



A NEW DRAFT WALKING AND ACCESSIBILITY ACTION PLAN 2019–2024

Council adopted an *Integrated Transport Strategy* in 2018 to guide transport planning in Glen Eira. The *Strategy* sets out key issues and high-level goals for achieving a more sustainable transport future. To align with these goals and the wider *Strategy*, we undertook a review of our existing walking strategy — the *Glen Eira Walking Strategy 2014–2017*.

WHAT WAS FOUND?

The *Glen Eira Walking Strategy 2014–2017* aimed to improve the local environment for walking with a focus on walking as a means of transportation, recreation, school travel and improving pedestrian safety. During the review of this *Strategy* and alignment to the *Integrated Transport Strategy*, a number of gaps and issues were identified in Glen Eira’s pedestrian network. These included:

- > the opportunity to increase the level of universal access across the network and ensure existing infrastructure is compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act*;
- > limited opportunities and/or safe crossing points across major barriers, such as large roads;
- > the need for more dedicated pedestrian crossings throughout the municipality;
- > safety and priority of pedestrians at intersections;
- > maintenance of existing infrastructure;
- > issues that affect the availability of the existing infrastructure, such as construction; and
- > prioritisation of pedestrians in high-volume pedestrian areas, such as major activity centres.

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A draft *Walking and Accessibility Action Plan* for Glen Eira has been created from this view. The new actions focus on building an accessible and safe pedestrian network, supporting walking as an attractive form of transport, recognising the role the network plays in linking other modes such as public transport. The draft *Walking and Accessibility Action Plan* consists of 27 actions, summarised into three key areas:

INFRASTRUCTURE

- > Reviewing and developing programs for implementation of the two key projects from the *Integrated Transport Strategy*: 'Great Walking and Shopping Streets' and 'Pedestrian Safe Neighbourhoods'.
- > Improving pedestrian safety and accessibility around Glen Eira to create a more user-friendly environment for all types of users.
- > Bringing Glen Eira's pedestrian infrastructure in line with other modes of transport in the City. These include treatments such as raised footpaths at appropriate intersections that give pedestrians priority.

POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT

- > Updating Council procedures and policies related to transport, focusing on making improvements to the pedestrian network infrastructure. This includes creating new *Street Design Guidelines*, as well as the introduction of Transport Impact Assessments to replace Traffic Impact Assessments in development applications.
- > Continuing enforcement and monitoring of issues that impact on walking environments through works and activities, such as footpath trading. This will ensure a continual, high quality walking environment is maintained.

EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOUR

- > Educating the community to the benefits of active travel and the improved pedestrian environment that will be created through the accompanying actions.
- > Educating the community to the importance of maintaining the pedestrian environment and minimising obstructions, such as parking cars across footpaths and blocking pedestrian access.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We are seeking community feedback to help us refine the draft *Plan*. Visit our website at www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/keeping-glen-eira-moving to find out more and how you can have your say on initiatives for building a more sustainable transport future for Glen Eira.