fields of urban planning
→ Adapting to extreme weather conditions
→ Enabling population growth beyond predicted levels
→ Controlling social changes
→ Technological and service development
Identifying risk factors in the plan

- Vehicle stock renewal rate
- Preconditions for implementing land use
- Failure to achieve more compact urban structure
- Speed of population growth
- Delay in the introduction of road pricing
- Uncertainties in financing
- Rise in transport project costs
- Fluctuations in the macro-economy
- Uncertainties in housing production
- Speed of climate change (CO2 emissions)
- Increased segregation
- Failure to achieve more compact urban structure
- Rise in transport project costs
- Fluctuations in the macro-economy
- Uncertainties in housing production
The 2030 operating environment prepared for through MAL planning

The city becomes more compact and shifts to rail
- Urbanization continues and the urban structure becomes more compact.
- An increasing number of journeys are made by foot or bicycle.
- There is more demand for rail links.
- The population is more aged and multicultural.
- Ways of working are diversified.

Effects of climate change materialize
- Environmentally efficient solutions are utilized.
- Extreme weather conditions become more common.
- Incident management and preparedness are strengthened.
- Prices of fossil fuels rise.

New financing methods and modes of transport
- Public sector financing opportunities decrease.
- New ways of financing are found for investments and maintenance.
- New transport services are developed.
- Barriers between passenger transport and logistics change.

Digitalization is part of the everyday life
- Telecommunication connections replace some of the need to travel.
- Services are based on up-to-date information.
- Different modes of transport are combined seamlessly.
- Automation of transport has proceeded to the road and street network.