

= Storo (station) =

Storo is a rapid transit station on the Ring Line of the Oslo Metro , and a tram station on the Grünerløkka ? Torshov Line of the Oslo Tramway . It is located at Storo in the Nordre Aker borough of Oslo , Norway . The tram station opened on 28 November 1902 , and the rapid transit station on 20 August 2003 . Metro lines 4 , 5 and 6 run to the station , with line 5 terminating there . The tram station serves lines 11 , 12 and 13 . The station is within walking distance of Grefsen Station on the Gjøvik Line . The station also functions as a bus hub , being located along Ring 3 . Storo is a mixed commercial and residential area , and a shopping center is located just north of the subway station .

= = History = =

Storo opened as a tram station as the terminus of the Grünerløkka ? Torshov Line on 28 November 1902 . The line was extended northwards as the Kjelsås Line to Kjelsås on 25 September 1934 , and south @-@ eastwards as an extension of the Sinsen Line in 1939 .

The process of establishing a Ring Line to serve the northern parts of Oslo started in the late 1980s . The plans were passed by the city council in 1997 , and financing was secured in 2000 through Oslo Package 2 . Construction started in June 2000 , and the station building and platforms were completed in December 2002 . Until the opening , work continued on amenities and the tracks . Storo Station was opened on 20 August 2003 , at the same time as Nydalen .

= = Facilities = =

The rapid transit station was designed by architects Jensen & Skodvin Architects , and is visually and structurally very similar to the Sinsen Station , also one of their projects . It features a center platform with a roof , and uses wood , steel and concrete . The station is located just outside the tunnel that runs all the way to the connection with the Sognsvann Line . South of Storo , the metro tracks run parallel with the Gjøvik Line . The station is owned by Kollektivtransportproduksjon .

On the other side of the tracks , about 200 metres (660 ft) away is Grefsen Station on the Gjøvik Line . It is served every 40 minutes by NSB Gjøvikbanen services of the Oslo Commuter Rail towards Nittedal , Hadeland and Gjøvik . The Norwegian National Rail Administration is planning to move the station platform to allow direct transfer .

Storo is a mixed residential and commercial area . It has traditionally been easily accessible by car due to being located along Ring 3 , a major highway . The shopping center Storo Storsenter is located just beside the station . Following the opening of the rapid transit station , a new housing complex was built on the west side of the station , on a former freight yard owned by the Norwegian State Railways . The first stage with 260 apartments was finished in 2006 ; when finished , it will feature 900 apartments . The area , named Stasjonsbyen (" the Station City ") was developed by ROM Eiendom . Ridership at Storo increased from 2 @, @ 060 per day to 3 @, @ 630 per day from 2003 to 2007 .

= = Service = =

Lines 4 , 5 and 6 of the Oslo Metro operate to Storo , each with a 15 @-@ minute headway . Lines 4 and 5 operate counterclockwise through the ring via the western part of town into the Common Tunnel , while line 6 operates clockwise via the eastern part into the Common Tunnel . Line 5 terminates at Storo . Lines 4 and 6 swap numbers between Nydalen and Storo . Travel time from Storo to Stortinget is 11 minutes clockwise and 14 minutes counterclockwise . Therefore , any traveler heading for the city center can get on the first train , independent of its direction and it is ensured to be the fastest connection to the downtown area . The metro is operated by Oslo T @-@ banedrift on contract with Ruter .

The tram station is served by lines 11 , 12 and 13 of the Oslo Tramway . Southbound , all three follow the Grünerløkka ? Torshov Line to the city center . Travel time to Kirkeristen is 15 minutes .

Northwards , line 11 and 12 continue on the Kjelsås Line . Both run to Kjelsås outside rush hour , but during peak services , line 12 terminates at the next station , Disen . Line 13 branches off and heads one stop to Grefsen . The tram service is provided by Oslo Sporvognsdrift on contract with Ruter . Storo is one of eight transfer points between the tramway and rapid transit systems .

The station serves several bus routes . Feeder line 55 to Lillo Terrasse to Nydalen passes by Storo . Lines 23 and 24 along Ring 3 from Lysaker to Simensbråten , and Brynseng to Fornebu stops at Storo . So does line 56 from Torshov to Solemskogen , and line 58 from Helsfyr to Nydalen . Most of the buses stop at a stop located on the motorway Ring 3 .