PRT for Södertälje planning and design feasibility

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## Public transport is not competitive



## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions incl load factors

gram per personkm



PRT network Södertälje 2030

# 43 km track 55 stations 650 vehs



# PRT vs present Bus routes



#### Färdmedelsfördelning i utgångsläget, resp. år 2030 <u>utan</u> och med spårbilsnät hela tätorten



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#### PRT vs Bus

- Reduced waiting 7,5 -> 1 min
- Half ride-time (40 km/h)
- 2.5 x more passengers
- Cost 35-50 % of county average per trip

# Demand 2030 Orig/Dest Travel flow



#### Accessibility 5-10-15 mins



## Design feasibility, initial phases

- Östertälje Centrum Astra
- Transfer with commuter train
- Integration in cityscape and buildings
- Feasibility and cost estimates











#### Transfer from train

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## **Corss-platform transfer**

Fill platform with PRTs

![](_page_16_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Length of train = 64 PRT
- Up to 64\*5=320 passengers
- 3 mins to depart (3 sec headway)

## Train station operation

- Predict demand for each train arrival
- Sign destinations based on statistics
- No ticketing
- Advance another platoon if needed
- Distribute and return for next train

#### **Platform station**

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# Guideway

- 56 cm tube
- 46 cm posts
- 24-26 m span
- 80-100 m welded
- One post may be removed

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#### **Transition curves**

- Rail design tables for constant speed
- Shorten switch to corner or stopping
- Brake into curve
- Acceleration <.25 g and jerk <.25 g/s</li>
- Length- and sideways

## Station for 12.5 m/s

- Curve radius min 62 m at 12.5 m/s
- (Transition curve 17 m)
- Clear from main track after 31 m
- Stopping distance 37 m
- 2-berth station 68+20+68 = 156 m
  Not acceptable!

#### Smaller station

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- Local speed limit 12.5 -> 10 m/s
- Shorter stopping and headway slack
- Use slack to slow before entering
- ⇒31 m between switches, 55 m in all

# Uppsala

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## Supports in parking lane

Pelare c/c 18 m, med plats för 3 kantstens p-platser emellan

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# Financing

- Development fees
- EU or National funding 30-40 % ?
- Supplier consortium financing
- Build-Operate-Transfer
- Authority keeps fares (same as transit)
- Fixed annual fee for capital and operation

## **BOT** advantages

- Less risk for buyer
- No investment easier decision
- LCC-efficient designs
- Competence for operation
- Annual cost easy to compare w alternative