



## **COUNCIL POLICY**

### ***FOOTPATH PAVING***

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Footpaths form a major part of the public realm and their quality has a direct impact on the pedestrian experience. Ensuring that footpaths are safe, attractive and well maintained will enhance the pedestrian environment and help to sustain activity and vitality throughout the City.

The Footpath Paving Policy aims to provide design principles that will guide the creation of a high quality pedestrian environment and further contribute to the development of an attractive and vibrant public realm for the City of Adelaide.

The benefits to the City of coordinated, well designed and maintained footpaths include:

- Public pride and appreciation of the importance of streets and public spaces
- Public recognition of a distinct identity, reinforcing a strong and unique sense of place for the City
- Reduced and predictable maintenance costs
- Cost effective and controlled quality of pavement surfaces
- Safe walking and access conditions

Note: This document does not address paths within the Park Lands. These will be covered by the Park Lands Paths and Trails Policy.

## **2. POLICY OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Policy are to:

- Achieve a legible and high quality public realm
- Set a paving standard that enhances the City's role as a state capital
- Address disabled access standards

## **3. POLICY STATEMENTS**

3.1 Footpath paving to contribute to the creation of a sense of place in the City

3.1.1 Footpaths to be paved using materials traditionally associated with the City to reinforce Adelaide's unique sense of place and North Adelaide's historic character.

3.1.2 The size and spacing of paving patterns to be appropriate to the scale of the street and the surrounding built form.

3.1.3 Paving materials to emphasise the hierarchy of the streets in order to unify and reinforce the City grid.

3.2 Footpath paving to be constructed using quality materials maintained to a consistently high standard

- 3.3 Footpaths to provide ease of movement for everyone, including people with different degrees of disability

#### **4. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND CORPORATE POLICY CONTEXT**

In adopting this policy, it is recognised that there are specific legislative requirements to be met as well as other Corporate goals.

This Policy is to be implemented in conjunction with the Council's current Strategic Management Plan and other relevant policies and strategies including:

- Integrated Movement Strategy
- Streets, Squares and Park Lands: Adelaide's Public Realm
- Street Tree Planting Policy
- Disability Access Action Plan
- North Adelaide Public Realm Policy and Operating Guidelines

#### **5. MONITORING & REVIEW**

The effectiveness of this policy will be measured by:

- The extent to which new paving work complies with the standards set by the Footpath Paving Policy
- Positive feedback from users on the quality of the paved environment

The policy will be reviewed in 2010.