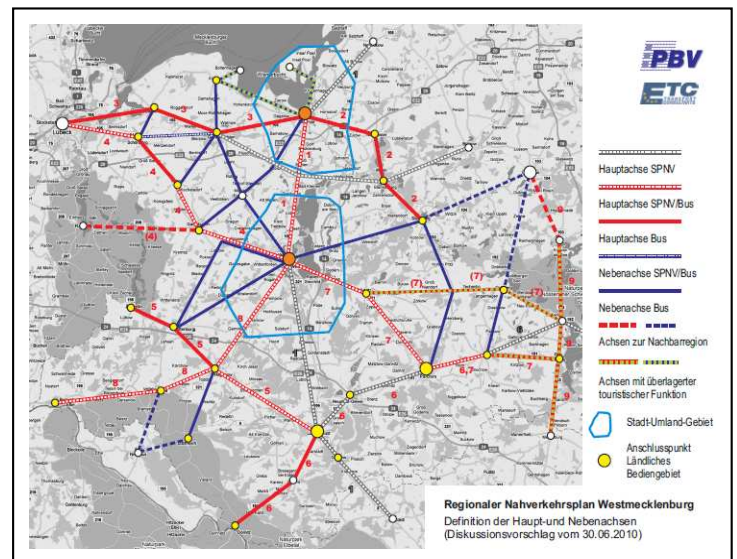


This regional planning document focuses on mitigation aspects and coordinates the future development (quality, quantity, organization, finances, and investments) of the public transport sector (regional buses & trains) in the Westmecklenburg Region.

Description

- Between 2009-2011 the plan will be developed for Westmecklenburg in cooperation with the three counties (Ludwigslust, Parchim, Northwestern Mecklenburg), two cities (Schwerin, Wismar) and transport companies.
- An initial status quo analysis (quality, routing, transport axes, bus/train stop accessibility, etc.) was the basis for further work.
- Mitigation and adaptation aspects will play an important role in the future development of public transport in Westmecklenburg.



Transport axes (bus and train) in Westmecklenburg

Main conclusions

1. Strengthening the public transport sector is a practical mitigation strategy. The implementation of these strategies needs a consensus and actions from the political level (basic conditions for legislation, finances etc.) to the personal (everyday choices, lifestyle today and in the future) level.
2. Transport and traffic analyses need to be seen in a broader context. There should be interaction with neighboring regions and consideration of demographic change (aging and declining population), the economic situation and development, commuter flow, differences between urban and rural areas, as well as tourist transportation.
3. Regional public transport planning requires cooperation on many levels.
4. To strengthen mitigation and adaptation strategies in public transport, information, a positive image, and alternatives are needed. Alternatives include more flexible mobility concepts like electro-mobility, hail & ride etc.

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