Providing for Walking and Cycling in Transport Projects Policy



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Transport for NSW is committed to making communities across NSW great places to live, work and visit. As part of this commitment, we strive to enhance our customers' lives by delivering safe, reliable, accessible and connected active transport choices.

We recognise that walking and cycling are integral to the greater good of our communities and customers. Active transport delivers significant health, environmental and economic benefits, creates communities that are resilient, and enables our communities to be more equitable, inclusive and liveable for everyone. Walking and cycling are also integral to our transport system to enable access to key destinations including public transport, and to enhance places.

Every transport project funded by Transport for NSW must include provision for walking and cycling within the core scope of the project.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the supporting Procedure. Any exemptions to the application of this Policy will be noted in the supporting Procedure.

Provision for walking and cycling must be delivered from the outset of every transport project

In order to deliver the best outcomes for our customers in line with Future Transport 2056, the walking and cycling components of a project must be incorporated from the outset and followed through to delivery and maintenance.

This is particularly relevant to infrastructure projects, where early consideration and delivery of safe, integrated, reliable, accessible and connected walking and cycling infrastructure will enhance the local environment, help to drive behavioural change and achieve a sustained uptake in mode share of walking and cycling. The project must ensure that, once delivered (and throughout construction), the walking and cycling infrastructure is well maintained and kept operational.

The following principles inform our active transport mode decisions:

- Walking and cycling have unique customer needs and require different infrastructure solutions. Pedestrians and bike riders should be allocated dedicated space wherever possible.
- Walking and cycling should be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, including people using assisted mobility devices, walking aids and different types of bicycles.
- Walking and cycling facilities must be designed and built to be, safe, sustainable and fit for purpose in consultation with relevant subject matter experts.

 An appropriate access and maintenance schedule must be part of the project delivery to ensure people walking and cycling have continuous access and a high quality experience of the facilities provided.

This Policy applies to anyone in, or on behalf of, TfNSW involved in the planning, design, scheme approval, building, management or operation of a transport project or asset.

This Policy must also be implemented in partnership with relevant road and place managers including local government and other relevant authorities.

Rodd Staples Secretary 2 February 2021