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## Work begins on Tallinn Airport tram extension



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ESTONIA: Construction work began on August 10 on an extension of the Tallinn tram network to serve the city's airport.

The 700 m double-track extension runs south from the Ülemiste Jaam terminus of Route 4, which opened in October 2015 at the end of a 300 m branch. A tunnel would take the route under the railway at Ülemiste station and the main Suur-Sõjamäe road, before running at-grade along Keevise to the airport terminal.

In addition to a stop at the terminal, a turning loop and traction substation are being built.

A consortium of Merko Ehitus and KMG Insenerihituse was selected in late 2015 to build the extension. The project cost of €11.5m (excluding VAT) is 85% financed by the EU. Completion is due in late 2017.

A tram extension at the other end of the city to sea port terminal A or D is also planned, but neither the cost nor timescale has been announced.

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