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A fifteen minutes agenda

- Why financing & governance?
- Early results and publications

Next steps – final remarks
 The Way Forward







Why financing & governance?

- "Common research area"
 - Attracts transport researchers
 - Stakeholder interest
- Specifically, in Sweden
 - Ambition to increase ridership and market share
 - Ambition to be **better**, to deliver competitive services, implement new schemes and technologies, like BRT, trams and electromobility
 - **Subsidies** cover around 50%, other public sectors attract interests
 - Recent regulatory changes in Sweden (RKM as Competent Auth.)
- Therefore, increased research efforts needed regarding
 - how innovative funding/financing and pricing strategies may allow for reduced costs and/or increased revenues
 - implications of the new public transport law
 - novel and optimum forms of contracts





Organisation – three projects

1. Financing

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2. Governance

Anders Wretstrand, LU; Gert Paulsson, LU;
 Joanna Dickinson (VTI); Karin Thoresson VTI

3. Contracting

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Collaboration with

- Karin Isberg, SLL; Christian Löf, SLL; Calle Blomberg, VGR;
 Bengt G Nisson, Region Skåne; Patrik Lindblom, Region Skåne
- Stenerik Ringqvist, RTM Konsult; Karin Brundell-Freij, WSP; Hans Danielson, Danielson & Co





Initially: focus on "K2 Outreach"

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Early results - financing

- Internal project on property market and regional rail (Bohman & Nilsson 2016)
 - data: single-family home transactions and commuter rail data, capturing variations across price segments
 - results:
 - price effect of proximity detected, strongest in lower price segments of the housing market
 - the largest regional labour market had a greater effect
- External project on economic and financial justifications for further regional rail expansion (Pyddoke et al. 2015)
 - data: two railway services in the Stockholm region
 - results from this approach:
 - further expansion is not likely to be justified purely on financial or social welfare grounds





Early results - governance

- Internal project on link between transport policy/strategy and contract design (Danielson & Wretstrand)
 - market objectives have poor correspondence, customer orientation and technology objectives well aligned
- External project on policy instruments for increased PT share (Dickinson & Wretstrand)
 - highlighted the necessary use of policy instruments and measure packages; carrots and sticks; instruments addressing both local, regional and national levels; conflict of interest among different planning agents; the context dependence and the need for local ex-ante analyses with innovative modelling etc
- External project on car use and PT supply (Pyddoke et al.)
 - impact on increased public transport supply on car use in 17 small and medium sized cities: effects are small in medium sized cities and almost negligible in small cities



Early results - contracting

- Internal project on deepened understanding of cost drivers in contracting (Lidestam & Camén)
 - in-depth interviews, identified categories of cost drivers were e.g.;
 peak time operations, age requirements, tech. bus requirements,
 the tendering and contracting process itself
- Unique external project on novel contract (Pyddoke & Lindgren)
 - one of the largest contracts in Swedish public transport history (the E20 contract in Stockholm), 100% VBP
 - data: outcome in terms of supply, punctuality, cancelled departures, costs and ridership comparing with previous/reference contracts
 - results:
 - some increases in supply initially but within two years the supply was almost back at pre-E20 levels, the variations in quality were small, costs decreased.
 - for the central variable ridership no significant changes were reported.



Next steps

- Collecting data/statistics, elasticity analysis
- Working with the regions to figure out
 the way from strategy to tactics matching contracting design with overarching transport goal and policy
- Quantitative analysis of cost drivers
- Novel data to study the capacity utilization in regional trains, Stockholm region
- Studying the effects of moving bus service departures in peak periods, together with operator Nobina



Final remarks

 We argue that the further development of better access to and storage of data will allow for



- better decision making, based on thorough monitoring and evaluation (evaluation of policies and measures)
- better use of researchers as resources
 - e.g. more detailed, locally derived data of appraisal, elasticities, allowing for useful modelling
 - analysis of incentive contracts there is a lack of "public" knowledge of how current contract designs actually work





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