



City of Salisbury Values: Respectful, Accountable, Collaborative, Helpful

## Footpath Policy

Adopted by:	Council
Responsible Division:	Urban, Recreation and Natural Assets
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### 1. Purpose

The City of Salisbury is committed to providing a safe, accessible and well-maintained footpath network linked by accessible kerb ramps. Council's footpath policy provides guidelines for the location and type of footpaths to be constructed or reconstructed.

This Policy sets out guidelines for provision of footpaths constructed with council allocated and developer contributor funds.

### 2. Scope

This Policy is applicable to all built-up areas within the City of Salisbury.

### 3. Legislative Requirements and Corporate Policy Context

*Local Government Act 1999*

*Disability Discrimination Act 1992 – Section 23 'Access to Premises'*

## 4. Interpretation/Definitions

**Footpath:** A path for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Built-up:** An area consisting of mainly housing, commercial or industry, with little open space. Refers generally to the City area east of Port Wakefield Road.

**Accessible:** The ability to be accessed by all, and more specifically those with disabilities or limited mobility. In particular this requires that footpath provision includes accessible kerb ramps for access by pedestrians using various mobility aids and by people with children in prams or strollers.

## 5. Policy Statements

5.1 Council supports active transport (walking and cycling) as a preferred method of travel within the City to benefit the health and wellbeing of our residents and to minimise the impact of transportation on the environment.

5.2 Council aims to provide a footpath network that is convenient, safe, and easy to use.

5.3 As a general principle, Council will renew/repair failing infrastructure before providing new infrastructure.

5.4 The nominal minimum level of service for a new footpath is for a 1.2 metre wide path constructed to at least industry best practice.

5.5 The level of service for maintenance of existing footpaths is based on a risk approach, with audit frequency and intervention levels set in the Asset Management Plan.

5.6 Where physically practical, Council will provide a footpath:

5.6.1 On both sides of:

5.6.1.1 roads near schools, retirement villages, sports grounds and other public facilities being significant pedestrian generators; and roads with carriageways wider than 12 m or with central medians.

5.6.1.2 roads abutting commercial or shopping areas

5.6.1.3 bus routes;

5.6.1.4 local roads classified as primary collectors;

5.6.1.5 arterial roads;

5.6.1.6 cycling routes where bike lanes terminate.

5.6.1.7 Within and around High Profile Zones and Precincts

- 5.6.2 On one side of:
  - 5.6.2.1 through Local roads, and on the same side of the road as street lighting where possible, and
  - 5.6.2.2 cul de sacs greater than 60 m long to the centre of the court bowl and 30 metres long to the centre of the court bowl for any new development.
- 5.7 Footpaths shall be constructed generally as follows:
  - 5.7.1 on arterial and primary collector roads a minimum footpath width of 1.5metres with a preferred width of 1.8 metres where verge width permits.
  - 5.7.2 on local roads a minimum footpath width of 1.2 metres with a preferred width of 1.5 where verge width permits.
  - 5.7.3 Within and around key zones and precincts a minimum width of 1.5metres with a preferred width of 1.8 metres.
- 5.8 Prior to installation of footpaths within residential streets, residents will be consulted by mail and given the opportunity to express their views. Residents will be advised of the consultation outcome and where objections exceed two thirds of residents directly fronting the proposed footpath, the construction will not proceed. Where feedback received from residents via mail is divided, a street meeting will take place and Elected Members be invited to attend.
- 5.9 Council may defer the construction of a footpath on a street where the footpath:
  - 5.9.1 does not form an essential link within the network;
  - 5.9.2 has no persons with disabilities or mobility issues using the street as a pedestrian/ access link; and
  - 5.9.3 is in low volume local roads, such as cul-de-sacs, the residents may choose (clear majority) to have no footpath, as the road has the look and feel of a shared use road
- 5.10 Priority
  - 5.10.1 New footpaths shall be provided by priority based on:
    - 5.10.1.1 the needs of people with disabilities or mobility issues.
    - 5.10.1.2 connection to High Profile zones and precincts
    - 5.10.1.3 proximity to high pedestrian generators, such as Schools, Aged Care facilities, Shopping Centres, Bus Stops/ Routes and Reserves
    - 5.10.1.4 importance within the footpath network;
    - 5.10.1.5 existing usage; and its potential usage;

- 5.11 New paths, shared pathways or trails in reserves shall be considered based upon the connection to the existing network, potential usage and broader regional connections or statewide programmes. Shared pathways shall have a minimum width of 2.5 metres or as specified in Austroad Guidelines.
- 5.12 The implementation of the footpath construction program is dependent on the budget available as guided by the appropriate Asset Management Plan(s), community needs, and consultation with Ward Councillors and the Mayor.
- 5.13 Resident requests for new footpaths/kerb ramps not included in the annual Footpath Construction Program will be considered for inclusion if:
  - 5.13.1 the request meets the priority criteria listed in item 5.10 above, and
  - 5.13.2 Funding is available
- 5.14 To ensure the highest priorities are considered in a consistent manner, such requests will be collated over a three month period and reviewed by the Footpath Request Evaluation Team (FRET) quarterly.
- 5.15 FRET is required to provide a quarterly report to the Asset Management Sub Committee, presenting its deliberations to the Sub Committee.
- 5.16 Any appeals to decisions of FRET are to be reported to the Asset Management Sub Committee.

## 6. Related Policies and Procedures

- 6.1 City of Salisbury relevant Asset Management Plan
- 6.2 AS 1428 "Design for Access and Mobility"
- 6.3 Austroad Guidelines

## 7. Approval and Change History

Version	Approval Date	Approval By	Change
6	27 November 2023	Council (0635/2024)	New Policy Template Format

## 8. Availability

- 8.1 The Policy is available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au)
- 8.2 The Policy will be available for inspection without charge at the Civic Centre during ordinary business hours and a copy may be purchased at a fee as set annually by Council.

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## 9. Review

This Policy will be reviewed:

- If a new Policy - within 12 months of a Council election and thereafter as necessary; or
- The frequency dictated in legislation; or
- Earlier in the event of changes to legislation or related Policies and Procedures; or
- If deemed necessary by Council.

## Further Information

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