Helsinki plans

Planning report 2017
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The detailed plan for the Arabia factory block will be changed on the basis of the winning entries for the architectural competition arranged in 2016. Picture of the Frank proposal that was awarded the shared first prize in the idea competition.
Detailed planning

Helsinki’s detailed plan sites are presented on the following pages. The detailed plan specifies the allowed purposes of use of the area as well as the allowed building volumes. The regulations apply to, for example, heights, placement and construction methods of buildings as well as other factors affecting the structure and cityscape of the area.
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Improving pedestrian and cycling routes

Expanding the area reserved for market trade

Removing parking from the pier areas

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South Helsinki

1. **Linnunlaulu**
   A conservation detailed plan is being prepared for the villa and park district.

2. **Kamppi**
   The placement of a health centre in the Kamppi metro station area is being studied. An extension of the SAS Radisson hotel is being planned in the Runeberginkatu and Salomonkatu corner in Kamppi.

3. **Wuorio house and Apina block**
   An elevation of the yard wing is being planned on the plot at Unioninkatu 39. A detailed plan amendment will be prepared for removing the building prohibition of the Apina block between Itäinen teatterikuja and Mikonkatu.

4. **Lapinlahti Hospital**
   A design and implementation competition will be organised to serve as a basis for a detailed plan of the hospital area. The plan will cover the future use and protection of the buildings and any new construction.

5. **Maria Hospital**
   As hospital activities have ended, new use of the area and complementary construction are being planned. The need for conservation is re-evaluated.

6. **Hämeentie 62 and 64**
   The current five-storey residential buildings will be elevated by three storeys. The yard building at Hämeentie 62 will be converted into a residential building.

7. **Market Square**
   The following options are being examined in the Market Square area: expanding the area reserved for market trade, removing parking from the pier areas, improving pedestrian and bicycle traffic routes and moving the Suomenlinna ferry and day cruise piers to different location.

8. **Laakso Hospital area**
   The possibility for complementary construction in the Laakso Hospital area is being looked into.

9. **Vallisaari and Kuninkaansaari**
   A detailed plan will be prepared together with Metsähallitus for the recreational use of Vallisaari and Kuninkaansaari. Construction is being planned in the area to support nature tourism.

10. **Suomenlinna**
    A conservation detailed plan will be prepared for Suomenlinna. No major new construction is being planned.

11. **Hakaniemi and Merihaka**
    Apartments for approximately 2,500 residents are being planned along Hakaniemenranta and Sörnäisten rantatie. Hakaniemensilta bridge will be replaced with a new bridge to free space for complementary construction. Prospects of replacing the parking hall in Merihaka with new construction are being studied. A hotel is being planned at the shore of Siltavuorensalmi southeast of Hakaniementori market. The beaches at Suvilahti and Siltavuorensalmi will be made better accessible to city residents. The Kruunusillat light railway line will travel through the area on its way to the city centre.
Josafatinkalliot
An area under Josafatin kalliot will be reserved for an electric station to accommodate future need. A ramp will be provided on Helsinginkatu. An exit and ventilation building will be located on Kirstinkatu. The park will be protected.

Alppipuisto and Lenininpuisto
The conservation detailed plan for Alppipuisto and Lenininpuisto is intended to preserve the culture-historical values of the parks.

Kivelä Hospital
As hospital activities end in the future and operations are gradually moved elsewhere, new use of the area and complementary construction are being planned. The need to protect the area and any buildings will be looked into.

Garden Helsinki project
Sports, business and hotel premises and residential construction are being planned in the parking area along Nordenskiöldinkatu and partly in the area of the current indoor ice rink, and underground facilities are being planned in the premises under Eläintarhan puisto and the Sahara football field. The Garden Helsinki project has a planning reserve in the area. An architectural competition by invitation was organised in connection with the project in late 2016.

Ruusulankatu 10
The building for social housing activities will have an extension the height of the current building for residential purposes and support functions related to social housing.

Topeliuksenkatu 16
Plans are underway to replace the Svenska social- och kommunalhögskolan school building with new construction.

