



## Living Locally 20 Minute Neighbourhood Pilot Program

### Plan Melbourne 2017-2050

*Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* is a long-term plan to accommodate Melbourne's future growth. The plan is guided by the principle of 20-minute neighbourhoods.

The 20-minute neighbourhood is all about 'living locally'—giving people the ability to meet most of their daily needs within a 20-minute walk from home, with access to safe cycling and local public transport options.

Research shows that 20 minutes is the maximum time people are willing to walk to access daily needs locally. This represents an 800m walk from home to a destination, and back again.

### 20-Minute Neighbourhood Pilot Program

In January 2018, the Minister for Planning launched the 20-Minute Neighbourhood Pilot Program to test the practical delivery of 20-minute neighbourhoods.

The program is being delivered in two stages:

- Stage 1 Existing Neighbourhoods (complete)
- Stage 2 Greenfield Neighbourhoods

The projects are being delivered in partnership with the Victorian Planning Authority, local government, Victoria Walks, Resilient Melbourne and the Heart Foundation.



### Stage 1 Existing neighbourhoods

#### Croydon South

Led by Maroondah City Council's Council and Community Planning team, the project focused on developing a neighbourhood plan to manage growth and liveability.

Key opportunities for Croydon South included:

- streetscape improvements
- enhancing connections to and amenity of Tarralla Creek
- exploring housing diversity options.

#### Strathmore

Led by Moonee Valley City Council, the project focused on delivering a high-quality public realm and open space, supporting council's strategic plan MV2040.

Key opportunities for Strathmore include:

- improving pedestrian safety and access
- providing bicycle lanes connecting to the activity centre
- support housing diversity.

#### Sunshine West

Led by Brimbank City Council's Economic Development division, the project focused on developing business strategies to support a thriving local economy.

Key opportunities for Sunshine West include:

- encouraging 'pop up' shops and street trading
- exploring streetscape improvements
- supporting public art installations and 'creative spaces.'

### Next steps

The Victorian Government will work with the councils to turn the neighbourhood opportunities into a reality.

Each council is exploring strategies to scale up the approach to other neighbourhoods and are developing tools to support broader implementation.

## 20-Minute Neighbourhoods Creating a more liveable Melbourne

A report detailing key findings and recommendations from the neighbourhood projects and wider program has been released. The report establishes a 'roadmap' for government to deliver 20-minute neighbourhoods.

The recommendations are grouped in themes:

### Policy — Embedding 20-minute neighbourhoods in decision-making

- 1 Review the Victoria Planning Provisions to strengthen 20-minute neighbourhood policies
- 2 Develop guidelines, resources and evidence to support implementation
- 3 Embed an approach to delivering 20-minute neighbourhoods in infrastructure projects
- 4 Improve planning of Neighbourhood Activity Centres
- 5 Monitor neighbourhood liveability — measure impact of planning on public health and wellbeing
- 6 Investigate a process to streamline approval of best practice development that delivers a 20-minute neighbourhood—'Green light initiative'

### Place — Guidance to design liveable places

- 7 Scale up the pilot program and investigate funding opportunities
- 8 Support delivery of pilot program opportunities
- 9 Support implementation of the Movement and Place framework

### Partnerships — Connecting government, industry and communities

- 10 Encourage better neighbourhood design— density done well
- 11 Promote 20-minute neighbourhoods
- 12 Encourage councils to take a coordinated place-based approach
- 13 Support improved whole-of-government coordination of 20-minute neighbourhoods

The Victorian Government will evaluate the recommendations and explore implementation approaches with local government, industry and communities.

## Stage 2 Greenfield neighbourhoods

The Stage 2 research projects are being led by Monash and RMIT Universities. Coordinated by Resilient Melbourne, the research will deliver a:

- pedestrian report recommending strategies to deliver a walkable Beveridge North West
- academic literature review of liveability outcomes in greenfield areas
- social Infrastructure report recommending strategies to stage delivery of infrastructure in Mambourin
- economic assessment of the benefits of 20-minute neighbourhoods
- assessment of the social and health impacts of the shopping centre development model in growth areas.

A summary of the reports will be released later in 2019.

The research will support the review of the Precinct Structure Plan Guidelines. These guidelines will embed delivery of 20-minute neighborhoods in planning, particularly in greenfield neighbourhoods.

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