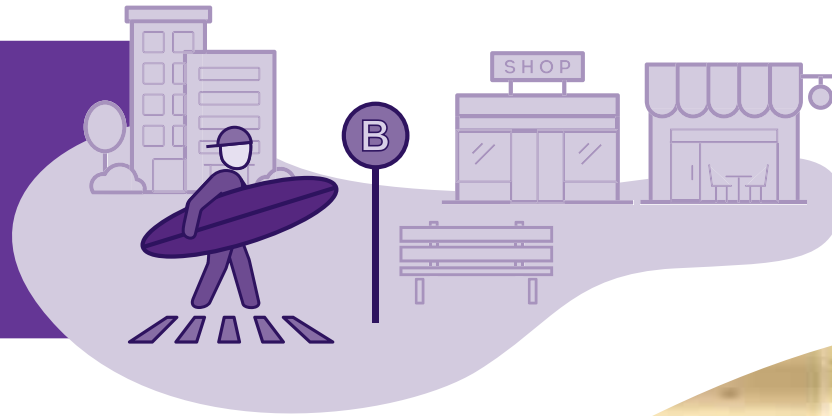


## Theme 1. Accessible and Liveable Places



## Our Objective

Enhancing our existing centres and planning our new urban developments with integrated transport solutions, wide footpaths that make walking and cycling the first choice in moving around the neighbourhood, creating vibrant connected places that support sustainable growth and improved quality of life.

### Background

Transport policies are developed by Council together with the State Government and influence the location and distribution of different land uses (e.g. whether residential, commercial, retail, industrial or a combination of all of these land uses occur in a local area).

By shaping the pattern of development in our existing and new centres and influencing the location, scale, design and mix of land uses, Council's integrated transport and land use planning can help deliver places that are accessible, liveable, vibrant and environmentally sustainable.

Our land-use planning decisions strongly influence where and how people live, work and play. These decisions have historically been based on car travel in the Northern Beaches. To make practical improvements we need to re-evaluate the way we plan our communities to think about how they will connect to the local area and to the rest of Sydney to make the most of opportunities in employment, services and recreation.

Through our development controls and broad strategic planning initiatives we can actively contribute to the direction of planning at a local level. Through collaboration with NSW Department of Planning and Environment and Transport for NSW, we can also influence on large scale precincts at a regional level.

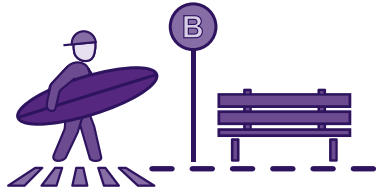
#### Implementing The Strategy

- Housing Strategy (2020)
- Employment Strategy (2020)
- New Northern Beaches Local Environmental Plan (2021)
- Place Plans for our villages and town centres (various)

“ We need to reduce reliance on the car by providing good alternative means of transportation.<sup>17</sup> ”

“ Necessary to create car-free spaces, improve community culture and reduce reliability on cars.<sup>18</sup> ”

<sup>17-18</sup> Community Quotes about Development and Integrating Transport



### Community Attitudes about Accessible and Liveable Places

- Perceived 'over development' on the Northern Beaches and that additional housing or commercial developments will stress existing transport corridors.
- Activating town centres will provide greater local job opportunities and reduce the need to commute out of the area for work.
- Well-designed urban development integrated with different transport modes is supported.

### Our Accessible and Liveable Future Directions

1. **Create and enhance “Places for People” that are integrated with public transport, creating vibrant, connected places with wide footpaths, safe cycling options and where the car is not the first option.**
2. Implement well designed and sustainable urban development plans for existing places and new centres, to reduce the need to travel and supporting local jobs and the economy.
3. Deliver walking links including wider paths to destinations from both residential areas and transport hubs.
4. Deliver a 30 minute connection between strategic centres or connection to the metropolitan centre.
5. Focus local development controls on supporting public transport and active travel implementation in new developments, including supporting the introduction of new technologies and infrastructure for electric vehicles.



### What will this look like in 2038?

- Our villages and centres are designed for people with frequent public transport and safe walking and cycling opportunities
- We are not dependent on cars to enjoy the Northern Beaches lifestyle as what we need is close by and easier to access by public transport, walking or cycling
- More residents access jobs and services within 30 minutes of home
- We are a smart community and use technology to make it easier to move around.

“ Well-designed density delivers amenity for the community.<sup>19</sup>

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