Oslo's e-bus conversion

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This is Ruter

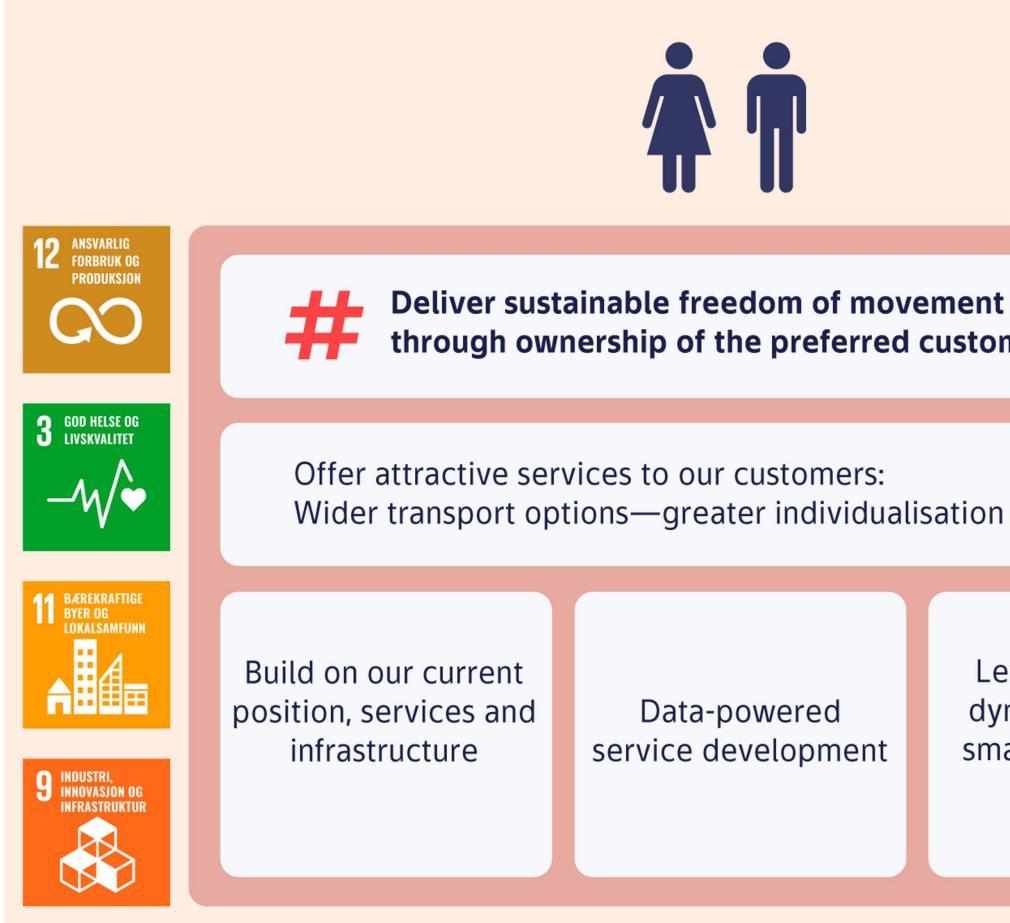
- Public transport company that plan, coordinate, order and market public transport
- Joint stock company
- Publicly owned by The City of Oslo (60%) and Viken County (40%)
- 1.3 million inhabitants of the region
- 341 million boardings in 2022







Our strategy: Deliver sustainable freedom of movement



Deliver sustainable freedom of movement in our region through ownership of the preferred customer interface





Leverage market dynamics through smart partnerships







The challenge







Transport is the biggest source of CO2 emissions in Norway

- 61 % of Norway's CO2 emissions stem from transport
- Zero-growth policy for road traffic in major urban areas in Norway
- By 2030, The City of Oslo plans to cut emissions by 95 % and become the first zero-emission city
- Making public transport zero-emission is a major step towards the political goal of the City of Oslo