Northern Vallila
A sports centre and student apartments are being planned adjacent to Mäkelänrinne senior secondary school and the swimming centre. The possibility of complementary construction in the plots located at Rautalammitie 3 and 5 and Karstulantie 6 is being reviewed.

Vallila industrial zone
Planning principles are being prepared to govern the future detailed planning of the Vallila industrial zone. The aim is to support the development of the zone as a diverse workplace area.

Arabia factory block
Teaching, work, residential and business premises are being planned in the current and future facilities of the factory block located at Hämeentie 133–135. The operators that will continue their operations in the area include the library, the Arabia factory museum, artists’ workshops and numerous businesses. The cultural activities of Metropolia will be moved to a centralised location at Arabia Campus. Music education at the Pop & Jazz Conservatory and Metropolia University of Applied Sciences will merge and have new facilities in the northern part of the block. The detailed plan will be changed based on the two winning entries of an architectural competition organised in 2016. Plans are underway for, for example, a public pedestrian route that goes through the block from Franck Square to Hämeentie and tall residential buildings in the centre of the block.

Hermannin rantatie – Vallilanlaakso
A detailed plan will be prepared for the areas of Hermannin rantatie and Vallilanlaakso to allow for the construction of a railway connection between Kalasatama and Pasila. A Baana bicycle route will be designed in Vallilanlaakso.

Suvilahti power plant area
A detailed plan will be prepared for the former power station and gas factory plot for the needs of the cultural centre. The existing buildings will be conserved, and further construction is under review.

Nihti
Housing and local services are being
Sports, business and hotel premises and residential construction are being planned in the parking area and partly in the area of the current indoor ice rink.

Plans for the Garden Helsinki arena are progressing

Ideas for this culture-historically important location were sought through an invitation-based architectural competition in 2016. Further planning will be based on the winning entry. The Garden Helsinki project has a planning reserve in the area.
New urban plan for central Helsinki

The detailed plans of central Helsinki will be updated to meet modern needs. The content of the plans will be simplified regarding, for example, building conservation. Some of Helsinki’s detailed plans date back to the 1830s; the oldest plans for Kaartinkaupunki and Kruunuhaka, for example, are from 1836. The new plans are intended to support the preservation of central Helsinki’s original characteristics and cultural values, to ensure the equal treatment of property owners and to secure a vibrant city centre.

planned for 3,000 residents in the southernmost part of Kalasatama: A public beach and a hotel will also be added to the area. A tram line through the area is being planned as part of the Kruunuvuorenranta railway connection.

24 Southern Postipuisto

A new residential and service premises area for 3,000 residents and 1,500 employees is being planned between Ilmala station, the railway yard and the Central Park. The Posti headquarters buildings will be preserved. The plans are intended to accommodate a tram line from Central Pasila via Televisiokatu.

25 Postipuisto

A residential area for approximately 5,000 residents is being planned to replace the former inland traffic centre in northern Pasila. The new area will include a school, day care centres and a consumer goods store. The detailed plan is being prepared by means of partnership planning.

26 Surroundings of Käpylä station

Plans have been made to carry out major changes in the areas surrounding Käpylä station. The aim is to develop the area into a lively pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly neighbourhood with a wide range of services. New
residential, office and business premises are being planned in the surroundings of the station. Preliminary estimates suggest that by 2050 there could be as many as 20,000 new residents in the area. Käpylä station will also serve as an important public transport hub in the future. According to plans, a public transport terminal will be built at the station. At the same time, changes in the traffic arrangements for the Tuusulanväylä road are being considered. A variety of background studies will be carried out during the spring of 2017, and interaction with city residents and businesses will begin in autumn 2017.

Tower area of central Pasila
A competition will be organised for the design and implementation of the tower area. The area will include residential, office and business premises. The valuable buildings of Veturitallit and Toralinna will be conserved.

Northern part of Pikku Huopalahti
Housing for approximately 2,300 residents is being planned at the corner of Mannerheimintie and Vihdintie. The preparation of the plan will continue after the transfer of the Institute of Dentistry and the Department of Forensic Medicine to new facilities has been confirmed.

