

Policy P501 Paths - Provision and Construction

Responsible Business Unit/s	Engineering Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Engineering Services
Affected Business Unit/s	Engineering Services

Policy Objectives

To define the minimum standards required for the provision and construction of paths in both residential and commercial areas.

Policy Scope

This Policy applies to the Engineering Services Business Unit and the wider community who use the paths.

Policy Statement

All new or replacement paths are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the Austroads: *Guide to– Road Design 6A: Pedestrian and Cyclist Paths 2021*.

The needs of people with disabilities will be considered in accordance with the Standards Association of Australia Publications AS 1428.1 *Design for Access and Mobility, Part 1 - General requirements for access—New building work* and AS 1428.4.1 *Design for Access and Mobility – Part 4.1 - Means to assist the orientation of people with vision impairment – Tactile ground surface indicators*.

The planning, construction and provision of paths needs to take into account the principles of *The Australian Pedestrian Charter* as endorsed by the Pedestrian Council of Australia.

In accord with the above:

- 1) The minimum standard for the construction of paths within the City is concrete with a minimum thickness of 100mm and a minimum width of 1.5 metres. A lesser width of 1.2m (nominal) will be used at the discretion of the Director Infrastructure Services where site specific conditions prevent a 1.5m path being provided; and
- 2) Paths constructed of bonded materials other than concrete (eg: brick pavers, clay pavers, concrete pavers and coloured asphalt) may be used in locations other than commercial precincts and commercial zones on request and subject to:
 - a. the approval of the Director Infrastructure Services;
 - b. the materials being the industry accepted standard for pedestrian areas and laid in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and council's standards; and

c. the cost of the difference being borne by the applicant.

- 3) The provision of new paths within road reserves or the replacement of existing slab paths is to be in accordance with the following schedule:

Road Classification	Path Provision
Residential Local Access*	One side
Local Distributor*	One side
District Distributor	Both sides
Primary Distributor	Both sides

*For Local Access Local Distributor Roads the Director Infrastructure Services is authorised to:

- place a path on both sides if site specific facilities such as local shops, schools, bus routes, etc. necessitate such: or
 - resolve which side of the road reserve a path is to be placed or remain where only one path is required.
- 4) Existing slab paths are to be progressively upgraded in accordance with the Path Replacement Programme.

Legislation / Local Law Requirements

Not Applicable

Other Relevant Policies / Key Documents

P502: Cycling Infrastructure

Austroads: "Guide to Road Design 6A: Pedestrian and Cyclist Paths 2021".

AS 1428.1 Design for Access and Mobility, Part 1 - *General requirements for access—New building work*

AS 1428.1 Design for Access and Mobility, *Part 4.1 - Means to assist the orientation of people with vision impairment – Tactile ground surface indicators*

The Australian Pedestrian Charter.

City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031