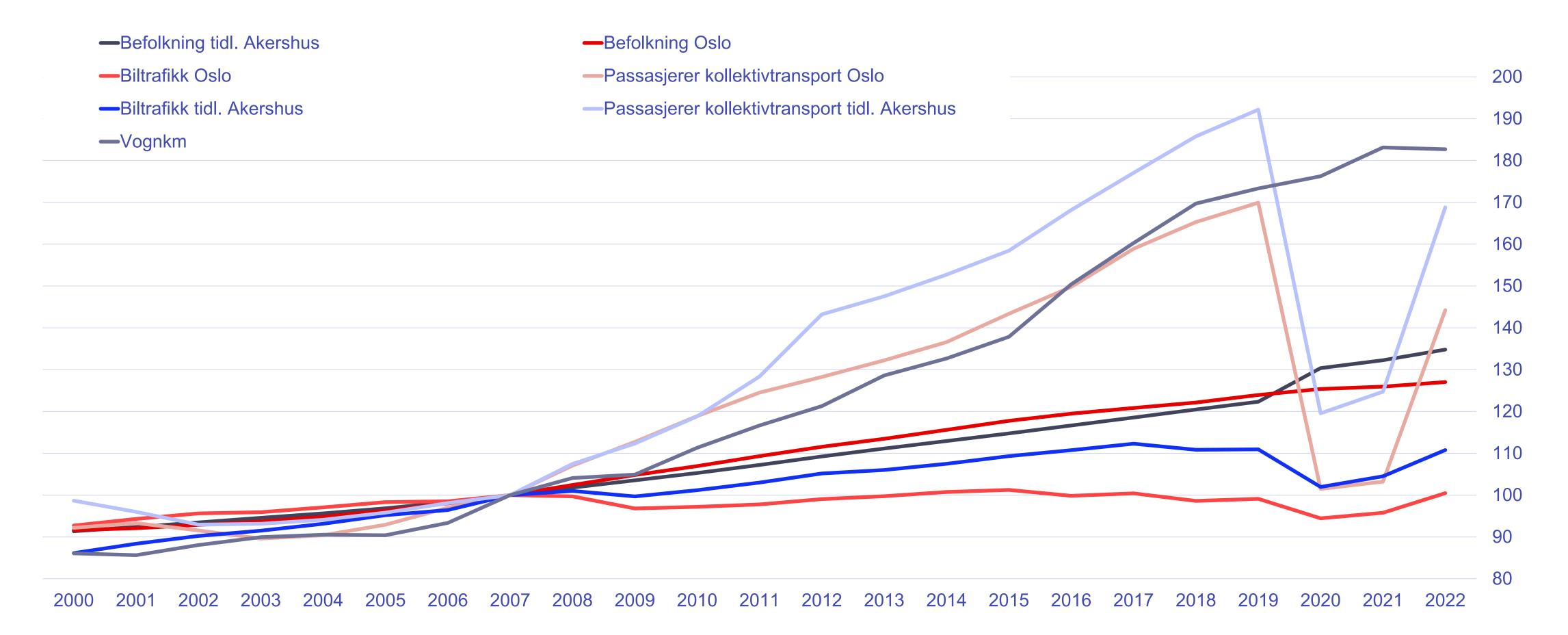
• 4 % comes from public transport







Public transportation vs car growth 2000-2022



Indeksutvikling Oslo og del av Viken (tidl. Akershuskommuner). År 2007=100



The impact



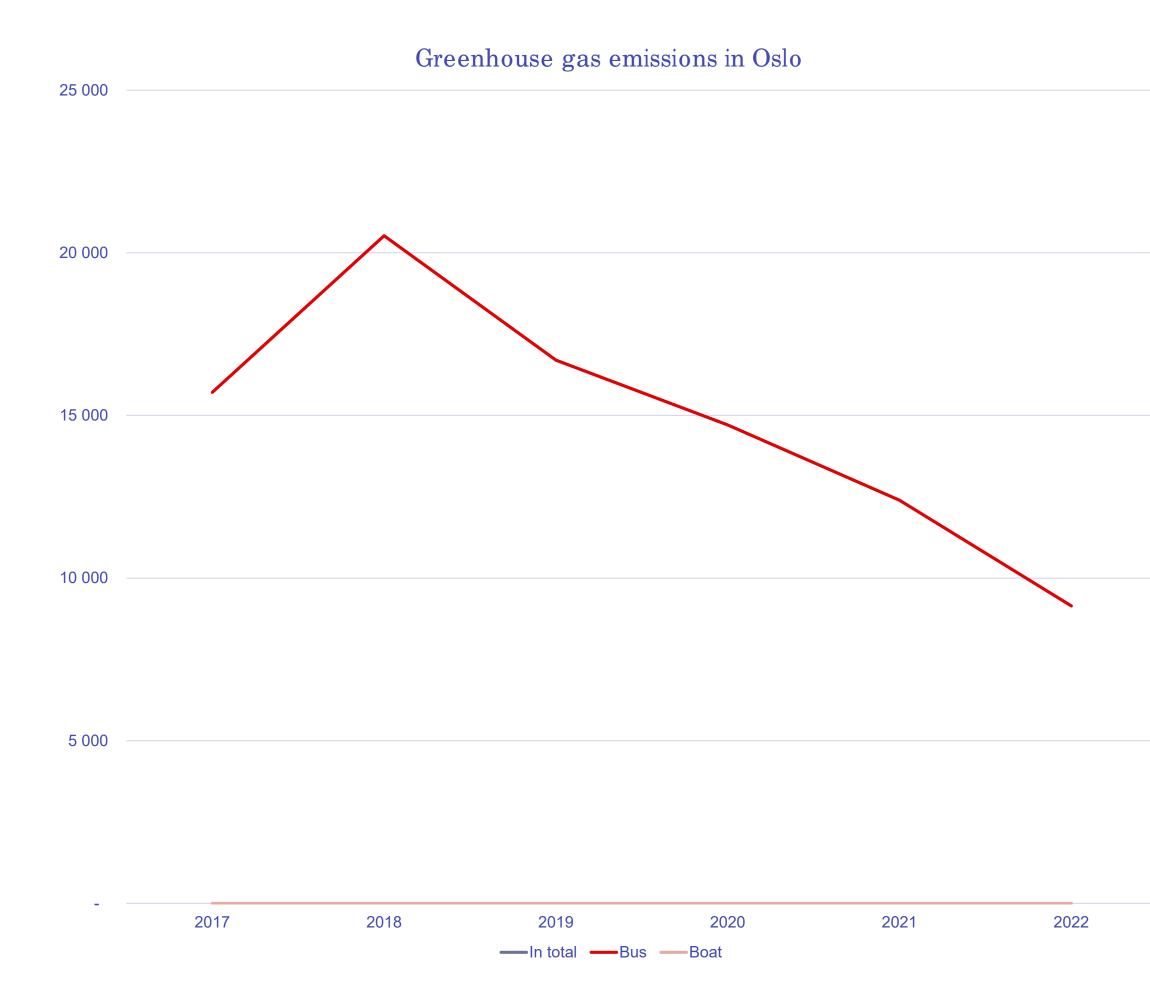


