

## Q&A's 20-minute neighbourhoods – pilot

**What is a 20-minute neighbourhood?** A 20-minute neighbourhood is a walkable neighbourhood, where residents can access most of their daily needs including local services and facilities within a 20-minute journey from home.

**Does the 20-minute journey include cycling and local transport?** Yes, although this is not to extend your trip outside your local neighbourhood, but only as an alternative for the same local walking trip. Some people may prefer to cycle and some people may not be able to cycle or walk so local transport maybe needed.

**What is the pilot program?** The pilot program is a council led program funded through a grant from Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) and with DELWP oversight. It will also involve input, advice and assistance from DELWP, Victoria Walks and the Heart Foundation. The pilot will:

- Provide an on-the-ground demonstration project for other councils to act as a flagship approach to 20-minute neighbourhood planning in Melbourne
- Inform the development of user-friendly resources and tools for other councils to draw on in implementing 20-minute neighbourhoods in their areas (to be shared through a dedicated DELWP web site)
- Demonstrate a best practice community partnership approach utilising state-of-the-art engagement such as 'place-making' and use of innovative engagement tools (including online tools, with early and continuous involvement from the community to establish a sense of ownership for the project)
- Inform/update strategic planning and urban design guidelines for the neighbourhoods in line with 20-minute neighbourhood policies
- Identify challenges to implementation and potential solutions (including local and state government barriers to implementation)
- Identify actions including quick wins and longer-term actions to improve neighbourhoods (identify responsibility and future funding estimates)
- Inform how we measure the success of 20-minute neighbourhoods, such as through the development of a 20-minute neighbourhood 'scorecard' and/or neighbourhood index
- Promote a wider understanding among council, the community, and the general public of Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and 20-minute neighbourhoods
- Identify and involve the private sector (i.e. developers) to gain a private sector perspective.

**Why are the Heart Foundation and Victoria Walks involved?** These two non-government organisations have carried out extensive work and research in areas related to walkability and quality, healthy design. The Heart Foundation was also involved in work to develop the 20-minute neighbourhood policy during the refresh of *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050*.

**Who is participating in the pilot program?** Along with Victoria Walks and the Heart foundation, three councils have been provided grants to participate in the pilot, these councils are Brimbank, Moonee Valley and Maroondah.

**How much was the grant and what will it be used for?** Each council was awarded a \$100,000 grant, this money will be used for delivering the following:

- Consultation Process Reports
- Catchment mapping
- Place making events
- Consultation results reports
- Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements proposals
- Planning Reports
- Findings Reports
- Evaluation & Acquittal
- End of Pilot Forums

**Where are the pilot neighbourhoods?** Each council is applying a unique approach to the pilot program, Moonee Valley have identified the neighbourhood of Strathmore as the focus of the pilot, Brimbank and Maroondah are looking at several neighbourhoods.

**How did you choose the councils that are participating?** An Expression of Interest (EOI) process was undertaken in 2017, this process invited several councils to participate, based on previous involvement with the State on developing this policy and key neighbourhood characteristics. Three councils were chosen from this limited EOI based on the quality of the response to the issues set out in the EOI, the ability to test different issues in different locations and councils' demonstrated ability to deliver in accordance with the EOI criteria.

**What is the timing of the pilot program?** The pilot will run for one year, from March 2018 until March 2019.

**Where can I find out more information?** Further information and updates can be found here: <http://www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au/current-projects/20-minute-neighbourhoods>