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## Environmental and Social Completion Sheet (ESCS)

### Overview

Project Name:	<i>WEST SWEDISH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT</i>
Project Number:	<i>2012-0241</i>
Country:	<i>Sweden</i>
Project Description:	The project concerns financing of 10 schemes in the urban transport, rail and road sectors with the overall aim of improving urban transport in the west Swedish city of Gothenburg and meeting the expected increase in demand due to population growth and the introduction of congestion charges for vehicles into and out of the City. Besides some smaller investments in new bus lanes and tram tracks, the project also includes some larger investments, in particular a new road tunnel and railway bridge crossing the Göta River.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment at Completion

#### EIB notes the following key Environmental and Social outcomes at Project Completion

The Swedish Transport Administration and the municipality complies with the requirements and rules that are set in accordance with current legislation, environmental judgment, environmental impact assessment and control programs. The Promoter reported that there are no outstanding actions or issues in the project. The mitigation measures implemented on the basis of set requirements by the competent authorities were deemed effective and were judged by the promoter to give good results.

Finance for some schemes was made conditional upon receiving environmental documentation, in particular a statement from the relevant Competent Authority confirming that the Skeppsbron development area and the bus lanes on state roads have no impact on Natura 2000 areas. This confirmation was received prior to first disbursement. In addition, finance for Munkeböck tram link was made dependent on receiving the screening-out decision from the competent authority, and this decision was also received prior to the first disbursement.

In total, five of the schemes in the project, including the Marieholm road tunnel and the Marieholm railway bridge were subject to an EIA and implementation followed the environmental directions and requirements stipulated by the competent authority in its EIA decision.

The Skeppsbron scheme included works adjacent to water and environmental restrictions applied to the construction works. The Promoter reported that implementation was done in accordance to the stipulated restrictions and without significant issues, and that there are no outstanding environmental issues or claims. It can be noted that higher volumes of polluted soil were found than ex-ante expected and these have been processed in accordance to local legislation.



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**Summary opinion of Environmental and Social aspects at completion:**

EIB is of the opinion based on reports from the Promoter that the project has been implemented in line with EIB Environmental and Social Standards, applicable at the time of appraisal.