



# Thriving Communities

## Walking Strategy

A workshop to obtain Council Member feedback to inform the development of the City of Adelaide Walking Strategy

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## Walking Strategy Background

- Council (10 September 2019) resolved to prepare a Walking Strategy as follows:
  - (1) Notes the recent data compiled by Walking SA on pedestrian safety within the City of Adelaide.
  - (2) Notes the current opportunity to provide policy input to complement/inform the Integrated Transport Plan and City Access Strategy.
  - (3) Requests administration prepare a detailed walking strategy as part of the Adelaide Design Manual, including a peer review of the walking strategies of other cities (eg Melbourne and Sydney), to improve Adelaide's walkability and liveability.
- On 14 January 2022, the then Minister for Health launched South Australia's first Walking Strategy and Action Plan.
- Project Reference Group (PRG) first met in June 2022.
  - The PRG comprises staff from adjoining Councils, state government representatives and CoA staff.



## Development of a Discussion Paper

- Summarises the review of international and local walking/transport strategies and case studies.
- Assesses current CoA policies.
- Draft principles and next steps to develop the Walking Strategy.



*“The analysis undertaken in support of this Discussion Paper demonstrates that Council has undertaken a range of work over the past twenty years that provides a good foundation upon which to build an integrated walking network to serve the city community.*

*New directions from national guidance and State Government mean that we need to consider our risks and our responsibility as road managers, to adopt and implement the Safe System approach, including safer speeds.”*

- Discussion Paper: A Walking Strategy for the City of Adelaide (CoA) ([Link 1](#))

## A walkable Adelaide

- A public realm that is “*connected, attractive, transformative*”
- Creating a “*healthy and sustainable*” community
- An “*inclusive and safe*” environment for active travel
- “*Where walking is the natural choice*”



# Walking Strategy

## Key Questions

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#### Principles

What are Council Members' views on the defined principles for the walking strategy?

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#### Outcomes

What outcomes would Council Members' like to see incorporated into the Walking Strategy?



# Walking Strategy Implications



Implication	Comment
Policy	The Walking Strategy will outline the policies that inform future projects.
Consultation	The draft strategy will be brought back to Council prior to any further engagement and / or consultation.
Budget Consideration	\$35,000 allocated in 2022/23.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this workshop.
Opportunities	There is an opportunity to integrate the Walking Strategy with the City Plan and other strategic transport documents currently under development.

- Smart Move Strategy 2012 - 2022
  - Desired outcome: Easy walking
    - walking is easy, comfortable and safe
    - pedestrians have priority
    - pedestrian conditions are suitable for people of all levels of mobility
    - the pedestrian network is well-connected.
- Climate Action Plan 2022 – 2025
  - A Mobile Population
  - **Headline action: Implement Cycling Infrastructure and Walking Strategies**



- City Plan (in development)
  - Strategic goals:
    - To articulate what the city and its different spatial areas could become
    - To ensure increasing density creates liveability and to proactively plan for growth and change
- City Access Strategy
  - Consultation continues with relevant State Government agencies to inform the City Access Strategy following the change of government

## The International Charter for Walking

Eight principles:

- Increased inclusive mobility
- Well designed and managed spaces and places for people
- Improved integration of networks
- Supportive land-use and spatial planning
- Reduced road danger
- Less crime and fear of crime
- More supportive authorities
- A culture of walking



## Best Practice Review – Australia

### City of Sydney

1. Make walking quick, convenient and easy
2. Make walking inviting and interesting
3. Make walking safe and comfortable
4. Create a strong walking culture

#### Our ten walking targets for 2030:

1	Walking to make up one third of commuter trips by City of Sydney residents
2	Walking to account for 60% of local trips by City of Sydney residents by 2030
3	Reduce delay to walking times by 10% across key walking routes
4	Increase footpath capacity by 20% on average on main activity streets through planned upgrades
5	Improve walking amenity by 10% on main activity streets through planned upgrades
6	All residents to be within a 10-minute walk (800m) of commercial/retail space suitable for essential daily needs
7	Every resident to be within a three-minute walk (250m) of the Liveable Green Network
8	Reduce traffic related crashes involving people walking by 50%
9	Walking to make up 50% of trips to and from late night precincts
10	90% of residents feel safe walking in the day and night

### South Australian Walking Strategy

- Plan walkable neighbourhoods, towns and cities
- Build connected, safe and pleasant walking environments for all
- Create a South Australian walking culture

Our vision is: More South Australians walking more often; all ages, all abilities



#### Transport

More South Australians making short trips by walking



#### Recreation & Sport

More South Australians accessing green open space for walking



#### Health & Wellbeing

More South Australians improving their health and wellbeing through walking

#### Our priorities are

##### Plan walkable neighbourhoods, towns and cities

- Plan for walkable places
- Plan for integrated public transport and walking
- Plan for universally accessible walking facilities for all ages and abilities

##### Build connected, safe and pleasant walking environments for all

- Create connected and pleasant walking networks
- Balance the needs for all travellers on our roads and footpaths
- Reinvigorate our main streets and local neighbourhoods
- Enhance our walking tracks and trails

##### Create a South Australian walking culture

- Educate, market and promote walking
- Realise the economic and tourism value of walking in South Australia

# City of Adelaide statistics

## How many people walk?

- About 40% of people working in the City travel by active or public transport.<sup>1</sup>
- 19% of city users are walking and 46% using public transport to the city.<sup>2</sup>

## Who is (not) walking?

- Only about half (51%) of residents meet the recommended physical activity levels.
- 70% of children driven to school; 71% want to travel actively.<sup>3</sup>

## Barriers to walking

- Safety and infrastructure.
- Mobility issues, dislike of walking, use of trams.

## Opportunities in Adelaide?

- Compactness, easy to get around, interest

1 - Census 2016 Working Population Profile. No change from 2011. 2021 yet to be released.

2 - City User Profile (CUP) Survey 2022

3 - Way2Go program primary school data 2015-2020 survey of 16,843 students in years 3-7





# What does success look like?

- Supporting Policy
- Supporting Infrastructure and Investment
- Community Education and Culture Change
- Improved wellbeing and liveability



## Walking Strategy

# Quick Wins

- Undertake a campaign to promote walking in the City and Park Lands
  - Highlight that we are a walking city, with numerous walking trails and streets that the community can access
  - CoA promotion of the Wellbeing SA Walking Campaign
- Wayfinding
  - Install wayfinding signage in line with the CoA standard suite, to supplement the existing wayfinding signage.
- Leveraging off new and existing projects
  - Main Streets
- Reduced speed zone areas and streets
  - Update review of existing speed limits and potential changes
- Walking to schools
  - Work with stakeholders, including schools and DIT to promote, encourage and enable more walking to schools.
- Events/Activation
  - Opportunities for re-imagining street space through street closures, parklets, temporary use of on-street parking spaces to test for future permanent changes to the use of street space

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## Next Steps

### Walking Strategy – Q2 2023

- Strategy implementation
- Action Plan
- Program
- Budget
- Community Consultation



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