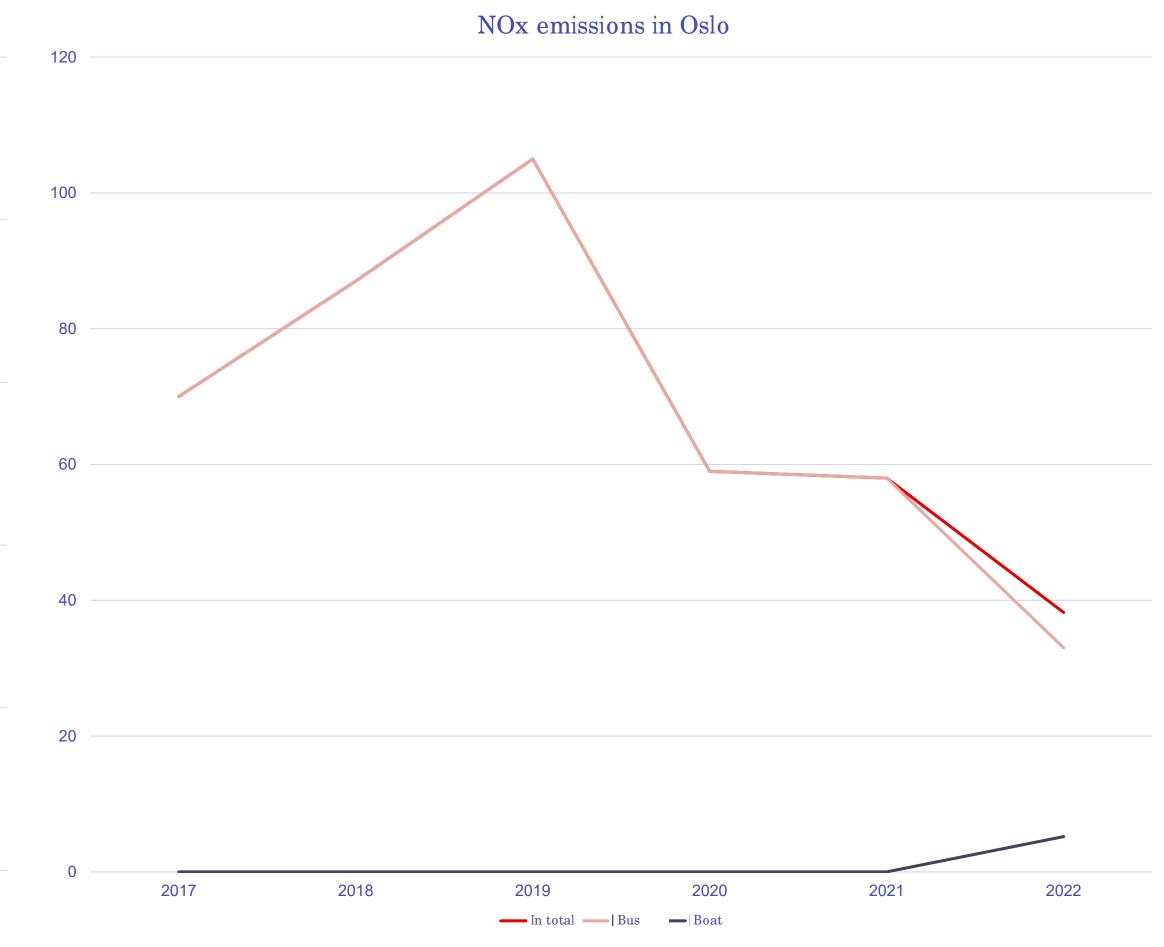


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Reduction of emissions in Oslo







Early mover strategy





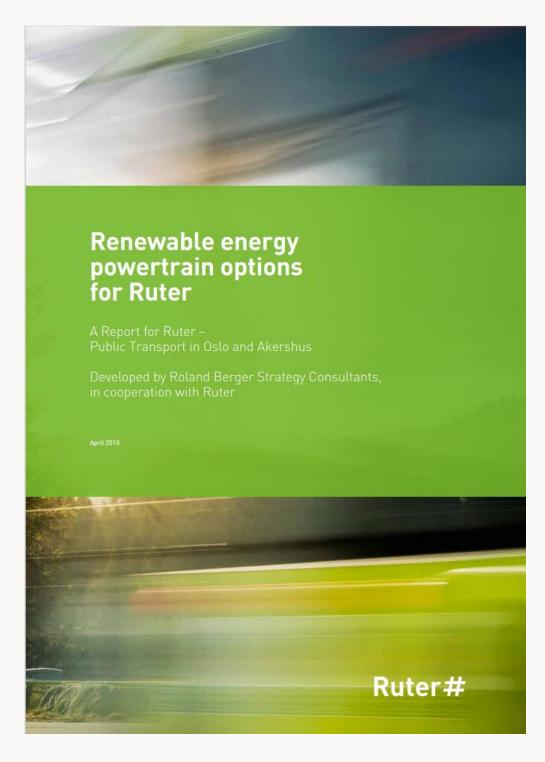
Ruter's model

- Ruter buys bus and boat services in tenders
- Operators choose buses/vessels and charging/fuel type
- Ruter determines functional requirements
- 'zero emission' = requirement and/or evaluation criteria



We wanted to lead the change, rather than wait for market maturity

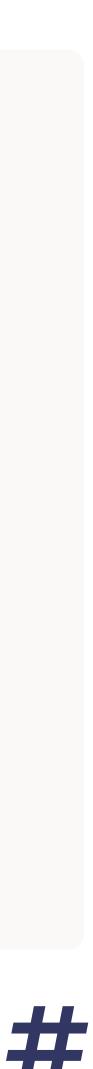
2015: Renewable energy public transport in 2020



