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<b>Related Procedures</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Pedestrians are the largest single road-user group. This is the case because most individual trips, whatever the primary mode (eg: public transport, bike and car) start and end or are combined with walking. As a result, walking is fundamental to travel. Increase of cycling as a mode of travelling contributes towards a healthy lifestyle, less motor vehicles on roads and assists with Climate Change action. Council's aim is to encourage cycling.
- 1.2 Council acknowledges the above and recognises the need for safe, secure and equitable facilities and environments for walking and cycling. Importantly, Council also recognises that environments and facilities for pedestrians need to accommodate wheelchair and motorised wheelchair users and other small wheeled vehicles.
- 1.3 Council has a significant number of streets that do not provision for paved footpaths and associated pedestrian facilities (such as ramps with tactiles). The aim of this policy is to provide an objective framework for prioritising demands for paved footpaths (footpaths and associated facilities) and cycleways to enable an equitable distribution of allocated funds to the construction of new footpaths, cycleways or shared paths, the replacement and repair of existing unserviceable footpaths and providing cycling facilities on urban roads.

### 2. PRINCIPLES

Council implemented the Town of Gawler Walking and Cycling Plan 2018-2028 for managing walking and cycling infrastructure and facilities in the Town of Gawler.

#### 2.1 FOOTPATHS

- 2.1.1 All local roads should be provided with a paved footpath and associated facilities on at least one side of the road, except cul-de-sacs having 8 allotments or less need not be provided with a paved footpath except where the cul-de-sac forms part of a pedestrian network between other roads.
- 2.1.2 A Cul-de-sac serving more than 8 allotments (including the two corner allotments) shall have a paved footpath on one side of the carriageway. The location of the footpath shall suit service locations and shall be as directed by the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services.
- 2.1.3 Any Cul-de-sac which is joined by a pedestrian thoroughfare or laneway shall have a paved footpath on one side of the carriageway. The location of the footpath shall suit service locations and shall be as directed by the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services.
- 2.1.4 For all other roads, a footpath shall be constructed on at least one side of the carriageway. The location of the footpath(s) shall suit service locations and shall be as directed by the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services.
- 2.1.5 Main roads (arterial and local collector/corridors) should be provided with a paved footpath and associated facilities on both sides. Priority should be given to arterial and local connector/corridors as they generally provide a well-connected and continuous network to key destinations.
- 2.1.6 Footpath construction, replacement and repairs should be progressed in an orderly manner such that roads providing key linkages and the most connected, convenient and continuous path to major land uses and activity zones receive priority.
- 2.1.7 Priority areas are in roads surrounding and adjacent to:
  - 2.1.7.1 The Main Shopping Precinct (1-1.5km radius)
  - 2.1.7.2 Community Centres
  - 2.1.7.3 Open Space (Parks, Gardens, Reserves, Playgrounds and Sporting Ovals)
  - 2.1.7.4 Swimming Centre
  - 2.1.7.5 Public Transport Interchanges and Public Transport Networks
  - 2.1.7.6 Schools
  - 2.1.7.7 Linear Trails
  - 2.1.7.8 Elderly Citizen Facilities\Units and Clusters of Elderly Accommodation\Hospitals and Health Care Centres
  - 2.1.7.9 Part of a Network linkage
- 2.1.8 The selection of sections for construction, replacement and repair in any period shall be mindful of:
  - 2.1.8.1 The degree to which proposed construction, replacement and/or repair will improve access to the existing network for people with restricted mobility.
  - 2.1.8.2 The degree to which proposed construction will overcome identified hazards and/or concerns.
  - 2.1.8.3 The number of residents to benefit from the improvement.

2.1.9 The prioritisation and construction of footpaths and associated facilities in areas designated as “new developments” are considered separate to existing established areas as specific funds have been allocated for this purpose via developer contributions.

2.1.10 The installation of walking and cycling infrastructure in the Church Hill Residential Historic (Conservation) Zone is to consider the preservation of heritage value consistent with Council’s bluestone kerb reinstatement methodology (including pram ramps) while providing with asphalt paths.

