



Action Plan for Walking

2019–2021 | Walking: for everyone, every day



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Our plan for walking: an easy choice for everyone, every day

Input from Queenslanders, key stakeholders, local governments and experts from around Australia and the world has helped to identify four priorities for walking:

- Planning for walkable communities and places
- Building connected and comfortable walking environments for all
- Encouraging more people to walk as part of their 'everyday'
- Working together to deliver for walking.

The action plan contains practical and achievable initiatives across these four priority areas, in which the whole Queensland Government will invest over the next two years to make walking an easy and obvious choice for Queenslanders.

When we talk about walking, we also include jogging, running and moving with the help of a mobility device (such as a wheelchair, mobility cane or a walking frame).

To achieve our vision for walking, we will work across government agencies, with local government, stakeholders, industry, and the private sector to deliver the actions required to get more people out walking.

This action plan is supported by a strategy and a *Walking in Queensland Report 2019*. The *Action Plan for Walking 2019–2021* will be reviewed and updated every two years and progress reported to ensure we are getting the most from our investments.

Queensland Walking Strategy suite



Our 10-year vision



Our actions for the next two years



Monitoring our progress



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Our action plan 2019–2021

The key things we need to do to make walking part of everyday routines have been ordered under the four priorities of the *Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029*. Each priority includes a number of action areas that are needed to achieve our vision to make walking an easy choice for everyone, every day.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will lead the majority of actions. The following departments will also lead actions as part of this plan:

- Department of Environment and Science (DES)
- Department of Health (DoH)
- Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HWQ)
- Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP)
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES)
- Queensland Treasury (QT) as the lead agency on behalf of the Cross River Rail Development Authority
- Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games (DITID).

TMR will work with the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are engaged in the *Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029*. Particular focus will be given to actions that can promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, increase participation in design and improve socio-economic benefits.

Most actions will be delivered in two years and many are already underway. Some long-term actions will continue over multiple years.

Items bolded and marked with an asterisk (*) also support the delivery of outcomes for bicycle riding in line with the *Queensland Cycling Strategy 2017–2027*.

Actions related to walking will also be delivered through other related strategies and policies including *Queensland's Road Safety Strategy 2015–2021*, *Queensland Tourism and Transport Strategy* and the Department of Transport and Main Roads' *Road Safety Policy*.

In 2021, a new action plan will be developed in consultation with stakeholders.





1. Planning for walkable communities and places

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Planning walkable communities					
1.1*	Release neighbourhood design and planning guidance that prioritises walking and healthy liveable communities.	DSDMIP	●		
1.2	Identify opportunities within the planning and design phase (including Ministerial Infrastructure Designations) to better define and enhance walking linkages within, into and around state schools.	DSDMIP	●		
1.3	Investigate and identify opportunities to embed walkability into the planning framework through policy review, including the <i>State Planning Policy</i> and other supporting instruments and regulation development, to better support local government planning schemes.	DSDMIP	●		
Action area: Planning walking precincts and connected networks					
1.4*	Research and adopt best practice guidelines for creating accessible connected walking precincts and network planning. Pilot in a variety of locations and settings including town centres, public transport hubs, schools and other activity centres.	TMR	●		



Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
1.5	Develop and release a walkability audit tool that will assist local governments and practitioners to identify opportunities and potential barriers to improved pedestrian connectivity, amenity and capacity, to support walking as a viable and accessible travel choice.	DSDMIP		●	
Action area: Integrating walking with public transport and other travel choices					
1.6*	Explore active transport requirements and opportunities within the future Mobility as a Service (MaaS) ecosystem and ensure walking and bicycle riding are considered in design thinking workshops for MaaS proofs of concept.	TMR	●		
1.7	Publish improved guidance to better inform infrastructure providers on how to incorporate accessible, universal design elements and principles into public transport infrastructure and surrounding precincts.	TMR		●	
1.8	Invest in signage and wayfinding improvements to improve legibility and connectivity around public transport stations.	TMR	●		
1.9*	Plan and deliver comfortable walking connections to Cross River Rail stations.	QT	●		



Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Designing facilities for all ages and abilities					
1.10	Support Austroads' update of national pedestrian design guidelines in line with good practice, including delivery of training on updated guidance.	TMR	●		
1.11	Develop and publish detailed Queensland supplements to Austroads guidelines including guidance on pedestrian wayfinding, modelling, safety at slip lanes and roundabouts, priority crossing treatment options, and coordinating traffic signals for pedestrian 'green wave' in high use areas.	TMR	●		
1.12	Research and publish guidance on innovative shading methods for walking routes and public places, as well as ways to address barriers to providing awnings and large shade trees.	TMR	●		
1.13	Develop a state Heatwave Risk Assessment, including potential risk treatments and controls for reducing risk from heatwave and future climate for people walking.	QFES	●		
1.14*	Update and promote <i>Complete Streets – Guidelines for urban street design</i> (IPWEAQ, 2010) to enable comfortable and green walking friendly streets to be implemented in Queensland, in collaboration with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEAQ).	DSDMIP		●	



