

City of Göteborg January 2009

WP 2 Local freight network

Context

Göteborg is, as the second largest city in Sweden and as a transport hub with the biggest harbour in the Nordic region, facing a continuous increase of transports in general and of freight transports in particular. In order to find solutions to this problem an environmental zone was introduced in 1996 in the city centre with access restrictions for heavy diesel-driven vehicles older than 8 years.

Objectives

In the START-project Göteborg has formed a local freight network. The aim is to get support and input from the transport business for the freight projects carried out by the Traffic & Public Transport Authority.

Description of the action

The network forms the basis in the work of resolving logistic problems in the city and the forum where the developments within START is being continuously discussed. The network meets four times a year but is also used continuously by the City of Göteborg as a reference group when new proposals are drafted.

In Göteborg the local freight network includes participants from different parts of the transport chain. The aim is to have discussions and share knowledge about city distribution and problems connected to this. The involved stakeholders are transport companies, haulage companies, trade associations, real estate owners and retailers. For the City of Göteborg it is important to continue the so far fruitful cooperation between the public and private sector. The Traffic and Public Transport Authority together with the Road Haulage association, host the meetings and also set up the agenda. The participants are welcome to propose speakers and discussion themes that could be of interest for the network. For example, in autumn of 2008 the Local Freight Network visited Volvo Trucks to discuss clean heavy vehicles.



Lively freight network discussion

Further planning and expected results

The network will be very important in the continued development of regulations of urban freight in Göteborg.

In order to take cooperation within the Local Freight Network one step further, the plans are to involve the members in different ad hoc working groups for different issues within urban freight. The opinions of the private actors can give valuable input for example in the development of new regulator frameworks for traffic in sensitive parts of the city.

Local partners

- Traffic & Public Transport Authority
- Swedish Road Haulage Association
- Trade Associations (Nordstans samfällighetsförening, Paradgatan Avenyn AB and Innerstaden)
- Real estate owners (Göteborgslokaler, AP fastigheter)
- Transport suppliers (DHL, Posten, TGM, Lindome flyttningsbyrå, Fraktkedjan and Schenker)
- Retailers (Kappahl)

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