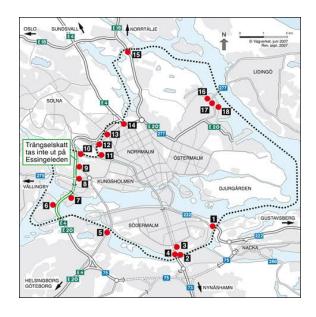


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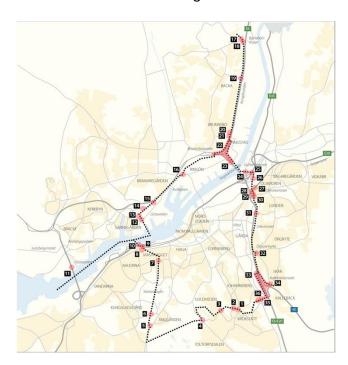
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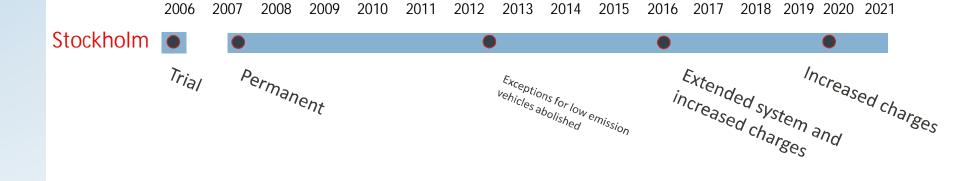
Congestion charging in Stockholm and Gothenburg

Stockholm 18 roads with gantries



Gothenburg 36 roads with gantries

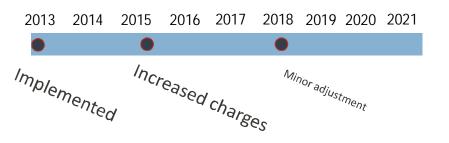












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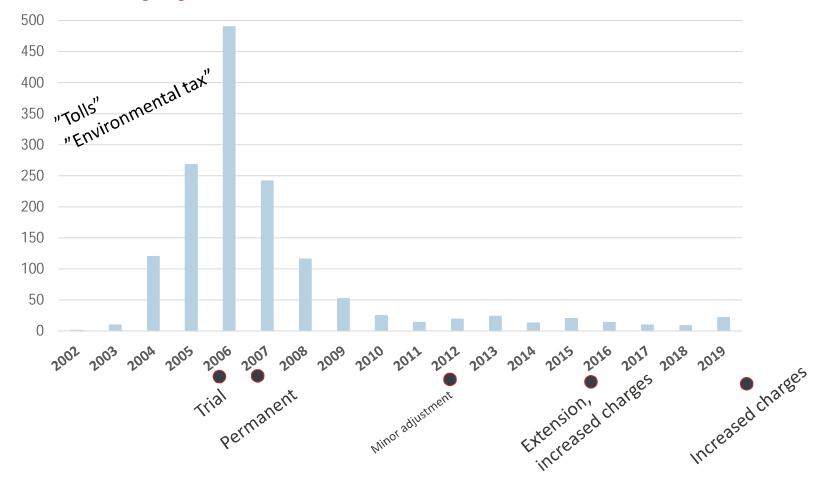








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Many experts involved



- Researchers.
- Consultancy firms.
- Public agencies.

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First day with congestion charging



Referendum

Congestion charging

Decrease congestion Improve environment Finance infrastructure (unspecified)











Stockholm county 26 municipalities

Referendum in 15 counties

Stockholm:

Yes: 53%

No: 47%

Other counties:

Yes: 40%

No: 60%

Göteborg



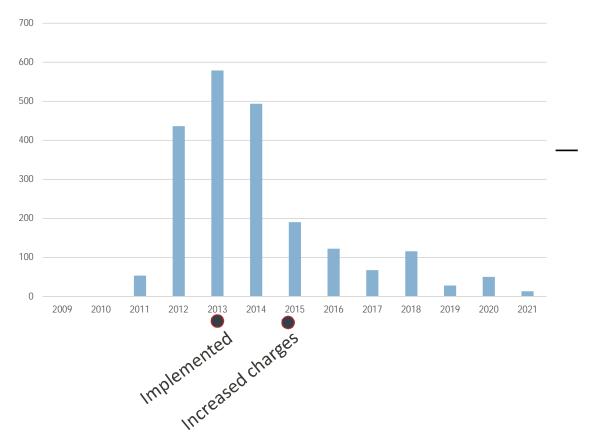




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Mainly political discussions, limited involvement from researchers.

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Yes: 43%

No: 57%

But what did people vote for (or against)?

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How is it viewed by the public? Stockholm and Gothenburg

Stockholm

Heated discussions in media before the decision was made

- against congestion charging
- against political decisions

Rather quickly accepted by the public.

Difficult to interpret results of referendum.

Gothenburg

Limited information before the decision was made.

Lower acceptance compared to Stockholm.

- against political decisions
- against financing a rail project
- against congestion charging (low congestion levels)

Did not follow the results of referendum.

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Communication, lessons learnt

Lesson learnt, #1: Information before implementation is of outmost importance!

Lessons #2: Include researchers if appropriate. Make sure to present facts.

Lesson learnt, #3: Do not use congestion charging to finance infrastructure.

Use it to ease congestion.

Lesson learnt, #4:
Difficult to carry out referendums.

- —Who should be allowed to participate?
- —How should the questions be designed?
- —How to interpret the results?

Avoid referendums?!

Lessons learnt #5: Measure public acceptance continuously.

Thank you!

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