

# Technical direction

For traffic and transport practitioners

POLICY – GUIDELINES – ADVICE



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## PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR WALKING AND CYCLING

### 1. General

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) recognises the importance of walking and cycling in the creation of sustainable neighbourhoods and cities. Urban planning has an important role to play. At the broadest scale, it influences the relationship between transport and urban form, affecting the length of day-to-day trips, while at the local level it can ensure designs and facilities are provided that are supportive of walking and cycling.

Currently there is a wide diversity of practice in the way that NSW local councils address walking and cycling issues in the planning of land use and control of development. To improve practice in planning for walking and cycling, the RTA and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR) have jointly developed and published a new document, *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling*.

The use of *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* is mandated by RTA Core Business Policy Number PN027.

### 2. Purpose of the Guidelines

The guidelines will help land use planners and related professionals to improve the consideration of pedestrians' and cyclists' requirements in their work.

The guidelines have been designed to provide a walking and cycling focus for the NSW Government's *Integrating Land Use and Transport Planning Policy Package*, and to provide a planning complement to the RTA's *NSW Bicycle Guidelines* as well as to the RTA's *How to Prepare a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan*.

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### 3. Access to Guidelines

A copy of the *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* is enclosed.

The Guidelines are also available from the INTRANET or from the DIPNR website at:  
<http://www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au/cycling.html>

Alternatively, copies can be obtained from the RTA Information Reference Centre (PO Box K198 Haymarket NSW 1238; Tel: (02) 8837 0198, Fax: (02) 8837 0010 or Email: [Library@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Library@rta.nsw.gov.au))

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