Tenholantie 10 and 12
Apartment blocks for approximately 200 residents will be built to replace the old prosthesis workshop of Invalidisäätiö.

Mannerheimintie 162
An apartment building is being planned to replace the former residential building of Tilkka Hospital, approximately of the same size.

Meilahti villa area
The protection regulations concerning the villa area will be reviewed and the right to construct outbuildings in the area will be slightly expanded. A few new villas may be transferred to the area.

Hernesaari
In Hernesaari, housing is being planned for approximately 6,500 people. There are also plans for a seaside park, a boat harbour and harbour accommodation for cruise ships. Marine tourist attractions and recreational services are being planned in seaside areas to complement the construction of Löyly in summer 2016.

Melkinlaituri
Apartment buildings comprising 3 or 4 storeys are being planned to accommodate approximately 2,000 residents. The building base nearer to the waterfront will primarily include low urban detached houses. A plot will be reserved for a school and a day care centre.

Panamanranta
Two blocks for detached houses on the west side of the Saukonlaituri channel are changed into blocks for blocks of flats.

Tanssintalo
Premises for the art of dance are planned in Kaapelitehdas and in a new building on its east side.

Kellosaarenranta
Residential construction is being planned by the Ruoholahti channel near the Kellosaarenranta reserve power station.

Jätkäsaari’s central blocks
The commercial centre of Jätkäsaari, business premises and housing is being planned for the region.

Telakkaranta
Service, business and office premises are being planned in the mechanical workshop building. The buildings along Hietalahdenlahti pier will include a restaurant and cafés at street-level. The dry dock pool will be protected for new use. The pool can serve for small-scale dock activities or it can be filled with water to accommodate historical ships.

Islands off of Merisatama harbour
Uunisaari, Liuskasaari, Liuskaluoto and Sirpalesaari will be developed for sailing and recreational needs.
Särkiniementie 10
The detailed plan will be amended to allow elevating the apartment buildings by a partial storey.

Lauttasaarentie 8
Plans are underway to replace the office building with residential construction.

Vattuniemenkuja 4
The office building will be converted into a school and day care centre.

Koivusaari
The planning of Koivusaari has moved on to the detailed planning phase. Koivusaari is being planned as a maritime and urban district built around the new metro station, with approximately 5,000 residents and 3,000 workplaces.

Talinranta
The unconstructed plot for public buildings will be transformed into a residential plot. Possibilities for further residential construction in Talinranta are being investigated.

Strömbergintie 4
The operations of the jewellery factory are moving elsewhere, and the plot will be transformed for residential use with due consideration to the old factory surroundings and the park environment.

"The aim is to create new housing in Malminkartano and to make the area more comfortable. The process will take several years. We have met with the local residents on several occasions now. I have appreciated hearing their wishes."
— Tytti Wiinikka, architect

Kutomotie 1, 6 and 9
New uses are being examined for three key plots in the area together with the plot owners: primarily apartment buildings, but also business and work premises and public outdoor areas.

Takomotie 8
Plans are underway to convert the business premises adjacent to Takomopuisto into housing.

Patterimäki
Housing is planned near the intersection of Pitäjänmäentie and Pajamäentie. The city will have a work station located primarily under Patterimäki. A detailed plan of the rail line reserve for Raide-Jokeri through Patterimäki was completed in 2016.

Surroundings of Pelimannintie
The possibility for residential construction in the blocks at the west end of Pelimannintie is being examined along with the possibility to enhance current parking areas together with private plot owners.

Maununnevantie 3
The buildings owned by Helsingin kau-pungin asunnot Oy are in poor condition and will be replaced with apartment blocks.

Puustellintie 1
Housing for senior citizens is being planned on the plot of the church building owned by the parish.

Malminkartano, Naapuripellontie and Jälsitie
In Malminkartano, opportunities are being studied for gradually converting the current block
areas, owned by AEL, into residential construction. AEL will continue operations in the area. A design competition will be organised in 2017.

**Honkasuontie**
Energy-efficient wooden apartment buildings for 500 residents as well as a parking building are being planned in the northwest part of Honkasuo.

