



# Uppsala Light Rail Project

**– Sustainable public  
transport for the future**



## Uppsala is growing

Uppsala is growing and is one of Europe's most rapidly expanding regions. By 2050, we expect to have a population of 340,000. We are very optimistic about this development. It will mean many new opportunities. It will also mean many more journeys.

We aspire to be a model in the field of urban and rural development and our vision is for 75% of journeys in Uppsala to be made on foot, by bicycle or by public transport. In order to achieve this, road traffic must decrease. And to be able to continue to be mobile and have access to everything we need in our daily life, we need to complement the current public transport system with several robust, high-capacity solutions. A city for everyone shall also provide public transport for everyone.

## Infrastructure creates new opportunities

In order to ensure growth that is not only dynamic but also sustainable, the City of Uppsala, Region Uppsala and the Swedish state have signed an agreement which makes it possible to develop new residential areas and business premises which are linked together with the rest of the city by means of an improved transport infrastructure.

The Swedish state's long-term financial support will enhance Uppsala's attractiveness as a place to both live and work in the region. People commute both to and from Uppsala and an efficient transport system enhances the opportunities to do this. Uppsala's expanding business sector will also be of great importance, even outside Greater Stockholm.

## Journeys of the future

In the densely urbanised city of the future, innovation is paramount, for the sake of both citizens and the environment. We need to allow more space for cyclists, pedestrians and public transport. More room for inspiring adventure and meetings. Shops, cafés, green areas, workplaces and homes must all be accommodated.

In this new cityscape, the light railway will be seen as the obvious way to get around. And as a part of the sustainable mobility solutions that a vibrant Uppsala will provide. Infrastructure for the future.





# Why we are preparing for a light railway

## 1. High capacity

In 2050, the light rail system will be expected to transport 80,000 a day. It is difficult for buses to handle so many travellers. What is more, a light railway requires relatively little space making it particularly appropriate in densely built cities.

## 2. Good for urban development

The light railway is evidence of our long-term desire to develop attractive urban environments and good communications. Furthermore, it provides good conditions for growth as it creates opportunities for more workplaces, homes and shops.

## 3. Sustainable

A light railway is powered by electricity which helps reduce carbon emissions. Electric power is energy-efficient and consumption per traveller is low. In addition, no particles are thrown up from the street ensuring a cleaner street environment. Both the infrastructure and the vehicles have a long life expectancy.

## 4. Comfortable

Light railway vehicles are both very comfortable and easily accessible. The light railway runs on a fixed route, making it easy for new passengers to find the stops.

## Light railway facts


- **Track length:**  
17 kilometres, double track
- **Stops:**  
19
- **Vehicle length:**  
30/40 metres
- **Suggested routes:**  
Bergsbrunna – Gottsunda – Uppsala C  
Bergsbrunna – Ultuna – Uppsala C
- **Anticipated journeys:**  
Approximately 80 000 per day by 2050  
(at present, around 15 000 journeys are made on the most popular bus route)



