

Appendix: Kallio summer street monitoring 2026

The results of the summer streets steer further planning

Monitoring carried out over two summers shows that the summer streets have increased the use of streets for walking and spending time, and decreased the amount of motor vehicle traffic on the summer streets. The experiences of city residents are also largely positive. A total of 272 randomly selected people were interviewed on the streets of Kallio over the course of two summers. Of those interviewed, 81% hoped that the summer streets would lead to permanent improvements for walking, cycling and spending time.

More people were observed to be spending time on all three summer streets during both summers than in 2024, before the summer streets. The most significant change has taken place on Fleminginkatu. The number of people spending time on the streets had more than quintupled compared to the situation in 2024 before the summer streets.

People were observed to spend more time at once on Fleminginkatu, using the summer street furniture to do remote work, read or meet with their friends. The swings brought to the streets and the seats that were better protected from car traffic were particularly popular. The people interviewed on the summer streets have said that the summer streets have improved the pleasantness of the streets, fluency of walking and their own sense of safety.

The number of pedestrians increased by an average of 40% on Porthaninkatu compared to the time before the summer streets, by 47% on Fleminginkatu near Karhupuisto, by 22% in the central part of Fleminginkatu, and by 9% on Vaasankatu. The 2026 traffic monitoring results did not differ significantly from those of summer 2025.

At the same time, the amount of motor vehicle traffic decreased. The amount of traffic was 16% lower on Porthaninkatu, 85–99% lower in the different measurement spots of Fleminginkatu, and 26% lower on Vaasankatu. However, the target level of approximately 500 vehicles per day defined for the living street on Vaasankatu was not quite reached: the average amount of traffic was 750 vehicles per day at the monitoring point. However, the traffic amount target level defined for the living street on Fleminginkatu was reached.

Business experiences improved from last year

The experiences of businesses were investigated through a survey aimed at entrepreneurs. The results were clearly better during the second year of the trial. More than two-thirds of the respondents considered the trial to be successful in 2026, whereas the share in 2025 was less than 50%.



Businesses said that the summer streets have increased the pleasantness of the streets, pedestrian traffic and period of time spent on the street, while bringing in new customers. Events and terraces were also seen as contributing to the appeal of the area. The companies identified parking, accessibility by car and product logistics as challenges, although some felt that arrangements had improved since the first year of the trial.

Monitoring helps to develop solutions

The efficiency of maintenance traffic was also monitored on the summer streets. No significant problems were observed in maintenance traffic based on the monitoring, and the amount of maintenance carried out from pedestrian lanes did not increase on any of the summer streets.

Some observations also require development in the planning of permanent solutions. The residents hoped for the clarification of traffic arrangements, improved direction of the benches and better enabling of events and the operations of entrepreneurs, among other things. Some interviewees had not noticed or understood the traffic arrangements of the living streets, and some felt that the traffic signage should be clarified, particularly from the perspective of car traffic.