**Steniuksentie 14 and 20**
Residential construction is being planned on the plot of the former Helsinki Rescue School along Steniuksentie, as well as on the plot of Pääkaupunkiseudun turvakoti ry and in its surroundings.

**Orapihlajatie and Paatsamatie area**
Apartment buildings are being planned in the surroundings of Orapihlajatie and Paatsamatie.

**Vaakatie 6 and 10**
The central part of the block owned by Helsingin kaupungin asunnat Oy will be completed with residential construction.

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**Opinions from the Mitä Jättärille? survey in February 2017**

"Solar panels for producing electricity for any services below that need it. Or just for lighting the stairs."
— Eco hippie

"A longboard rink would be unique in Finland!"
— Hopefull!

"I have been doing interval training at Jättäri for several years. In this sport, it is important that the altitude difference between the starting and finishing point is maximal. Also, the hill needs to have a suitable incline and a proper road or pathway. Even though I’m an “uphill biker”, I also appreciate the great comments posted by downhill bikers earlier."
— Uphill biker
57 Surroundings of Oulunkylä station and Maaherrantie
Opportunities for complementary construction are being studied on both sides of the main track in the centre of Oulunkylä, observing the provisions needed for Raide-Jokeri.

58 The surroundings of Solakalliontie
Opportunities for complementary construction are being reviewed in the surroundings of Toivola School and on the plots and in the park areas along Jahtivoudintie, Solakalliontie and Mikkolantie.

59 Fallkulla farm
A detailed plan is being prepared for the Fallkulla Farm area to allow continued domestic animal farm and youth activities as well as to increase recreational use. Plans for the area include a school, 1–2 day care centres, a playground and an exercise park as well as residential construction in the south part.

60 Malmi Airport buildings
The Malmi flight terminal, aircraft hangar and garage will be protected with a detailed plan, designating parts of them for use as office space. The aim is to allow for diverse public use of the buildings.

61 Tattarisilta multi-level junction
An amended detailed plan is prepared for Tattarisilta and the new Lahdenväylä junction, observing the required public transport, cycling and car connections to the Malmi airfield area.

58 "Raide-Jokeri will make the districts along the route more urban. The rail line and complementary construction will increase the flow of people, who, in turn, will offer more opportunities for businesses."
— Tuomas Eskola, architect

62 Viertolantie area
Opportunities for apartment block and business premises construction in the current industrial area near Tapanila station are being studied. Space will be reserved for a network of bicycle routes, i.e. “Baana”.

63 Tapuliaupunki, station area
Opportunities for complementary construction and for rearranging parking, business and service premises near the station are being studied.

64 Pihlajisto centre
The demolition of the old building and replacing it with new ones, containing housing and business premises, is being studied in cooperation with the Pihlajisto mall company. The placement of a consumer goods store and housing near the Raide-Jokeri stop is being planned.
**Pukinmäki station area**
New apartments and business premises for services are being planned in the vicinity of Pukinmäki station. Opportunities for residential construction near the Eskolantie and Säte-rintie junction are being studied. A consumer goods store is being planned on the east side of the railway track on the plot of the current fast food diner.

**Asteritie**
Apartment blocks with 2–5 storeys are being planned at the end of Asteritie where the plots have been sparsely built.

**Central part of Jakomäki**
Plans are underway for updating comprehensive school, day care and youth centre facilities in the central part of Jakomäki either by constructing a new building or by renovating old facilities. The idea is to eliminate any service buildings that are in poor condition to free space for the construction of new housing. Moreover, recreational areas will be remodelled and traffic arrangements will be improved. An architectural competition will be arranged for the designs. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the entries in April 2017.

**Viikinmäki**
The feasibility of the unconstructed plots adjacent to Aleksanteri Nevskin katu will be improved by expanding the construction rights. Opportunities for parking buildings are being studied.

**Gardenia and surroundings in Viikki**
Residential construction is being planned on the plot of Gardenia in Viikki. The conservatory building is meant to be preserved. The future use of the plot located on Hakalantie at Pasteurinkatu 2 is being examined.
Residential, business and office construction is being planned in the surroundings of Aromikuja.

