Cycle Superhighway Bicycle Account

Key figures from the cycle superhighways in the Capital Region of Denmark

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THE CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY **COLLABORATION**

Behind the cycle superhighways in the Capital Region of Denmark is a unique partnership of 27 municipalities and the Capital Region of Denmark, who have joined forces to create better conditions for commuter cyclists across municipal borders. The collaboration began in 2009 and will celebrate 10 years of joint action in 2019. Within these 10 years eight cycle superhighways have been built with eight more on the way. The vision for the cycle superhighways in the Capital Region of Denmark is a total of 45 routes. more than 750 kilometres of high-quality routes by 2045.

What began as a local initiative has become a national concept with its own signage and national funding. Since the opening of the first cycle superhighway,

the Albertslund-route in 2012, municipalities across the country has developed cycle superhighways. At the same time multiple European regions have established cycle superhighways as well, leading to a European manual for planning, developing and evaluating cycle superhighways. Fietssnelwege, radschnellwege and cycle highways - a new category of regional infrastructure is here to stay in Denmark and across Europe.

This bicycle account presents results from the eight existing cycle superhighways as well as the effects the increase in cyclists has on our challenges with congestion, climate and health

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superhighways in I ondon are launched. 2045

750+ kilometres of cycle superhighway.

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The European manual for

the planning of cycle

superhighways is

680 kilometres of cycle superhighway.

2019

By 2019 27 municipalities have joined forces to create cycle superhighways.

The total network is incorporated in the Danish Finger Plan.

published. 2018

A socio-economic analysis of the cycle superhighways of the Capital Region proves the cycle superhighways to be one of the most profitable infrastructure investments in Denmark. The Capital Region grants €1.6 mio. to a continuation of the project.

h 2017

Five cycle superhighways are launched. C82, C84, C93 C94 and C97.

> The vision of 750 kilometres cycle superhighway is approved in the collaboration.

02016

A European Interreg project seeks to develop European guidelines for cycle highways, initiated by Belgium, the Netherlands and the European Cyclist Federation

2014

2018

The third cycle superhighway C77 is launched. The Danish Road Standards releases a guideline for the planning of cycle superhighways.

2015

Another national cycle superhighway fund provides 40% investment for cycle superhighways in all of Denmark.

An analysis initiated by the City of Copenhagen shows a great potential for long distance bike commutes across municipal borders.

2008

 \Box 2009 2010 Copenhagen joins forces The Capital Region with 15 municipalities and decides to grant an the Capital Region. The annual €400.000 to Capital Region grants €54,000 to the project. The Cycle Superhighway state dedicates €134 mio. collaboration. for the development of

cycling infrastructure.

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the development of the collaboration is crea-

The Office for Cycle Superhighways that facilitates the ted along with a conceptual strategy for the project.

2011

2012 The first cycle super-

highway in the region C99 is launched.

The Capital Region The second cycle grants €1.3 mio. to superhighway C95 is the continuation of launched. The first national cycle the Cycle Superhighway collaboration till superhighway fund provides 50% investment for cycle superhighways in all of

2013

Denmark.

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RESULTS AND EFFECTS

Key figures from the eight cycle superhighways*



23% increase in the number of cyclists**



14% of new cyclists used to travel by car



The average trip length for cyclists is **11 km**



19 km/t is the average speed on the cycle superhighways

On a daily basis **400,000 km** are cycled in total on the cycle superhighways



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Highest number of cyclists counted: 29,000 cyclists on a weekday

52% of the bike commuters are women

333 fewer sick leave days on a daily basis due to increased health by cycling

THE EVOLUTION OF CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAYS

2012	17 km
2013	38 km
2016	52 km
2019	167 km
2022	248 km
2030	680 km
2045	750+ km

91% of the users are

familiar with the cycle

superhighways

80% of the users are satis-

fied with the cvcle

superhighways

86% of the users choose the

cycle superhighways

daily or more than once

a week.



CONGESTION

Cycle superhighways help to reduce congestion in the Capital Region.

The Capital Region of Denmark strives to become the world's greatest cycling-region – and is well on its way. Today more than a third of the population rides their bike to work and more than half the citizens in the region have 10 kilometres or less to work. There is, in other words, a great potential for a continuous increase in the number of bike commuters. With the continuously increasing challenges of congestion in the region, it is necessary to encourage more people to choose the bike. An increase in cyclists will benefit both the cyclists as well as those who continue to travel by public transport or car – and society as a whole.

Have 10 km or less to work 58% Commutes to work by bike MODAL SPLIT FOR TRIPS 34% 44%

Bike Walking Public transport Car

15%



not have a car.

27% increase in the Capital Region do car if no-one choo- number of cars in the Capital Region from se to bike in the Capital Region. 2009-2019.

