

The Danish Infrastructure Plan 2035

The process

- April 2021: the plan was announced by the one-party government: Called "Denmark forward"
- The plan represents a joint presentation of a coherent number of programmes and projects from prior governments and their infrastructure plans
- Focus is on new initiatives, while on-going and already decided projects are only mentioned sporadically
- All proposed projects have been assessed both with respect to cost-benefits and climate impact

Seven cornerstones of the infrastructure plan

- Fewer people should be affected by traffic congestion
- Public transport should be more attractive
- More people should choose the bicycle
- Less people should be affected by traffic noise
- A more green direction
- Safer to move on the roads
- Equally easy to drive a green car as a fossil fuel car

Focus on "more attractive public transport"

- Continuation of on-going major railway investments,
 - New signalling programme, ERTMS
 - Electrification of major lines
 - Upgrading railway infrastructure
 - Purchase of new electric trains
- Construction of a new high-speed double track railway line across Western Funen
- Enlarged capacity at the Ringsted hub
- Speeding up Phase 2 of the Fehmarn Belt access line
- Upgrade of the railway corridor from the Øresund Bridge though greater Copenhagen

Next steps?

- Negotiations on-going with the parties in the parliament
- Few details made public from the negotiations
- Many other subjects currently take up the political agenda
- Negotiations planned to finalise in due course

Status on the construction of the Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link

- Construction work has started in full
- A new grant agreement
- Changes to the law on construction and operation of the Fixed Link
- An old bomb from World War II has been found on the Danish side