Action Plan for Walking

2022–2024 | Walking: for everyone, every day

Queensland Government

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Foreword

Queenslanders have told us they want to walk more as part of their 'everyday' – for transport, health and recreation.[1]

Whether moving on foot, with the help of a mobility device such as a wheelchair, or pushing a pram to shops, schools or public transport, walking is an integral part of our daily lives.

Our vision for walking is set out in the 10-year *Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029*. We want walking to be 'an easy choice for everyone, every day'.

Working collaboratively across government, with industry and the community, we delivered on 44 actions under the first *Action Plan for Walking 2019–2021*. They include releasing a new code for more walkable neighbourhoods, developing walking network plans with local governments, and supporting the establishment of the Queensland Walking Alliance as a new community voice for walking.

Our actions have laid a strong foundation for walking. COVID-19 has also given us all a renewed appreciation of the importance of walking to our lives and local communities.

This new *Action Plan for Walking 2022–2024* builds on the momentum created by the first action plan, especially as Queensland begins preparations to host the Olympics and Paralympics in 2032.

The Queensland Government will continue to encourage and deliver more walkable communities so that more people can enjoy the health, community, economic and environmental benefits of walking.

I look forward to continuing to work with Queenslanders to support more people of all ages and abilities to walk more now and in the future.

The Honourable Mark Bailey MP

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1. Market Facts. 2019. *Queensland Walking Survey, Survey Analysis Report Summary*. Brisbane. Report prepared for the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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

This second action plan under the *Queensland Walking Strategy 2019–2029* sets out the practical actions the Queensland Government will invest in from 2022–2024 to create more walkable communities and encourage more people to walk.

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

We collaborated widely with local government and our industry and community stakeholders to develop new actions that build on our previous work through the first *Action Plan for Walking 2019–2021* and to address emerging issues.

We will work hard to make it easier for Queenslanders to walk more through targeted actions across four priority areas 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.

We will update the action plan every two years as we work toward our vision of making walking an easy choice for everyone, every day.

We will also report on our progress and respond to changes so that we get the most from our investments.

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Queensland Walking Strategy suite

Our 10 year vision

Our actions for the next two years

Monitoring our progress

Queensland walking actions 2022–2024

The 35 actions in this plan are the key things we need to do over the next two years to support the four priorities for walking and make progress toward achieving our vision.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will lead the implementation of the *Action Plan for Walking 2022–2024* across government, with actions in the plan delivered by:

- TMR
- Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE)
- Department of Education (DoE)
- Office of the Queensland Government Architect (OQGA) – Department of Energy and Public Works (DEPW)
- Department of Environment and Science (DES)
- Department of Health (DoH)
- Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP)
- Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport (DTIS)
- Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (CRRDA)
- Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HW).

This action plan centres on our priorities for walking from 2022–2024, but it is not a complete list of everything we are doing to encourage more walking. It complements other Queensland Government policies, strategies and action plans including:

- *Queensland Road Safety Strategy 2022–2031* and *Queensland Road Safety Action Plan 2022–2024*
- *Queensland Cycling Strategy 2017–2027* and *Queensland Cycling Action Plan 2020–2022*
- TMR's *Accessibility and Inclusion Strategy.*

Most of the actions will be delivered within two years, with some already underway. Some long term actions will continue over multiple years. Four key actions have been carried forward from the first action plan:

- 1.9 Cross River Rail
- 2.2 speed limit reduction
- 2.4 smart crossings
- 4.1 Active Transport Infrastructure Policy.

1. Planning for walkable communities and places

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2022–2023	2023–2024	Ongoing
Action area: Planning walkable communities					
1.1	Develop a Movement and Place Policy as the first phase of a framework to incorporate placemaking in the planning, design and operation of Queensland's transport network.	TMR	██████		
1.2	Ensure the Queensland Government's whole-of-games operational and legacy planning for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games promotes strong active transport outcomes.	TMR	████████████████		
Action area: Planning walking precincts and connected networks					
1.3	Provide grant funding to councils to prepare Walking Network Plans that identify primary routes and potential projects that will improve walkability on the local government transport network. Plans will focus around destinations such as public transport stations, schools and town centres.	TMR	███████████		
1.4	Prepare Walking Network Plans in locations across Queensland to improve walkability on the state-controlled transport network.	TMR	███████████		
1.5	Pilot a new approach to transport planning for selected new school sites to ensure effective integration with local transport networks, including active transport networks.	DoE/TMR	███████████		

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Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2022–2023	2023–2024	Ongoing
1.6	Collaborate to improve walkability in suburbs with relatively high levels of social housing, with an initial focus on walking network planning. Promote the learnings within government.	DCHDE/ TMR	▬▬▬▬		
Action area: Integrating walking with public transport and other travel choices					
1.7	Integrate walking as a key transport mode in the planning and subsequent delivery of the Mobility as a Service (MaaS) mobile application.	TMR	▬▬▬▬		
1.8	Develop precinct transport plans to ensure quality walking and bike riding connections around targeted public transport nodes.	TMR	▬▬▬▬		
1.9	Plan and design comfortable walking connections to future Cross River Rail (CRR) stations.	CRRDA	▬▬▬▬▬▬		
1.10	Plan comfortable walking connections in CRR Priority Development Area (PDA) development schemes, to be delivered over the medium to long term in future CRR Station Precincts.	CRRDA	▬▬▬▬▬▬		