> 29% → 34% increase in the share of commuter trips by bike in the Capital Region within the past 10 years (2009-2018). At a national level bicycle traffic has decreased by 5 pct.



Bike commuters experience the bike ride as more time-efficient than a commute by train or car, even though commuting by bike often requires a bit more time. Commuters experience the bike ride as timeefficient because it combines transport with their daily exercise and fresh air while it allows more free time. Commuters do not plan from A to B, but from A to Z because the time spent cycling is included in the week's overall schedule. Exercise Take kids to Health Well being

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Work Health from school Well-being



CLIMATE

A cohesive infrastructure of cycle superhighways is key to a more sustainable transport in the Capital Region.

Our modes of transport make up for a large part of our total CO_2 emission. This makes the bicycle as a means of transport a central aspect in the striving to reduce CO_2 emissions. To reach the goals of the European Commission's call for a climate neutral Europe by 2050, Denmark's citizens must reduce their CO_2 emissions by more than 80 pct.

On a larger scale, the bike is key in ensuring a more sustainable future for everyone. In fact, the bike contributes to reaching 11 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN.



Each person must only emit 2-3 tons of CO₂ annually to meet the Sustainable Development Goals of 2050.

19 tons of CO₂ is emitted per Danish citizen annually

2,400 tons of CO₂

are emitted on a daily basis from commuter traffic in the Capital Region





16,500 tons of CO₂ saved

annually every time there is an increase of 1 percentage point in the number of cycled kilometres.

- 1% 23,000 tons of CO₂ saved annually if 1 pct. of all trips in the region taken by car was replaced by trips by bike.

CO₂ EMISSION from a typical household in the Capital Region



Sources: 7, 11 og 12

HEALTH

The cycle superhighways make physical activity part of the daily commute

The World Health Organisation recommends a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity per day. 26 pct. of the citizens in the Capital Region do not meet this recommendation. This is a result of todays more sedentary lifestyle. With an increase in car ownership and longer distances to work and education, there has been an increase in time spent commuting. In a busy schedule it may be difficult to prioritize daily exercise. Commuters of the cycle superhighways get their daily exercise covered while commuting. The time they spend transporting themselves to work is also their time for physical activity. Therefore, they experience the commute by bike as time-efficient, while it also provides fresh air and 'me-time'



26% of the citizens in the region do not meet the WHO's minimum 75% recommer of the 26 per dation for physical activity hore physical ctive. 57%

65% of the citizens in the Capital Region have more than eight hours of sedentary activities on a weekday.

> every time you bike 1200 km you reduce the number sick-days with one day.

The recommendation for daily physical activity is equivalent to cycling 3 kilometres in each direction to and from work. The first 1-2 hours of cy-

cling per week have twice as much of an impact on health as the subsequent hours.



Regular **physical** activity among adults reduces the risk of a variety of diseases and increases good health as well as a prolonged life.

Physical activity reduces the risk of: Death Cardio vascular diseases High blood pressure Blood clots Type 2 diabetes Metabolic syndrome Breast and colon cancer Depression Dementia

€616 million

Health benefits make up for €616 million of the total socio-economic surplus of €765 millon of the cycle superhighways. This is due to reduced costs for treatment and increased tax revenue as a result of fewer days of sick leave. A complete network of cycle superhigways costs €295 millon.

Sources: 15 oa 19

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*In comparison, you burn approximately 300 cal by playing 30 minutes of soccer

MEET THE BIKE COMMUTERS

Mie chose her place to live, based on where it was easy to bike to and from work. She **commutes** 22 km in each direction by bike every day.



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It's nice to see things from a different perspective. And it's a different kind of freedom you have compared to when you're driving a car.

- Bent, 7 kilometres to work.

Holger and Mette participated in a cycling challenge set by the cycle superhighways. They changed their means of transportation from public transport and car, to the bicycle, and cycled to and from work for a month. Before and after, they completed a health test that measured the effects of just one month as a bike commuter.



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When you bike to work, you combine exercise and transport. It's a win-win situation.

- Holger, **13 kilometres** to work.

- 1 month of commuting on a regular bike
- 4 years reduced body-age

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My body-age has been reduced by five years and my fitness has increased significantly. Cycling to work is the most obvious way to get exercise.

- Mette, 27 kilometres to work.

1 month commuting on an electric bike.

5 years reduced body-age



The Albertslund Route C99

Length: 18 km Municipalities: Albertslund, Glostrup, Rødovre, Copenhagen and Frederiksberg Launched: 2012

LATEST RESULTS

14% increase in OB

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

10% of the new cyclists used to travel by car

- The average bike trip length on the route is **7.5 km**
- On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **34,000 km**

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(km

- Highest number of cyclists: 4,300 cyclists on a weekday
- 28 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

75% are satisfied with the perceived safety of the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle superhighway the number was 73%.