Taller construction is planned by Vuotie

Kiinteistö Oy Albatrossi is going to be expanded into a multi-service social and health care centre.

Lower construction is planned by Bertha Pauligin katu.
Koirasaarentie and Ilomäentie
A reservation for a tram line has been made in the area along Koirasaarentie and Ilomäentie for traffic between the city centre and Laajasalo. Complementary construction is being planned along and near the streets.

Reposalmentie
Opportunities for situating a depot for the Laajasalo tram in the area are being reviewed.

Gunillantie
Residential construction is being planned along Gunillantie on the plot of the former heating plant. In the current detailed plan, the plot is reserved for a backup power plant.

East shore of Laajasalo
The extensive recreational area on the east shore of Laajasalo is being planned as a versatile entity focusing on nature and landscape values, having an uninterrupted seashore route. Opportunities are also being studied for complementary construction by the edges of the recreational area and in places where construction supports the functionalities of the recreational area.

Vartiosaari, Huvilaranta
A residential area is being planned in the arrival area of Vartiosaari at Huvilaranta, in the surroundings of the small-craft marina that opens to the west. The attributes of culture-historically valuable villa area shall steer the planning of the area. The detailed plan area covers Reposalmi Bridge and Vartiosaanen puistotie, including the tram line along the latter.

Vartiosaari, Sunnanvik park
A district park is being planned in the surroundings of the culture-historically and horticulturally valuable villa and garden of Sunnanvik for recreational activities such as gardening, local food and culture. The area will have a natural storm water drainage system.

Isosaari and Kuivasari
The aim is to create diverse recreational and tourism-related uses for the islands, observing their military-historical structures and the need to protect the building-base from during military use.

Karhunkaataja area
A residential area for approximately 3,500 people is being planned in the Karhunkaataja area. A light railway line and stops for Raide-Jokeri are being planned by Viilarintie.

Kulosaari mall
Business premises and residential construction are being planned to replace the Kulosaari mall at the request of the mall company.

Kulosaari blocks of flats area
Planning principles will be prepared to govern plot-specific complementary construction in the Kulosaari block of flats area. At the same time, the values and characteristics of the built environment are mapped and opportunities for complementary construction are reviewed.

Kulosaarentie 42–44
Small-scale residential construction will be allowed on the plots. The current buildings will be protected and converted to housing.

Kivinokka
Plans are underway to convert Kivinokka into an area of diverse recreational and tourism-related uses based on its particular characteristics.

Vuosaari, Aromikuja
Residential, business and office construction is being planned in the surroundings of Aromikuja. Taller construction is planned by Vuotie and lower construction by Bertha Pauliginkatu. The aim is to create a pleasant pedestrian environment. Opportunities for locating a consumer goods store in the area are being
studied. Kiinteistö Oy Albatrossi is going to be expanded into a multi-service social and health care centre.

**83 Vuosaari, senior secondary school plot**

A new school building is being planned for Vuosaari Senior Secondary School on a plot located near the metro station at the northern end of Ulappasilta Bridge. The aim is to create adaptable multi-purpose facilities usable for, for example, local associations in the evenings and over weekends. Space will also be reserved for basic education in art for children and young people. Opportunities for business and residential construction in the same block are being examined.

**84 Complementary construction in Meri-Rastila**

Complementary construction is being planned in the apartment block area and by the parks. The aim is to complete apartments for 3,500–4,600 residents in the area. The parks, squares and street areas will be remodelled along with the Rastila business centre.

**85 Herttoniemi hospital**

Aptment blocks for approximately 500–700 residents are being planned to replace Herttoniemi Hospital and its surroundings. A day care centre is also being planned in the area. The sports park will remain in its current use.

**86 Sorvaajankatu 20**

Planmeca Oy is planning, for example, a building containing office and training facilities by Asentajanpuisto Park. According to the preliminary designs, the building will comprise 16 storeys.
create a versatile city block complementing the Mellunmäki centre.

90 Kontula mall
Complementary construction in the Kontula mall is being planned in cooperation with the mall companies. The aim is to increase housing.