2. Building connected, comfortable and safe walking environments for all

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Building connected and comfortable walking networks					
2.1	Implement a program of pilot projects to support walking such as connected network plans, minor infrastructure, amenity, shade and encouragement programs. Evaluate outcomes and publish case studies.	TMR	[Green bar spanning 2019–2020, 2020–2021, and Ongoing]		
2.2*	Invest \$20 million over four years through the <i>School Transport Infrastructure Program</i> (STIP) to prioritise safe school travel, including active travel, through a variety of infrastructure solutions.	TMR	[Green bar spanning 2019–2020, 2020–2021, and Ongoing]		
2.3*	Introduce Next Generation Traffic Signal Controller technology to provide a platform for exploring new ways of operating signals and new sensor technologies including to support active transport. Provide training in applying new technology.	TMR	[Green bar spanning 2019–2020 and 2020–2021]		
2.4	Explore, as part of the state wide key regional corridor signal optimisation planning project, ways to reduce pedestrian wait times at pedestrian crossings located on key regional corridors, especially in areas of higher pedestrian demand.	TMR	[Green bar spanning 2020–2021 and Ongoing]		
2.5	Support local governments through funding grants for bus stop facilities upgrades to improve accessibility of passenger transport services for everyone.	TMR	[Green bar spanning 2019–2020, 2020–2021, and Ongoing]		



Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Making roads and precincts safer					
2.6*	Implement lower speed limits in at least 20 locations over two years in high active transport (walking and bike riding) user areas. Publish case studies from demonstration projects at Cairns central business district and David Low Way at Coolum.	TMR	[Green bar]		
2.7*	Provide information and training that supports local governments to implement lower speed limits in and around schools, public transport and busy pedestrian areas.	TMR	[Green bar]		
2.8	Invest \$4.5 million over three years in smart crossings to improve convenience, accessibility, comfort and safety of signalised crossings for pedestrians. Up to 300 crossings to be upgraded in the first two years, beginning in 2019-20. Provide support by developing guidelines to help local governments to implement smart crossings on their roads.	TMR	[Green bar]		
2.9*	Incorporate best practice planning and design measures to improve pedestrian and bike rider safety and accessibility at rail level crossings, in consultation with key stakeholders.	TMR	[Green bar]		
2.10	Deliver projects in accordance with the <i>Road Safety Policy</i> (TMR, 2018) including providing for pedestrians and people with disability. Publish case studies of good practice and review the policy every three years.	TMR	[Green bar]		



Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Revitalising local economies					
2.11	Investigate potential for ‘quicker, lighter, cheaper’ improvements and initiatives, including reallocating road space in high demand pedestrian areas, to revitalise local streets and places. Publish findings.	TMR	[Green bar]		
2.12*	Identify opportunities to repurpose former highways and revitalise regional town centres for walking and bike riding when highway bypasses, ring roads and road realignments are being planned. Collaborate with partner organisations to seek funding for delivery.	TMR	[Green bar]		
Action area: Further developing our walking tracks and trails					
2.13	Deliver the <i>Eco Tourism Trails Program</i> across regions in Queensland in accordance with the <i>Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2016–2020</i> .	DITID	[Green bar]		



3. Encouraging more people to walk as part of their 'everyday'

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Developing a culture that supports walking					
3.1	Deliver road safety engagement and education campaigns through the 'StreetSmarts' initiative to build a respectful and safe driving culture by addressing specific road safety issues relating to walking.	TMR	[Green bar]		
3.2	Promote the road rules and educate Queenslanders about safe interactions between pedestrians and other road users as part of the <i>Road Rules Communication Action Plan</i> .	TMR	[Green bar]		
3.3	Pilot the use of inclusive mapping methods to enhance information for people with mobility impairments to access footpaths. Assess potential for further roll out.	TMR	[Green bar]		
Action area: Building and supporting walking habits for life					
3.4	Collate learnings from active school travel programs implemented in Australia and recommend options for implementation in Queensland.	TMR	[Green bar]		
3.5	Integrate walking for all into social marketing campaigns such as 'Healthier.Happier.' social media content and website (www.healthier.qld.gov.au), other relevant campaign websites, as well as via Queensland Health proactive media.	DoH	[Green bar]		



Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
3.6	Support Heart Foundation Walking and 10,000 Steps program to encourage walking through individual and workplace participation, community engagement and by creating supportive environments.	DoH	[Green bar]		
Action area: Building capability to deliver for walking					
3.7	Deliver training courses for planning and design professionals on pedestrian design. Part of the course will include experiencing travelling with a disability.	TMR	[Green bar]		
3.8	Identify training gaps and needs for planning, designing, constructing and maintaining walking infrastructure (including accessibility and <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> (DDA) issues). Identify and pilot suitable training to fill highest priority training needs and gaps.	TMR	[Green bar]		
Action area: Managing and marketing tourism and recreational experiences					
3.9	Promote new and existing walks in Queensland National Parks as part of the 'Life's Best Moments' campaign.	DES	[Green bar]		
3.10	Promote Queensland's multi-day Great Walks in collaboration with National Trust Australia (Queensland).	DES	[Green bar]		



4. Working together to deliver for walking

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Work in partnership to prioritise walking in government policy					
4.1	Develop a <i>Walking Infrastructure Policy</i> to make sure suitable provisions for walking are incorporated in transport projects in built up areas, including establishing a transport hierarchy that puts walking first in high pedestrian activity areas.	TMR			
4.2	Ensure that walking is included in efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders, reducing the risk factors associated with chronic disease (for example, low levels of physical activity such as walking) and reducing health inequities.	HWQ			
4.3	Investigate ways to support community advocacy on walking and accessibility.	TMR			
Action area: Investing in walking					
4.4	Prepare a business case to define the economic benefits for Queensland of increased investment in walking.	TMR			



Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2019–2020	2020–2021	Ongoing
Action area: Using evidence to guide decision-making about walking					
4.5	Identify gaps or deficiencies in data and evidence to support decision making about walking.	TMR	●		
4.6	Develop a model local government walking survey method to support and inform decision making about walking. Pilot in conjunction with selected urban and regional local governments.	TMR	●		
4.7	Research and adopt an agreed suite of indicators and criteria to measure the health of places including healthy and walkable design outcomes over time. Publish report on healthy place indicators for Queensland.	DoH	●		