Proposals for improvements*

 Wider cycle tracks along the Damhus Dæmning. · New cycle track and widening of existing tracks along Frederiksberg Centeret and Hyltebjerg Allé. Better asphalt, particularly in Albertslund.

 Safety improvements at the Grøndals Parkvej crossing.

Municipality of Albertslund \mathbf{O} 6.3 km of C99

28% are physically inactive* 48% have less than 10 km to work 47% of households do not have a car $(\bigcirc$ Municipality of Glostrup 2.8 km of C99

28% are physically inactive* 52% have less than 10 km to work 43% of households do not have a car



O Municipality of Frederiksberg 4.2 km of C99

Municipality of Copenhagen 2 km of C99

23% are physically inactive* 73% have less than 10 km to work 63% of households do not have a car 22% are physically inactive* 71% have less than 10 km to work 71% of households do not have a car

硚 Bike counts during one week in September 2018. Annual average weekday traffic (AAWT) is the sum of bike counts from Monday to Friday divided by five days. *Physically inactive means the share of people in the municipality who do not meet WHO's recommendation for a minimum of 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

Sources: 3, 18, 20, 23 og 25

16 CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAYS IN THE CAPITAL REGION OF DENMARK ROUTE (2012) and the Albertslund Route safety analysis (2018)

The Allerød Route C93

Length: 30 km Municipalities: Allerød, Rudersdal, Lyngby-Taarbæk, Gentofte and Copenhagen Launched: 2017

LATEST RESULTS

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14% increase in

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

14% of the new cyclists used to travel by car

The average bike trip length on the route is **11.3 km**

On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **70,000 km**



Highest number of cyclists: **4,800 cyclists** on a weekday

58 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

71% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway.

78% are satisfied with the perceived safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle superhighway the number was 68%.

Proposals for improvements*

- Improvement of the route on Lyngby Hovedgade.
- Improvement of the asphalt in Lyngby-Taarbæk and Copenhagen.
- Optimising green time at traffic lights through Gentofte.



27% are physically inactive*30% have less than 10 km to work24% of households do not have a car



25% are physically inactive*29% have less than 10 km to work33% of households do not have a car



Bike counts during one week in September 2018. Annual average weekday traffic (AAWT) is the sum of bike counts from Monday to Friday divided by five days. *Physically inactive means the share of people in the municipality who do not meet WHO's recommendation for a minimum of 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

Sources: 3, 21, 23 og 25

The Farum Route C95

Length: 21 km Municipalities: Furesø, Gladsaxe and Copenhagen Launched: 2013

LATEST RESULTS



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68% increase in

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

26% of the new cyclists used to travel by car

- The average bike trip length on the route is **14.7 km**
- (km) On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **156,000 km**

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Highest number of cyclists: **29,000 cyclists** on a weekday

130 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling



Sources: 3, 18, 20, 23 og 25

20 CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAYS IN THE CAPITAL REGION OF DENMARK

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

77% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway.74% are satisfied with the perceived safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle su-

perhighway the number was 73%.

Proposals for improvements*:

- Widen the cycle tracks at Utterslev Mose and on Gothersgade.
- Better lighting, especially at Utterslev Mose.
- Bridge crossing Klausdalsbrovej.
- Better maintenance of greenery on the route.

*Based on citizen inquiries (2018) and Evaluation of the Farum Route (2014 and 2018)



Bike counts during one week in September 2018. Annual average weekday traffic (AAWT) is the sum of bike counts from Monday to Friday divided by five days. *Physically inactive means the share of people in the municipality who do not meet WHO's recommendation for a minimum of 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

The Frederikssund Route C97

Length: 43 km Municipalities: Frederikssund, Egedal, Ballerup, Herlev and Copenhagen Launched: 2017

LATEST RESULTS

00 15% increase in the number of c

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

12% of the new cyclists used to travel by car

- The average bike trip lenght on the route is **12.7 km**
- On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **42,000 km**

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Highest number of cyclists: **4,700 cyclists** on a weekday

35 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

67% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway.76% are satisfied with the percei-

ved safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle superhighway the number was 68%.

