

Our Objectives

To promote the City of Unley's Active Ageing Strategy to provide well designed and maintained pedestrian footpaths to support safe walking streetscapes that encourage independence, participation and physical activity for people of all ages.

Why Implement Age Friendly Streetscapes?

An Age Friendly City benefits everyone, not just older people. Footpaths that are free from obstructions help parents with prams, or younger people with disabilities, as well as older people, to move around freely.

Walking is one of the best forms of physical activity and is heavily influenced by a well planned and maintained streetscape. People are more likely to walk where they feel comfortable and where the environment is pedestrian-friendly.

MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Maintenance schedules should be developed to ensure the agreed level of services are met, to deliver a safe and age friendly streetscape.





When you see this sign, you have arrived at a street identified to meet our commitment to age friendly streetscapes.

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Design Considerations*

LIGHTING

ELEMENTS: BRIGHTNESS, LOCATION

DEFINITION

 Lighting standard should match the road hierarchy classification and not impact on the usable corridor width

PURPOSE

Provide a level of illumination to ensure safety and improved visibility for users

STREET FURNITURE

ELEMENTS: BINS, ARTWORK, A FRAMES, DISPLAYS

DEFINITION

 Type and location should support the age friendly street environment

PURPOSE

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Promote comfort and

support access for a

wide range of users

Ensure safe and convenient access to facilities within the community

SIGNAGE

ELEMENTS: ROUTE/STREET INFORMATION, CONSIDER VISION IMPAIRMENT

DEFINITION

- Signage to meet access and mobility requirements (colour contrast, plain fonts and large lettering)
- Clearly visible and comprehensive and on non-reflective surfaces

ELEMENT: AGE FRIENDLY MARKERS ON PAVEMENT THAT ARE EASILY UNDERSTOOD

DEFINITION

Marker to meet age friendly requirements (colour/font size)

PURPOSE

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facilities

Support wayfinding, and

access to services and

Highlight and promote connectives of safe walking routes between destinations

VEGETATION

ELEMENT: CLEARANCE

DEFINITION

 Vegetation should be maintained to the required level of service to ensure compliance in providing a clear path both vertically and horizontally

ELEMENT: TREES

DEFINITION

- Council to provide a tree lined streetscape where possible to provide shade and canopy for users
- Street tree selection should give consideration to species that would minimise risk to users (doesn't drop fruit/nuts/pods etc)

ELEMENT: 2ND TIER GREENING

DEFINITION

 Any new plantings should give consideration to safety and security of all footpath users (site distance and clear path)

PURPOSE

Improve street appearance and useability

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Promote attractiveness and encourage strolling and sitting within the streetscape

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FOOTPATH

ELEMENTS: WIDTH, EVENNESS, CROSSING POINTS

DEFINITION

- Where possible a footpath width of 1.8m should be considered on at least one side of the street
- Council should try and achieve a minimum 1.5m wide footpath where possible with consideration to trees and permanent infrastructure
- Footpaths to be maintained to an agreed level of service across the City of Unley
- Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant pram ramps should be provided where possible
- Handrails at age friendly crossing points should be considered
- DDA tactiles should be provided where at grade crossings are provided

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DEVICES

ELEMENTS: **PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS, CROSSINGS**

DEFINITION

 Conveniently located where safe access is required, e.g. shops, parks, retirement homes, near transport facilities such as bus stops and railway stations

PURPOSE

Ensure safe and convenient access to facilities within the community

ELEMENTS: ROUNDABOUTS, SPEED HUMPS, PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

DEFINITION

 Provide traffic calming measure to improve the amenity and safety in the local areas by reducing speeds

PURPOSE

Provide traffic friendly streets to promote comfort and safety

SEATING

ELEMENT: **AGE FRIENDLY BENCH TYPE**

DEFINITION

- Compliant seating should be provided at an interval suitable for the environment and users (approx. 500m) with arms and back rest
- Location should give consideration of shade and clear path for other users

PURPOSE

Promote resting points and areas for congregation and social interactions

*Access Design - Ensure all uses are accessible and comply with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992.*