

Stockholm Congestion Charge Trial (2006) — A Time-Limited Road-Pricing Experiment Settled by Referendum

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Stockholm trialled a cordon congestion charge from January to July 2006 alongside new bus services, cut inner-city rush-hour traffic by about 20%, and made it permanent after a narrow referendum win.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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