Proposals for improvements*:

- New asphalt, especially in Copenhagen.
- Better signage through Egedal.
- Optimising green time at traffic lights through Herley,



31% are physically inactive*30% have less than 10 km to work27% of households do not have a car



Bike counts during one week in September 2018. Annual average weekday traffic (AAWT) is the sum of bike counts from Monday to Friday divided by five days. *Physically inactive means the share of people in the municipality who do not meet WHO's recommendation for a minimum of 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Municipality of Egedal 14.3 km of C97

32% are physically inactive*24% have less than 10 km to work22% of households do not have a car

Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

22 CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAYS IN THE CAPITAL REGION OF DENMARK

Sources: 3, 21, 23 og 25

Inner Ring Route C94

Length: 14 km Municipalities: Frederiksberg and Copenhagen Launched: 2017

LATEST RESULTS

21% increase in OB

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

- 21% of the new cyclists used to travel by car
- The average trip lenght for cyclists is **6.4 km**
- On a daily basis the number of cycled km are 57,500 km



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- Highest number of cyclists: 5,600 cyclists on a weekday
- 48 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

69% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway. 76% are satisfied with the percei-

ved safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle su-

perhighway the number was 64%. Sources: 3, 21, 23 og 25

24 CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAYS IN THE CAPITAL REGION OF DENMARK

Proposals for improvements*:

Bridge crossing Artillerivei

• Widen the cycle tracks.

Improved asphalt.



23% are physically inactive* 73% have less than 10 km to work 63% of households do not have a car



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Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

The Ishøj Route C77

Length: 14 km Municipalities: Ishøj, Vallensbæk, Brøndby, Hvidovre and Copenhagen Launched: 2016

LATEST RESULTS



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km

2% increase in

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

25% of the new cyclists used to travel by car

The average bike trip lenght on the route is **14.4 km**

On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **23,000 km**



Highest number of cyclists: **3,750 cyclists** on a weekday

19 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

80% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway.
80% are satisfied with the perceived safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle su-

perhighway the number was 70%.

Sources: 3, 18, 23 og 25
26 cycle superhighways in the capital region of denmark





- Proposals for improvements*:
 - Improved asphalt.
 - $\cdot\,$ Fewer cars parked by or on the cycle track.
 - Improved safety and sense of safety at byways.
 - Improved safety at Toftegårds Plads in Copenhagen.

* Based on citizen inquiries (2018), Evaluation of the Ishøj Route (2018) and a safety-analysis of C77 (2018)



29% are physically inactive*41% have less than 10 km to work44% of households do not have a car

Municipality of Copenhagen 4.1 km of C77

22% are physically inactive*71% have less than 10 km to work71% of households do not have a car



36% are physically inactive*51% have less than 10 km to work45% of households do not have a car

30% are physically inactive*
57% have less than 10 km to work

45% of households do not have a car

Bike counts during one week in September 2018. Annual average weekday traffic (AAWT) is the sum of bike counts from Monday to Friday divided by five days. *Physically inactive means the share of people in the municipality who do not meet WHO's recommendation for a minimum of 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

Ring 4 Route C84

Length: 20 km Municipalities: Albertslund, Ballerup, Herlev, Furesø, Gladsaxe and Lyngby-Taarbæk Launched: 2017

LATEST RESULTS

00 12% increase in the number of o

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the number of cyclists (2010-2018)

12% of the new cyclists used to travel by car

- The average bike trip lenght on the route is **10.3 km**
- (km) On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **13,000 km**
 - cycled km are **13,000 km** Highest number of cyclists: **2,400 cyclists** on a weekday
 - 11 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

75% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway.
80% are satisfied with the perceived safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle su-

perhighway the number was 72%.

Proposals for improvements*:

- Improved asphalt, especially in Gladsaxe and Lyngby-Taarbæk.
- New cycle track in Albertslund and Ballerup.
- Better maintenance on the Danish Road Directorate's part of the route.



28% are physically inactive*58% have less than 10 km to work46% of households do not have a car

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*Physically inactive means the share of people in the municipality who do not meet WHO's recommendation for a minimum of 30 minutes of daily physical activity.

Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17

28 CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAYS IN THE CAPITAL REGION OF DENMARK

Sources: 3, 21, 23 og 25

The Værløse Route C82

Length: 8 km Municipalities: Ballerup and Furesø Launched: 2017



LATEST RESULTS



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20% increase in

the number of cyclists (2010-2018)



- The average bike trip lenght on the route is **12.5 km**
- On a daily basis the number of cycled km are **5,500 km**



Highest number of cyclists: **700 cyclists** on a weekday

 fewer sickdays on a daily basis due to increased health from cycling



Sources: 3, 21, 23 og 25

COMMUTER FEEDBACK

70% find that the route lives up to their expectations to a cycle superhighway.

80% are satisfied with the perceived safety for the route. Before the route was upgraded to a cycle superhighway the number was 72%.

Proposals for improvements*:

- Improved safety and sense of safety at byways.
- Better lighting through Hareskoven.
- Better asphalt, especially on Ballerupvej, Skovvej and Fiskebækvej.



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Sources: 4, 6, 13 og 17















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Brøndby Kommune

Dragør Kommune

Egedal Kommune

Fredensborg Frederiksberg Frederikssund Kommune Kommune Kommune Kommune

















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Herlev Hillerød Hvidovre Høje-Taastrup Kommune Kommune Kommune

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