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Older people and local public transit: Mobility and accessibility improvements in Sweden

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Abstract

Several transportation factors concerning older and disabled people are under transition present. By the year 2010, the public transit system must be fully accessible for all passengers. A present survey studied older people, in order to assess the perceived travel opportunities. Questionnaires were sent to a sample of older citizens (75+) in three Swedish mid-sized cities. The general conclusions were that even though older people show appreciation of the opportunities, there was evidence for restricted mobility for some sub-groups of these citizens due to various perceived barriers. These groups have few optional modes, and despite accessibility measures, special transportation services – the mandatory demand-response service – continues to provide crucial mobility. Hence, there is more to be done regarding the usability in public transit for older people. Further studies have to clarify reasons for the current situation. Even larger efforts have to be put into accessibility improvements, in particular transit solutions in order to meet the regulations and policies.

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