Rail services will be more frequent, travel times shorter, and you will be able to reach more destinations without changing transportations. As commuting times are reduced, the labour market will expand - for the inhabitants of both Gothenburg and Western Sweden. An important prerequisite for regional growth and a sustainable urban and regional development.

The West Link is a railway tunnel under central Gothenburg which will provide three new stations and connect commuter traffic with transit traffic. Many commuters will not have to change to a tram or bus, but can instead get off at one of the new stations, Haga or Korsvägen, and walk to their place of work or studies.

Better opportunities to choose where you live and work
When commuter times become shorter and railway capacity increases, the labour market grows. At the same time, it provides people with better options, it makes it possible to live where you enjoy living and still be able to get to work quickly and conveniently. More people going by trains also means less cars on the roads, better air in the city centre and a reduced climate impact.

A prerequisite for development
Western Sweden is growing. The population and the economy are undergoing steady growth. In monetary terms, trade and industry in Western Götaland account for more than a quarter of Sweden’s exports. An important prerequisite for development brings Gothenburg to the future.
Examples of entrances and stations
- Drawings and photomontages.

site for continued regional growth is that the current local markets can be expanded so that more people can gain access to more workplaces within a reasonable commuting time. Gothenburg’s central station is the hub in Western Sweden’s railway system and with today’s level of traffic, is being used to the maximum. In order for the planned measures that have been envisaged in other parts of the network to have the intended effect, capacity must also be increased in Gothenburg. Only then can the rail services provide travellers with optimum levels in terms of efficiency, safety and service.

Korsvägen and Haga stations making things easier
With the West Link, Gothenburg central will acquire a new underground station in the northern part of the terminal. Two completely new stations will also be available, Haga and Korsvägen. The Railway Study demonstrates that this alternative best fulfils the project’s objectives – among other things by contributing to sustainable growth in the country.

A major project for the future
The construction time for the West Link is provisionally estimated to last between nine and ten years. Construction will however be divided up into a number of stages which means that no single area will be affected for more than a period of two to three years. Once the West Link is completed, only the station entrances will be visible in the city. But the construction project itself will be noticed. The ambition is that during the construction period, there will be as little disturbance as possible to the people who live in the area, businesses, public transport services and car traffic.

Good experiences from previous tunnel construction work
The tunnel will pass through rock where possible or under unbuilt areas, such as streets and squares. Where the tunnel passes under buildings, extensive safety measures will be taken and in some cases the foundations will be reinforced. Experience from other major construction projects, including the construction of Göta Tunnel in Gothenburg, City Tunnel in Malmö and Stockholm City Line, demonstrate that it is possible to make adjustments and make use of construction methods that minimise disruptions.
This is the West Link

The West Link will connect the commuter traffic and provide the city with new stations. A new underground station at Gothenburg Central will be located in the northern part of the terminal and the tunnel will then pass Packhuskajen. There will also be two new stations, Haga and Korsvägen. With the West Link, it will be easier to travel – rail services will be more frequent, travel times will be shorter and the traveller will be able to reach more destinations without having to change between different types of transport.

For more information visit www.trafikverket.se/vastlanken

The West Link is a part of the West Swedish Agreement