91 Kontulankuja
Complementary construction is being planned along Kontulantie and among the current buildings.

92 Uutela, Skatanniemi
The boundaries of the street area will be reviewed for two plots based on an application. The plan of the unconstructed boat harbour will be revoked.

93 Nuottasaari and western part of Halkullanniemi
Most of the area will be in recreational use. The construction site in Nuottasaari will be transferred next to the current villa in Halkullanniemi.

94 Karhusaari
At the request of the land owner, the detailed plan for the southern part of Karhusaari will be amended to allow for complimentary construction on plots with small detached houses. The detailed plan for the northern part of the island will be amended to allow for the construction of housing for up to 5,000 new residents in the long term.

95 Landbo
The detailed plan for Landbo, which is an area dominated by small detached houses, will include a few more plots for small detached houses and the opportunity to apply for the right to construct on the current plots.

96 Eastern archipelago
The more than 30 islands and islets of Helsinki’s archipelago are getting their first detailed plan. The aim is to create more diverse opportunities for the recreational and tourism-related use of the archipelago.
The Kruunusillat project links the maritime eastern districts with the centre of Helsinki. Express tram transports passengers from Kruunuvuorenranta to the city centre in 15 minutes.
Traffic planning

Improving traffic safety is a central aim in traffic planning. Major principal traffic solutions, such as main streets and the construction of rail traffic, are determined in the comprehensive plan and in partial comprehensive plans. The more specific traffic arrangements are specified in traffic plans during the preparation of detailed plans. A street plan is prepared on the basis of the traffic plan.

In the future, many people in the city centre will use rail traffic

A development survey of the city centre’s public transport system is currently being conducted. The survey looks for means for providing efficient public transport in the city centre. The idea is that buses would stop at the city centre boundary and passengers would use rail traffic from there on. This requires smooth, pleasant exchanges.

Approximately 100 km of new rail lines have been proposed in Helsinki’s new city plan. They will be implemented over a very long term. It is now assessed in which order the lines should be constructed. The purpose of the survey is to provide a feasible scenario based on the goals of the new city plan, according to which Helsinki is a networked public transport city, with express trams travelling in city boulevards.

Kalasatama tram lines

A comprehensive plan of the Kalasatama tram lines is being prepared. The tram line is intended to connect the Kruunusillat tram line, which travels through Nihti, the centre of Kalasatama and the surroundings of Hermannin rantatie. Opportunities for continuing the tram line to Pasila and related network impacts are also being studied in connection with the comprehensive plan.

Traffic safety is improved by reducing speeds

The principles of the speed control system will be updated throughout Helsinki. Special focus will be given to suburban streets that have housing beside them. Speeds are reduced in streets where traffic safety requires lower

“Streets will not become safe overnight by just changing traffic signs. This would only make decent citizens break the law. The street environment should direct people to drive at the desired speed. The solution can be a traffic island or reducing the number of lanes, for example. These must be discussed with the citizens.”

— Reetta Putkonen, traffic planning manager
## Traffic planning projects

### Bicycle traffic

1. Caloniuksenkatu
2. Mäkelänkatu
3. Hietalahdenranta–Ruoholahdenranta
4. Helsinginkatu
5. Pikkuniementie–Tilkankatu
6. Underpass under the Baana track
7. Western Baana
8. Humallahti Baana
9. Underpass under Helsinginkatu – Aurora Bridge
10. Surroundings of Hakaniementori market
11. Lauttasaarentie & Meripuistotie
12. Vuosaarentie

### Public transport

13. Raide-Jokeri
14. Kruunusillat, tram line from Laajasalo to the city centre
15. Vartiosaari tram line
16. Hernesaari tram line
17. Ilmala tram line
18. Kalasatama tram lines
19. Jokeri 2 light railway
20. Östersundom tram line
21. Further planning of Töölö metro
22. Helsinki-Tallinn tram line

### Main streets and roads

23. Koivusaari intersection to Länsiväylä
24. Hameenlinnanväylä development report for the area Hakamäentie–Ring III
25. Tattarisilta intersection to Lahdenväylä
26. Principle plan of the Vihdintie boulevard
27. Principle plan of the Tuusulanväylä boulevard
28. Principle plan of the Hämeenlinnanväylä boulevard
29. Principle plan of the Länsiväylä boulevard

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A boulevard principle plan is prepared for Tuusulanväylä.
speeds. This is a long process and will be completed one area at a time.

