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Ministry for Traffic and Communication

Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency



Planning, development and maintenance of state infrastructure network

Operational responsibility for implementing the objectives for route maintenance in the national transport system Services

Fintraffic Road (road traffic control)

Fintraffic VTS (maritime traffic control)

Fintraffic Railway (rail traffic control)

Fintraffic ANS (air Navigation Services)

TRAFICOM Finnish Transport and Communications Agency

Official regulatory, licensing, registration and supervision duties

Assisting the Ministry of Transport and Communications with the coordination of the objectives for the national transport system

Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment Arterial road design, maintenance and development. National transport system policies are agreed upon as per the requirements of the regional transport system.



Infrastructure provides a platform for growth



Budget appropriations 2022 2 066 million euros



State funding for transport routes (road, rail, and waterways)



Transport 12 plan

- The National Transport System Plan (Traffic 12) is an idea of how the Finnish transport system will be developed over the next 12 years.
- The Transport 12 plan is based on the Act on the Transport System and Highways.
- The plan represents a long-term approach to the development of the transport system.
- The plan contains an infrastructure implementation programme, which is prepared by the FTIA
- The programme includes state and municipal transport infrastructure projects as well as a state funding programme for the transport system.

Accessibility

The transport system will ensure access to the whole of Finland and will respond to the needs of businesses, working life and housing.

Sustainability

Opportunities to choose more sustainable modes of mobility will improve, particularly in urban areas.

Efficiency

The socio-economic efficiency of the transport system will improve.

National Transport System Plan (Transport 12)

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FTIA's Investment program



- The first plan (2021-2032) was published in April 2021
- Preliminary preparations for the revision (2025-2036) will begin 2022
- Actual preparation guided by a new parliamentary steering group after Parliament election in the spring 2023.

- **Is prepared** as part of Transport 12 implementation and according to it's financial framework.
- **Prioritizes** the most important transport infrastructure projects for the near future (8 years period)
- **Guides** FTIA's proposals for the government budget (the Parlament makes final decisions)
- **The first Investment Program** (2022-2029) was published in January 2022.
- The newest, the second program (2023-2030), was published in June 2022.
- Will be updated annually and after Transport 12 revisions.

Extension of the NSB Corridor

Extension of the North Sea – Baltic Corridor together with Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor will bring the European transport network to the Arctic areas



Different track width

FIN - SWE (Europe)





Project information



TRAFIKVERKET





- The Laurila–Tornio–Haaparanta rail section will be electrified
 - 22 km Finnish side
 - 1 km Swedish side
- Torneå river bridge will be widened because of the electrification
- Haparanda's passenger platform at the Finnish tracks will be rebuilt
- Tornio's rail yard and passenger platform will be updated
- Planning phase 2022-23
- Construction phase 2023-24
- Costs: Finland 20 M€ Sweden 4–7 M€
- The project has websites in Finnish and Swedish.

Ongoing investment projects 2022, road and water (development items)

Road projects

- E18 trunk road 50, improvement of Ring Road III, Phase 3, at Askisto and 17. Raising the water level in the Saimaa Cana Vantaankoski-Pakkala additional lanes
- Main road 15, construction of Paimenportti interchange 2.
- Main road 25 Leppi intersection underpass 3.
- 4. Road 180 Renovation of bridges in Kirjalansalmi and Hessundinsalmi
- Main road 8 Turku-Pori, improvements at Eurajoki 5.
- Main road 3 Hämeenkyrö bypass 6.
- Main road 4 improvements between Hartola-Oravakivensalmi
- Main road 5 development of Hurus-Hietanen road section 8
- 9. Main road 23 improvements between Varkaus-Viinijärvi
- Main road 4 Kirri-Tikkakoski 10.
- Main road 4 development of Hurus-Hietanen road section 11.
- 12. Main road 19 Seinäjoki-Lapua, Phase 1
- 13. Main road 68 Edsevö interchange improvement
- 14. Main road 68, improvement by constructing a new Kolppi overpass V-1879, Pedersöre
- 15. Hailuoto fixed link
- 16. Main road 4 Oulu-Kemi, intersection improvements at Simo

Waterway projects

- 18. Extension of locks on the Saimaa Canal
- 19. Deepening the Kemi Ajos fairway



Railway border stations 🔾 / Ports 🔾



Saimaa Canal, 95 million renovation budget was aborted and transferred to Carelia Railway, when Russia started a war in Ukraine





- Total Length: 42.9 km
- Finnish part: 23.3 km (3 locks)
- Russian part: 19.6 km (5 locks)



5 locks in the territory of Russia – leased to Finland for 50 years until 2062, with a rent of €1.2 million



The logistic flows are changing as a result of the Russian war of aggression



Changes:

- imports, exports and transit through Russian decreased
- There is no more traffic in the Saimaa canal
 - 1,3 tons must find new route
- VR (major rail operator) will terminate the Eastern freight transport contracts by the end of 2022 – smaller operator starts
- wood and chemicals may be transported with Russian GOST -wagons in internal transport in Finland
- changes in maritime transport reflect global maritime logistics flows?



Change in the number of trains by track sections

- Green = Increase
- Red = Decrease

East – west transit -traffic

North – south intern traffic



Joint Icebreaking



The plan for the next generation icebreaker, jointly procured by the Finnish Transport Agency & and the Swedish Maritime Administration, is ready

The new generation of icebreakers can break a bed up to 32 meters wide and they are designed to use fossil-free fuels, which help to reduce emissions.

The decision on construction is still pending.



Logistic and Logistic Chain changes



- The transport capacity and rotation of railway carriages have been adjusted based on the transport flows
- Investment and planning needs are prioritized by the traffic volumes of different types of transport networks
- Big Questions are:
 - How to take into account the needs of the transport network in the short and long term?
 - How to avoid targeting investments to other than the most necessary and profitable targets?
- One detail: We still have approx. 800 railway carriages under sanctions in Finland, of which the carriages for transport of dangerous goods (VAK) are 220. Big challenge are leaking ammonia train cars. They should be returned to Russia - negotiations are ongoing.

Effects on ongoing, planned and future projects

- Costs are tied to indexes when it makes sense (future projects)
- Calculation of cost estimates in a new risk situation (future projects)
- Living with the agreements and general terms and conditions (ongoing)

How to measure the cost increase provision correctly

- How to predict future cost provisions (~ $10\% \rightarrow ?$)
- Over-budgeting does not solve the problem, because over-budgeting ties up funds and reduces the space for flexible programming & operation
- Over-budgeting itself increases costs higher tenders (???)

How to prioritize

- How to take into account the needs of the transport network in the short and long term?
- How to avoid targeting investments to other than the most necessary and profitable targets?



Earth works M-index in August 2022 = 131,2

- Monthly change -2 % (133,5)
- Annual Change +18 % (111,1)

Bridge works S-index in August 2022 = 131,6

- Monthly change -1% (133,2)
- Annual Change +13 % (116,1)

Bitumen-index in August 2022 = 208,8

- Monthly change -13 % (239,1)
- Annual Change +36 % (153,4)

Metallproducts index

In August 2022 = 180,3

- Monthly change +1 % (179,1)
- Annual Change +26 % (143,4)