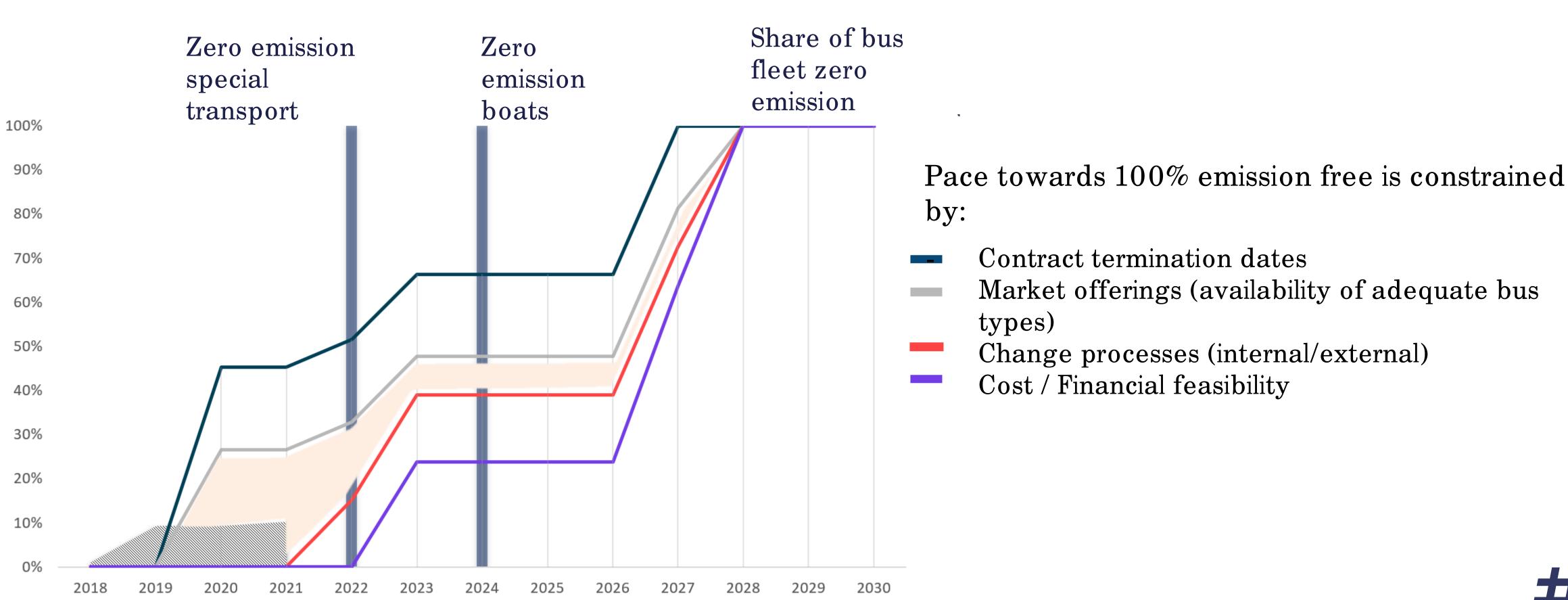
2018: Zero-emission public transport by 2028







The transition to zero-emission public transport











Benefits from the Ruter-model

- Make use of latest market innovations, not locked into old methods
- We buy services in packages with specific lines, 10+ year operating period
- Ruter shares data about pilot project with operators, encourage learning and innovation



Stages of implementation







2017: 6 electric buses in 2year pilot

- 6 electric buses in 2-year pilot
- 3 operators involved
- 3 different charging solutions
- Share insight



2019: 70 electric buses in change order

- Phase in of 70 electric buses
- contracts
- 3 operators involved
- 4th charging solution
- Fast charging in depot