**The bottlenecks of the vehicle traffic network are investigated**

The vehicle traffic network survey investigates the fluency of the traffic network from the point of view of freight traffic, passenger traffic and public transport by bus. The new city plan determines what the traffic network will be like after 35 years. The traffic network survey investigates how the situation can be best reached.

**Comprehensive cycle path network and sufficient cycle parking in the city**

Helsinki has approximately 1200 kilometres of cycle paths. The goal cycling network was approved for the city centre in 2012 and for the suburban area in 2016. This year the aim is build at least 10 km of new cycle paths. The number of cyclists has increased in the last few years in proportion to the number of inhabitants. However, the number of journeys made by bike has not increased as planned. 10 per cent of all journeys were made by bike in 2016. The aims is that the figure would be 15 per cent in 2020.

**Helsinki is involved in an international smart traffic project**

Helsinki was accepted to the project, which anticipates how robot cars will affect traffic, the environment and social challenges. Other European partners in the project are London and Paris, together with seven other capital cities from elsewhere in the world. Helsinki is particularly interested in smart traffic pilots that utilise open data and real-time traffic information. The project was launched by the Bloomberg Philanthropies organisation and the Aspen Institute.

“Car traffic flows in traffic networks like water. The network is only as effective as its narrowest point. There must not be any large points with conveyance over-capacity or bottlenecks.”

— Reetta Putkonen, traffic planning manager
The new underground plan will accommodate the future need for underground activities and the diverse utilisation of the bedrock.
An implementation programme impending for the city plan

The City Council approved Helsinki’s new city plan in October 2016. The administrative court is processing complaints regarding the city plan. The city is working on a programme for implementing the plan, including specifications on the order in which the new areas are planned in detail. The implementation programme is connected with the strategy, investment programme, regional land use programme and traffic investment programme of the City of Helsinki.

To support the implementation programme, further studies are needed concerning economics, functionality of traffic and air quality in the city boulevards, complementary building and how to create an urban city in the new districts, among other things. In addition, the preservation and development of the green network, urban nature and cultural environments are reviewed.

Helsinki to prepare a new underground city plan

A vast network of tunnels and caverns is located under the City of Helsinki. People shop, park and play sports underground. Metro lines, district heating pipes and maintenance tunnels run underground. Helsinki has many rare underground facilities, such as a public swimming pool, and a waste water treatment plant located under residential buildings. The first underground city plan for Helsinki, prepared in 2011, is reportedly the only underground city plan in the world.

The preparations for a new underground city plan begin in 2017. The plan will accommodate the future need for underground activities and the diverse utilisation of the bedrock. The current underground city plan accommodates existing facilities and ensures space for new projects that are vital to society.

Preparations continue for the comprehensive plan of Östersundom

A new city is being planned in Östersundom, including 80,000 residents and up to 30,000 jobs by 2060. Public transport in the area is based on the metro line and the related bus lines. The sea, extensive green areas, nature conservation areas and the Sipoonkorpi National Park offer a natural residential and working environment. The joint comprehensive plan proposal for Östersundom, Helsinki, Vantaa and Sipoo was on display in spring 2015. The amended plan proposal was put on display in autumn 2017.

Regional planning in Uusimaa

The preparations of the regional plan for Östersundom and the fourth phase regional plan for Uusimaa are almost complete. The aim is to approve the plan proposals during 2017. The fourth phase regional plan for Uusimaa covers, for example, the Malmi Airport, which the plan specifies as an urban area and a nationally significant cultural environment. The preparation of the Uusimaa plan 2050 began in 2016. The most convenient way to monitor the preparation of the plan is to go online or subscribe to a newsletter: www.uudenmaanliitto.fi/aluesuunnittelu
Helsinki, a green seaside capital

The characteristics of Helsinki include a network of diverse green areas and a connected 130-kilometre public waterfront. These “green fingers” sprawling into the city from its natural shores are unique among the cities of the world.

