

Summary:

Scenarios for Sustainable Urban Development

The aim of the project has been to analyse how to achieve a sustainable urban development in terms of reduced car transport, less environmental degradation and nuisances, improved accessibility to various services, and proximity to green belts and recreational opportunities, while obtaining a fair and just distribution of these assets. Scenario workshop is tested as a method to influence urban development. Partial goals have been to achieve a better understanding of:

- trends and drivers of mobility
- flaws in traditional urban planning

The last topic is analysed in a comprehensive English appendix (“vedlegg 5”).

The title of the workshop was: How to live and travel in the Oslo region in 2030? The workshop had a broad participation by planners, real estate developers, civil servants and NGOs. Experience shows that scenario workshops are well suited for creating enthusiasm and visions about the future (“stimulating brain storming”). Such workshops could be particularly useful at an early stage in the planning processes.

Workshops should, however, be closely linked to on-going planning processes. An active media profile is necessary in order to actually influence urban development. Repeated workshops would be useful in order to create lasting commitment and participation in public discussions.