

Footpath Replacement – Residential Streets Policy



Town of Cottesloe

1. Objectives

The Town of Cottesloe aims to replace pre-cast concrete slab footpaths with in-situ concrete in residential areas to improve access, public safety and amenity and provide universal access for all users including people with prams, children, the elderly and people with disabilities.

2. Policy

Various factors influence the priority of replacement of concrete slab footpaths. These include:

- condition rating
- history of repairs; for example, tree roots, vehicles, building works
- usage levels
- proximity to pedestrian generators/attractors
- User needs and age groupings; for example, aged persons homes, hospitals.
- Existing utility services, for example, underground power, water mains, telecommunications.
- Single or parallel footpaths, for example, a majority of streets have footpaths on both verges.

The minimum width of a new in-situ concrete footpath in a residential street will be 1.5 metres, increasing to 2 metres where increased use and traffic generators, for example; shopping centres, schools, hospitals, aged persons complexes etc. justify this increased width. Major access routes, for example; from the railway stations, to the Cottesloe beach area, will also require an increased width.

In assessing the factors, the intent is to avoid replacement of existing serviceable slab footpaths with a low maintenance history ahead of higher priority paths. On this basis, condition rating and history of repairs will have the highest weighting for priority.

Usage levels, pedestrian generators and attractors, user needs and age groupings are prioritised as follows:

- aged persons hospitals/homes complex
- medical centres
- schools
- local shops
- parks/reserves

Where there are footpaths on both sides of the road within a street block where one of the above facilities is located, preference is to be given to the footpath replacement on the side which abuts the facility.

Following adoption of the annual program, the residents abutting the footpaths to be replaced will be advised in writing of the Council resolution.

Prior to commencement of works, a minimum of one week notice will be provided to abutting residents detailing the extent and duration of works.

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