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			2022–2023	2023–2024	Ongoing
Action area: Designing facilities for all ages and abilities and a range of environmental conditions					
1.11	Prepare and publish inclusive mapping for key precincts to incorporate the access needs of people with disability. Work across locations including regional communities and selected Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games precincts.	TMR	▬▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬▬	
1.12	Fund state-wide disability advocacy and peak services to advocate for, and promote, physical access and community inclusion.	DSDSATSIP	▬▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬▬	
1.13	Develop policy on shade provision in transport infrastructure projects, including testing approaches to setting and measuring shade targets and practical implementation guidance.	TMR	▬▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬▬	
1.14	Investigate street tree planning/planting dimensions to deliver heat, shade and sun protection benefits to contribute to the evidence base of the Healthy Places, Healthy People Initiative.	DoH	▬▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬▬	
1.15	Provide long-term micro-climate heatwave and thermal comfort projections, developed through the Heat, Health and Human Environment pilot project, to stakeholders such as local governments to identify and design walkable communities.	DES	▬▬▬		

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

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2022–2023	**2023–2024**	**Ongoing**
**Action area: Making roads and precincts safer**					
2.1	Invest $14 million over two years to prioritise safety for vulnerable road users, including people walking, through the Targeted Road Safety Program.	TMR	██████████████		
2.2	Work with local governments to investigate and implement speed limit reductions in areas with high levels of walking and bike riding activity.	TMR	███████████		
2.3	Investigate and implement measures that improve the safety of Personal Mobility Device users and their interaction with people walking.	TMR	██████		
2.4	Evaluate results from TMR smart crossing pilots and roll the technology out across the state.	TMR	██████████████		

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			2022–2023	2023–2024	Ongoing
Action area: Building connected and comfortable walking networks					
2.5	Encourage and support local governments to identify opportunities to create more walkable communities through initiatives such as the Healthy Places, Healthy People framework.	HW	████████		
2.6	Using the Healthy Places, Healthy People framework, research and report on built and natural environment features to create more walkable places in selected locations.	DoH	████████		
2.7	Work with local governments to increase the uptake of recycled content in new or upgraded footpaths, bikeways, walking tracks and boardwalks and infrastructure such as shade structures, playgrounds and seating.	DES	████████████		
Action area: Further developing our walking tracks and trails					
2.8	Work with other agencies and partners to deliver the Queensland Ecotourism Trails program including the design and construction of sections of the Wangetti Trail and the strategic business case for the Paluma to Wallaman Falls Trail.	DTIS	████████		

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

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2022–2023	2023–2024	Ongoing
Action area: Developing a culture that supports walking					
3.1	Work with school communities, local governments and community groups through the Safe School Travel program to encourage more people to walk and ride to and from school.	TMR	▬▬▬		
3.2	Deliver communication that influences individuals, communities and organisations to participate and invest in walking through channels such as proactive media, social media, blogs and e-newsletters.	HW	▬▬▬		
3.3	Promote the road rules and educate Queenslanders about safe interactions between pedestrians and other road users as part of regular social media posts.	TMR	▬▬▬		
Action area: Building and supporting walking habits for life					
3.4	Deliver physical activity programs in Queensland communities, such as 10,000 Steps, to encourage more people to walk as part of their 'everyday'.	HW	▬▬▬		
3.5	Support walking tours to encourage the community to explore their urban environment through the Open House Program across Queensland.	OQGA - DEPW	▬▬		
Action area: Building capability to deliver for walking					
3.6	Deliver online and face-to-face training, such as the Walking Infrastructure Masterclass, to build professional capability.	TMR	▬▬▬		
3.7	Recognise high-quality urban design projects that support walking and cycling as part of the Minister's Award for Urban Design.	OQGA - DEPW	▬▬		

4. Working together to deliver for walking

Action	Description	Lead	Delivery timeframe		
			2022–2023	2023–2024	Ongoing
Action area: Work in partnership to prioritise walking in government policy					
4.1	Adopt a TMR Active Transport Infrastructure Policy to plan and deliver walking infrastructure as part of projects on the state-controlled transport network. Publish case studies of effective policy implementation.	TMR	▬▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬▬	
4.2	Support community advocacy for walking through initiatives such as: ■ Queensland Walking Alliance ■ Queensland Walks Month ■ walking resource hub ■ other events and initiatives to amplify the community voice for walking.	TMR	▬▬▬▬▬		
Action area: Investing in walking					
4.3	Invest $2.5 million between 2021–22 and 2022–23 to deliver initiatives to support walking for transport, health and recreation including: ■ local government grants to plan walking networks ■ walking network planning on the state controlled transport network ■ development and delivery of technical guidance and training for transport professionals ■ support for community advocacy.	TMR	▬▬▬▬▬		
Action area: Using evidence to guide decision-making about walking					
4.4	Research how telecommunications data can be used to monitor and evaluate walking and other physical activity at a population level. Share findings.	HW	▬▬▬▬▬	▬▬▬▬▬	
4.5	Update TMR's active transport cost-benefit analysis methodologies and tools to better capture the economic benefits of walking infrastructure as part of transport projects.	TMR	▬▬▬▬▬		