### 2.2 CYCLEWAYS

2.2.1 Council is committed to the development of a network of cycleways in all parts of the Town.

2.2.2 Depending on the traffic volume and space availability on roads, cycling facilities: Advisory treatment, bicycle car parking lane, exclusive bicycle lane, protected bicycle lane, wide kerbside lane, shared- use path or off-road cycle path shall be provided for the development of a network of cycleways.

2.2.3 Appropriate road crossing facilities shall be provided for reducing length of the road crossing and giving pedestrian and cyclist priority.

## 3. STANDARDS

### 3.1 FOOTPATHS

3.1.1 Walking paths and associated facilities shall be constructed to comply with relevant Australian Standards, in particular those associated with access for people with disabilities, and in accordance with Austroads Guidelines and Council’s Standard Details.

3.1.2 The width of new footpaths shall not be less than 1.2 metres in local roads and by approval of the Manager Infrastructure and Engineering Services and should desirably be 1.5 metres and at least 2 metres in width within the Town Centre Precinct (where practically possible).

3.1.3 Where a footpath falls on to a designated walking route as specified in Town of Gawler Walking and Cycling Plan 2018-2028, the width of the new footpath shall be a minimum of 1.5 metres wide.

3.1.4 Crossfall on new footpaths shall not exceed 1:40 and where footpaths cross vehicle entrances and driveways a 1.2 metre width with crossfall not exceeding 1:40 shall be provided across the entranceway.

3.1.5 Paved footpaths shall be constructed of suitable and durable materials to suit locality, function and amenity of the area and the use of segmented paving is to be avoided in areas known to have a high level of wheelchair access use. As a guide, bitumen footpaths will be retained/repared and replaced in historic areas, and concrete footpaths will be used in areas of new development, and also where the general locality has existing concrete footpaths

3.1.6 In the Town Centre of Gawler footpath designs are to be in accordance with Council’s Town Centre Footpath Designs Policy.

3.1.7 The use of non-standard paving materials including permeable pavers and use of recycled materials is promoted however is subject to Council approval and should represent at least a ‘like for like’ alternative in terms of material durability compared with standard paving materials.

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### 3.2 CYCLEWAYS

Council is committed to the development of cycleways in all areas of the Town of Gawler. It will work with the community to develop and implement suitable and planned cycleways that all of the community can use.

- 3.2.1 All bicycle paths and shared paths shall be constructed to comply with relevant Australian Standards and Austroads, Guide to Traffic Engineering Practice, Part 14: Bicycles and in accordance with Council's Standard Details.
- 3.2.2 All collector roads should be designed to include either:
  - 3.2.2.1 an off-road cycle path a minimum of 2.5 metres in width, by approval of the Manager Infrastructure & Engineering Services, with a maximum longitudinal gradient no greater than that of the adjacent carriageway; width of 3 metres is desirable, or;
  - 3.2.2.2 an exclusive bicycle lane a minimum of 1.5 metres in width with a maximum longitudinal gradient, no greater than that of the adjacent carriageway.
- 3.2.3 Appropriate width of bicycle paths along rivers is 2.5 metres and construction should occur with bituminous surfacing.
- 3.2.4 All other off-road routes for cycling should be shared use paths governed by Australian Road Rules with a desirable width of 2.5 metres.
- 3.2.5 Bicycle parking and associated signage shall be provided.
- 3.2.6 Where pedestrian and cycle movements intersect with a road, road crossings shall be provided in accordance with the Town of Gawler Walking and Cycling Plan 2018-2028 and in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, Austroads Guidelines and the State Government's Manual of Legal Responsibilities and Technical Requirements for Traffic Control Devices Part 2 – Code of Technical Requirements.
- 3.2.7 The design of roads and intersections should consider the safety of cyclists and collector roads should not be narrowed to remove on-road bike lanes unless there is no other design option, and requires that at a minimum safe and convenient off-road cycling facilities are provided.
- 3.2.8 Surface treatment should be stable, firm, even, relatively smooth but slip resistant.

## 4. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis and may be reviewed at any time.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

### 5. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:-

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### 6. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

The Policy is available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website at [www.gawler.sa.gov.au](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au).

A printed copy may be purchased on request from the Council's Administration Centre.