

# Mobile tickets for transport -When? Why? What happened? What next?

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## When and where did all of this begin?

- 2000 First mobile ticket sold in Helsinki in (Car Free Day)
- 2005 First German city launched but standardisation made for slow growth
- 2007 Stockholm launched
- 2008 Copenhagen
- 2011 UK (rail only)
- 2012 Oslo
- 2012 Florence, Italy
- 2013 Mobile apps in transport started to take off in many European markets giving way to many deployments but still limited in terms of transaction volumes.





### Why has it been so successful?

- **1.** Consumers love it
  - No registration required
  - Convenient

- 2. Cities love it
  - Lower or no cash handling
  - Improved margins on single tickets
  - Conversion rates of 40% common
  - Up to 60% of revenue from mobile





## Mobile tickets increase total ticket sales



### What happened in Sweden?

- 1. Sweden was late to implement the PSD
- Complex but important for mobile operators

   60% of mobile payment market value
- Swedish mobile operators jointly created an electronic wallet – WyWallet to meet the license requirement
- WyWallet forced cities to issue tenders for the payment solutions (The Swedish Purchasing Act)
- 5. RFPs later won by PSPs or system integrators offering six different payment methods





## What happened in Sweden?





#### Where are we now?

- Mobile ticketing (SMS + online/apps) volumes set to double every 2 years
- Simplicity and convenience still the main success factors
- SMS tickets and application based tickets will co-exist:
  - SMS tickets for central "few zone" approach or "mobile-only" ticket to achieve volumes
  - Travel planners for complex parts of the network
- New business models have emerged
- Cities with established services struggle to navigate new regulation with tight timelines
- The future is NFC the investments have begun







#### What next?

- Demographic shift and climate change make public transportation 'cool' again
- Mobile tickets = 30-40% of the total ticket volume and up to 60% of the total revenue
- **SMS** still the backbone of many deployments
- **Operator billing** key in adding profit to lower priced single tickets
- Technical service procured separately from payment service to allow for flexibility
- NFC clearly the next major investment project
- Public procurement of automatic fare collection systems has finally started to include 'mobile'





## **Questions?**

# "A Developed country is not a place where the Poor have cars, it's where the Rich use Public Transport"

 Enrique Peñalosa, former Mayor of Bogota, Columbia, and sustainable transport guru





