

= Mortensrud (station) =

Mortensrud is a rapid transit station on the Østensjø Line of the Oslo Metro . It is located in Mortensrud in the Søndre Nordstrand borough of Oslo , Norway . Construction of the station started in 1995 , which was taken into use on 24 November 1997 , when it became the terminal station of the line ? following a 2 @. @ 4 kilometres (1 @. @ 5 mi) extension from Skullerud . The extension cost NOK 215 million to build , and most of the section is in tunnels . The station is built in concrete , wood and stone , and cost NOK 35 million . It is served by line 3 , in addition to being an important bus terminal for the borough , including a feeder service to Bjørndal . Travel time along the 13 @. @ 6 @- @ kilometre (8 @. @ 5 mi) section to the city center is 24 minutes . In 2001 ? 02 , the station had 2 @, @ 077 daily boarding passengers . The station serves the surrounding residential area , as well as an adjacent shopping center . South of the station is a turning line for trains .

= = History = =

The Østensjø Line opened as a light rail on 18 December 1923 . On 29 October 1967 , the upgraded metro standard was first used , and the line was connected to the Oslo Metro . A month later , the extension to Skullerud opened . The work with building the extension between Skullerud and Mortensrud was originally planned to start in 1992 , with completion planned for 1994 . However , construction did not start until 1995 . The 2 @. @ 4 @- @ kilometre (1 @. @ 5 mi) extension is built to allow speeds of 100 kilometres per hour (62 mph) , and represents a considerable longer distance between stations than what is normal on the network . Most of the section is in tunnels , though there are also two viaducts . The extension (without the new station) cost NOK 215 million . The line runs somewhat south of the station , allowing space to line up trains , and for future further extension of the line .

The station was taken into use on 24 November 1997 , but not officially opened until 4 January 1998 . On the day of the official opening , the bus terminal was taken into use . The station costs NOK 35 million . At the time , it was estimated to have about 6000 daily users ? both boarding and disembarking , including the bus terminal .

= = Facilities = =

The station is located in the residential area of Mortensrud , in Søndre Nordstrand . Mortensrud is an open station without any barriers and free access from the bus stops . The station area is one storey below from the surrounding area . It has step @- @ free access , and at the same level as the buses . Only the western portion of the two side platforms is in use , where direct connection can be made with buses . The station is located adjacent to the shopping center at Mortensrud . The station is designed by Arkitektskap . It is built in concrete , covered in red brick , steel , natural rock and wood , that will allow lianas to grow on them . The roof over the western platform is curved , and made of wood and glass . There is an underground parking lot in two levels .

= = Service = =

Mortensrud is served by line 3 on the Østensjø Line , operated by Oslo T @- @ banedrift on contract with Ruter . The rapid transit serves the station every 15 minutes , except in the late evening and on weekend mornings , when there is a 30 @- @ minute headway . Travel time along the 13 @. @ 6 @- @ kilometre (8 @. @ 5 mi) portion to Stortinget in the city center is 24 minutes . In 2001 ? 02 , the station had 2 @, @ 077 daily boarding passengers .

The station functions as a major bus terminal for Søndre Nordstrand . Ruter operates feeder bus services to Dal , Brenna , Kantarellen (all no . 72) and Bjørndal (no . 71) . The station is the end station of route 74 to the city center , and an intermediate stop on route 76 to Helsfyr and Hvervenbukta . Routes 71E and 73 to the city center also serve the station during rush hour .