Change order in existing Oslo service





2023: 96% emission-free buses in Oslo

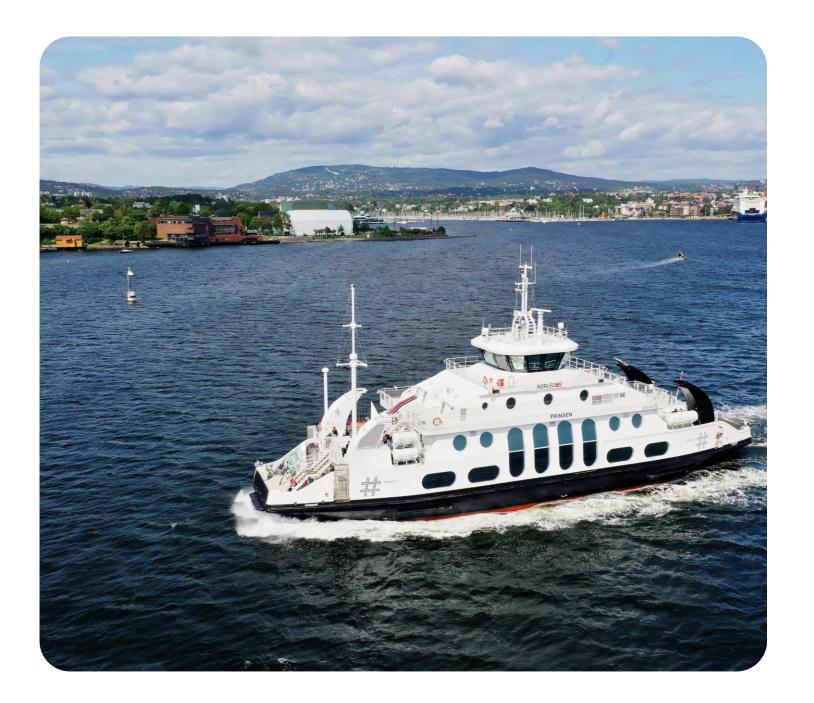
April: 183 buses in Oslo Inner-city contract











2019/2020: 3 ferries rebuilt to electric operation

- Norway's largest car-free passenger connection on battery
- Faster, cheaper, better for the environment
- Converted from LNG to battery pack of 26 tonnes
- Fast charging in 8 minutes from charging plug, with 2x1900 KW

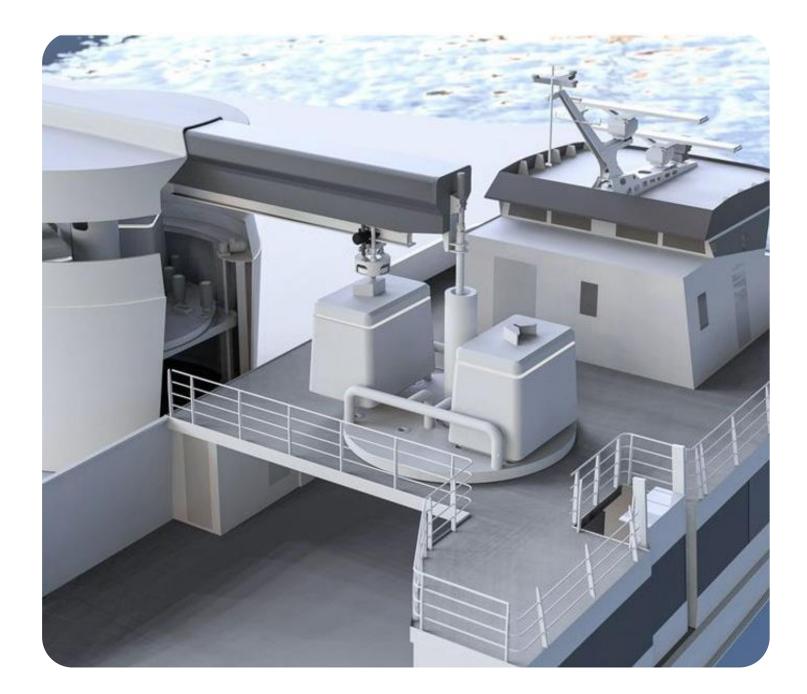


ferries in tender

- material
- Five new, electric and modern ferries
- Charging from pantograph
- Possibility of autonomous boats in the future

2021/2022: 5 new Island

• First tender where we asked for emission-free



2024: High speed ferries converted

- Change order to convert the two current ferries into zero-emission
- Adapt new robotic battery swap technology
- Using battery replacement robot, three minutes
- Lighter weight, higher speed, longer distance







Zero-emission public transport in the County of Viken by 2028

80 electric buses in 2019/2020, another 128 by 2025









Key lessons





We created the market

By actively using our purchasing power, over time asking more and more from our operators

We now have a market with more suppliers offering innovative solutions at competitive prices

Roughly speaking, we have gone from 10% extra operational cost in 2017, towards 10% lower cost in 2023









Recommendations

- Encourage innovation
- Share learning and experience others may follow
- Focus on customer, market, innovation, flexibility
- Make use of latest market innovations
- Avoid lock-in on old style tech
- Test pilot (with sharing of data/insight) changing orders tender
- Let the operators/market learn and mature through this way of working
- Set high requirements and use UN's sustainability goals