A development plan for the green and recreational area network

Helsinki will continue the planning of its network of green areas to make it more accessible and to improve its overall quality. In 2017, we intend to settle how to preserve the valuable public buildings located along these green sprawls in public use and to determine the required widths and nature of green connections.

Comprehensive plan of seaside Helsinki underway

Helsinki has a public waterfront of over 130 kilometres as well as approximately 300 islands. The city is currently preparing a comprehensive plan of its seaside areas, with the aim of making beaches and islands more accessible to the city residents, offering more comprehensive waterway transport and improving island maintenance services. Another aim is to provide diverse services and different activities at the waterfront. The planning of seaside and archipelago areas observes the sensitive nature of the Baltic Sea.
The many ways of participating in detailed planning

You can participate in detailed planning in many ways. You can go to the kerrokantasi.hel.fi online service to discuss the matter and participate in discussion events, workshops, plan walks and seminars. You can meet the planning officer at the planning service, during a walk in the terrain or by scheduling a meeting. The documents related to all planning projects are available on the map service at kartta.hel.fi throughout the preparation process.

We particularly appreciate feedback when the planning materials are on public display. During that time, the material is directly available online at www.hel.fi/suunnitelmamat. The same material is usually also available at the local library. You can submit your opinion to the city registry (email address: helsinki.kirjaamo@hel.fi).

We distribute information about participation opportunities and displays by letter and email, in the local papers and through the department’s social media channels. If you subscribe to the Suunnitelmavahti service or our newsletter, you will receive relevant information by email.

After a plan has been completed, the plan proposal is presented to the board. After the board has discussed the plan proposal, the proposal is displayed in public for thirty (30) days. Notice of the plans to be displayed is published in Helsingin Sanomat, Hufvudstad- bladet and Metro. You can submit an objection to a plan proposal. The planning officer responds to objections and they are presented to the board. After the board has processed a plan proposal, it moves on to be processed by the City Board and finally by the City Council. You can file a complaint about a City Council decision to the administrative court.

Interested? Five tips for participating

1. Go online. www.hel.fi/ksv site provides information about topical projects as well as the planning officers’ contact information. There, you can subscribe to a newsletter, the Suunnitelmavahti service or a media release. You can find the documents related to all the planning projects currently in progress through Helsinki’s map service at kartta.hel.fi. If you cannot find a project, it has not been started yet.

2. You can subscribe to a newsletter, the Suunnitelmavahti service or a media release at www.hel.fi/ksv.


4. Visit Laituri. For personal counselling, go to exhibition space Laituri in Kamppi at Narinkka 2.

5. You can also send mail to or phone planners or schedule a meeting. The planners’ contact information is available online at www.hel.fi/ksv under Suunnittelijat.
Do you want to know what projects are being planned in Helsinki? What do detailed plan, “green finger” or rail transport junction mean? Laituri is a customer service point and exhibition space for everyone interested in urban planning, traffic, housing and architecture. City residents and visitors are welcome to take a peek into the Helsinki of tomorrow and discuss the development of the city.

Laituri is intended to encourage city residents to participate in and affect the development of their living environment. In addition to the main exhibition, the old bus station building showcases architectural competition material, student projects and photo exhibitions.

The Laituri facilities are also excellent for organising your own urban planning event. Moreover, Laituri serves as a venue for school workshops and group visits as needed. Follow Laituri on social media or visit us on location!
More information about the planning of Helsinki

You can find all the planning projects currently in progress in Helsinki’s map service at kartta.hel.fi. You can also subscribe to e-mail notifications of plans and traffic plans published for display at www.hel.fi/suunnitelmavahti.

Customer service at Laituri
Exhibition space Laituri provides information about urban planning in Helsinki in the old bus station building at Narinkka 2. Laituri is conveniently accessible from different sides of Helsinki. Opening hours Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m. • Fridays 10 a.m.–4 p.m. • Saturdays 12 noon–4 p.m. The telephone number of Laituri is +358 (0)9 310 37390.

Feedback to the city
You can easily submit feedback on city operations at www.hel.fi/palaute. We will respond to your feedback within five (5) business days.

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