

Free Public Transport as growth factor in Tallinn

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Basic figures

- **Population of Tallinn 437 183 (01.09.2015)**
- **Municipal public transport fleet (bus+ tram+ trolley-bus): >480 vehicles**
- **Public transport budget**
2012– 53 mln €
2015 – 61 mln €



FPT since 01.01.2013 for the residents of Tallinn

Social aspects: guaranteeing mobility for unemployed and low income residents. Using PT facilitates sharing common space for different segments of the society

Economic aspects:

increasing labour mobility in the city limits;
stimulating consumers activity;
savings from public transport are spent for local goods and services

Green aspects: modal shift from cars to PT, cleaner air, less noise, more urban space

Fiscal aspects: strong motivation to register place of residence, thus increasing personal income tax



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Strong growth in population

Registered population grew since April 2012 (after referendum over FPT) by 22 thousand new residents

Which is by 5% in total

The growth continues ca 3-4 thousand new residents annually

in 2016 Tallinn population would exceed 440 000 mark



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Mixed results in mobility

10% growth of passengers in 2013
eavened by reconstruction of
entire tram network in 2014 and
2015

After full restart of tram network in
2016 <10% increase in total
expected

Decrease of the car traffic in the
centre as average -6%. Increase
of total traffic by ca +4%.



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Extension of FPT to trains

- All trains became from October 28, 2013 free for Tallinn residents inside the city limits.
- Number of passengers increased 7X
- annual extra cost for the city 1,5 mln euros



Budget increase

20 000+ residents increased municipal revenues from personal income tax well beyond 14 mln €

- Annual cost of FPT 12 mln € safely covered
- growth of Tallinn tax revenues in strong contrast with most other municipalities nationwide

Better public services

- Increase of PT budget brought better service quality / improved customer satisfaction
- In 2012-2015 were bought 140 new buses
- Tram network deep renovation in all length ongoing
- 16 CAF trams in 2015 + 4 more in 2016
- Tram network extension to airport planned



Upward spiral

- Better public services increase Tallinn's attractiveness as place for living and working
- Thus bringing more residents
- More residents bring more taxes for better public services etc



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