



Ministry of Transport
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Road charging system in Finland

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Current road user charging in Finland

- No road user charges

but

- Road user charging has been studied

Road user charging for heavy goods vehicles

- Traditionally seen merely as a cost increase for the Finnish industry
- Transport policy goal: lower the logistics costs
- Transit traffic has increased, rethinking of charging
- Political will is, that foreign heavy goods vehicles should pay for the use of the Finnish road network

Targets for road user charges for heavy good vehicles

- Not to increase logistics costs
- Have positive environment effects
- Increase the efficiency of goods transport
- Foreign vehicles should also pay for the use of the Finnish road network

- A regional user charge was rejected in 2007
- A charge for whole road network
- A kilometer charge, based on satellite positioning, is not economically feasible
- Finland will introduce a vignette charge for heavy goods vehicles in 2011

A Study on the Introduction of Congestion Charging in the Helsinki Region

- finished June 2009
- Purpose of the Study:

To present relevant basic information for a decision to be made as to whether the preparations for introducing congestion charging in the Helsinki region should be continued

Conclusions

- Less congestion
- Shorter travel times
- Improved competitiveness and use of public transport
- Positive environmental impacts
- Congestion charging could help to achieve the transport policy objectives in a effective manner

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