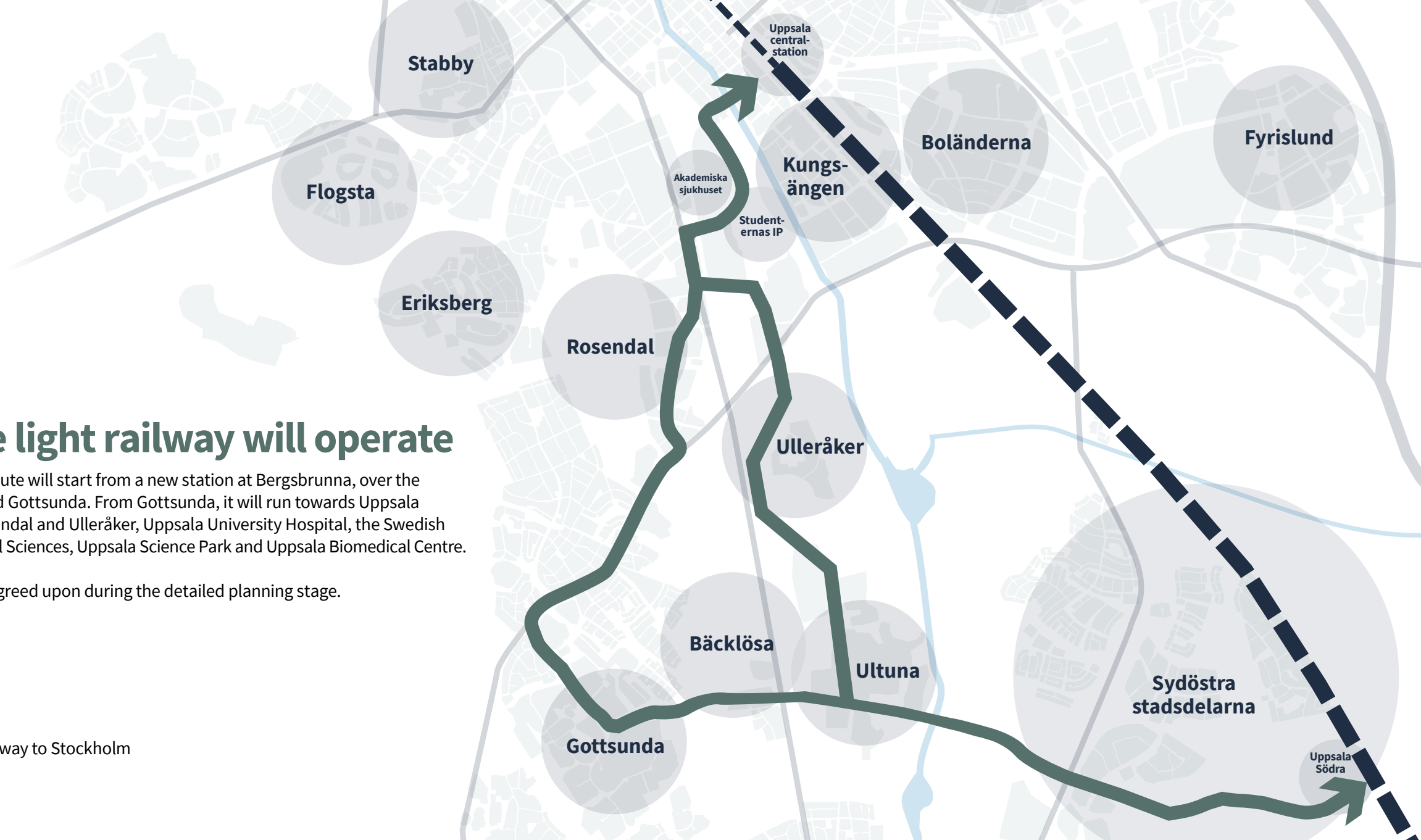
## Where the light railway will operate

The planned light rail route will start from a new station at Bergsbrunna, over the Fyris River to Ultuna and Gottsunda. From Gottsunda, it will run towards Uppsala Central Station via Rosendal and Ulleråker, Uppsala University Hospital, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala Science Park and Uppsala Biomedical Centre.

The final route will be agreed upon during the detailed planning stage.

 Planned light railway

 Four-track inter-city railway to Stockholm



# Light rail decision-making and timetable

Not until 2021 will the final decision about the light railway or other alternative be made. The timetable is as follows:

## 2020–2021

Completion of studies to be used as a basis for the implementing decision in 2021. All the detailed plans to start during this period. The permit process begins.

## 2022–2023

Work on more detailed plans and the start of construction work.

## 2029

Light railway due to be completed and brought into service. Inauguration of Bergsbrunna station. Completion of the two new inter-city rail tracks between Uppsala and Bergsbrunna.

## 2035

Completion of 15 000 new homes and areas of business premises in Bergsbrunna and the southern parts of the city.

## 2021

Implementing decision. Decision to be taken on whether or not to build the light railway.

## 2024–2028

Ongoing work on the light railway and rail depot. Several stages to take place simultaneously.

## 2033

The extension of the two inter-city rail tracks is complete including the stretch between Bergsbrunna and the county border to Stockholm.

# The Uppsala light railway will be financed in three different ways

## Environmental Agreement with the Swedish State

A light railway is a large investment but not something that a city or region need pay entirely by themselves. The state grants financial support to cover up to half of the construction costs.

## Land value capture around the new railway

An expansion of the public transport network such as the light railway makes the surrounding land more attractive and hence increases its value. To cover some of their costs for the expansion, the municipality can allow property owners to co-finance the new development. There is legislation enabling the municipality to involve forward-looking property owners and allow them to contribute to investments.

## The city and the region are investing

The city council and county council are responsible for funding decisions. The final allocation of expenditure and responsibility between the region and the city will be made in conjunction with the implementing decision in 2021.

If you would like to know more about our work on the Uppsala Light Rail project, please contact the City of Uppsala or Region Uppsala.

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