



Finland



# Leppävirta

## Demand responsive transport services

Leppävirta is a municipality in eastern Finland with 11,100 inhabitants. About 57% live in built-up areas and the rest in rural areas. Typical scenery consists of hilly forests and many lakes (25% of the total area).

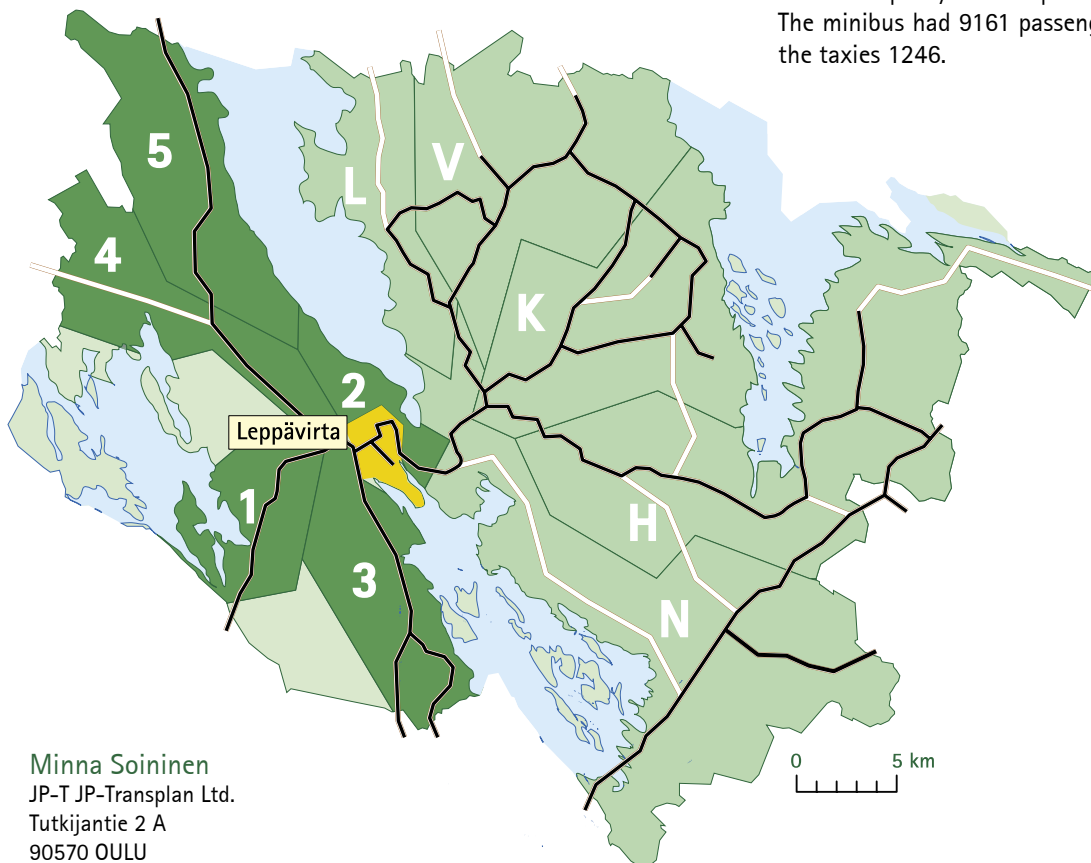
The services run mainly twice per week between outlying areas and the centre of Leppävirta. The timetables are suitable for shopping or using other services in the centre. Also, some school transport and transport to elderly daytime activities are taken care of. A minibus operates in the western parts of the municipality, having different timetables for school days and during school holidays. The services in the eastern parts, operated by taxis (minivans), run mainly during school holidays. The timetables allow door-to-door services and, when needed, the driver will help passengers to get in and out of the vehicle.



### Leppävirta Service Area

Instead of fixed routes, there are service areas. The route in each area depends on the pick-up addresses. Users call the Travel Dispatch Centre to make reservations. Customer lists are communicated to the drivers via on-board data terminal or as GSM-faxes to communicators.

The demonstration was launched in June 2002. It is financed by the municipality and the provincial state office of Eastern Finland. The minibus had 9161 passengers during the first 12 months and the taxis 1246.



- L Länsi-Saamainen
- V Valkeämäki
- K Kurjala
- H Haapämäki
- N Niinimäki



- Centre of Leppävirta
- 1 Sorsakoski
  - 2 Särkiniemi-Leppäsalo
  - 3 Timola
  - 4 Kotalahti
  - 5 Paukarlahti