

= Forskningsparken (station) =

Forskningsparken is a rapid transit station on the Sognsvann Line of the Oslo Metro . It also serves as a light rail station for the Ullevål Hageby Line of the Oslo Tramway . It is located at the north of the Blindern campus of the University of Oslo in the Nordre Aker borough of Oslo , Norway . The decision to build the station was made in 1998 , and it opened in 1999 , replacing the former station Vestgrensa , and allowed interchange between the metro and the tramway . The Ullevål Hageby Line was at the same time extended to serve the new Rikshospitalet . Forskningsparken is served by lines 3 , 4 and 6 of the metro , each operating every 15 minutes and providing services along both the Sognsvann Line and the Ring Line . Lines 17 and 18 of the tramway serve Forskningsparken , operating to Rikshospitalet and the city center .

= = History = =

Vestgrensa had served the area now served by Forskningsparken since the opening of the Sognsvann Line on 10 October 1934 . In 1991 , the Norwegian Parliament decided to build a new facility for Rikshospitalet at Gaustad , and to serve the hospital by an extension of the Ullevål Hageby Line . Gaustad Station on the Holmenkoll Line of the rapid transit is located within a few hundred meters of the hospital . Vestgrensa was deemed too far away by planners , and a transfer station would need to be established between the light rail and the Sognsvann Line . At first , Blindern was considered , but instead it was later decided that there should be an all @-@ new station .

By 1994 , the tram route to the new hospital appeared to have political support , but by 1996 local politicians instead wanted to use Gaustad Station and buses to serve the hospital . There also arose a disagreement between the city and the state as to who should be paying for the light rail line , should it should be built . Not until 1998 were the necessary political agreements in place to allow construction to start . The new light rail started services on 1 June 1999 , and the rapid transit station opened on 22 August . With the opening , line 4 was extended from Blindern , via Forskningsparken , to Ullevål stadion . There were complaints from local residents that the increased traffic on the line was causing too much noise , and neighbors demanded that noise shields be built . On 20 August 2003 , the Ring Line of the metro opened , and line 4 started to also serve Nydalen and Storo .

= = Facilities = =

The station is named after the Oslo Innovation Center (Norwegian : Forskningsparken) . It serves the northern side of the University of Oslo campus at Blindern . The campus is also served by the light rail station Universitetet Blindern and the rapid transit station Blindern . To the north of the station is Rikshospitalet . The light rail offers transfer service to the hospital , but it is still within walking distance from Forskningsparken . The rapid transit line runs on an elevated section . The light rail station is located directly below the station , on Problemveien . Designed by the architect firm Arkitektskap , both stations are open to the air and have sheds in both directions .

= = Service = =

The rapid transit station is served by lines 3 , 4 and 5 of the Oslo Metro . Each line has a 15 @-@ minute headway during the day , with reduced frequency in the late evenings . Heading north , line 3 serves the Sognsvann Line , that includes many student housing areas . Line 4 and 5 serve the Ring Line , with line 4 making a full loop . All three lines head south into the Common Tunnel that serves the city center . Travel time to Stortinget is 8 minutes , while it is 5 minutes to Nydalen and 9 minutes to Sognsvann . Forskningsparken is 4 @.@ 6 kilometres (2 @.@ 9 mi) from Stortinget . The metro is operated by Oslo T @-@ banedrift on contract with Ruter .

The light rail station is served by lines 17 and 18 of the Oslo Tramway . Each line has a ten @-@

minute headway during the day , with half the frequency during evenings and in the weekends . Travel time to Rikshospitalet is 2 minutes , while it is 14 minutes to Stortorvet . The service is provided using SL95 trams operated by Oslo Sporvognsdrift on contract with Ruter . Forskningsparken is one of eight transfer points between the tramway and rapid transit systems .