

# City of Whittlesea

- A growing municipality in the north of Melbourne, approx. 500 sq km
- Current population: 132,000  
Estimated pop in 2030: 240,000
- Designated growth area in Melbourne 2030.
- Culturally diverse, high proportion of young families
- Public transport infrastructure lacking in new areas



# Planning for Walkability

- SEPA project
  - workforce development
  - policy development
  - partnership development
- Matrix of Like Design Considerations
  - unified set of design criteria
  - Access, CPTED, Shade, SEPA

# Healthy public policy

- Municipal Public Health Plan
- Shade Policy
- Disability Action Plan
- Whittlesea Walking Strategy (draft)
- Municipal Strategic Statement: to include policy statement on walkability

# Walkable neighbourhoods (NOT!)



**Mill Park**

# Healthy built environments Aurora - Epping North

Most homes within:

- 200 m of a park, 400m of bus stop
- 800 m from shops, schools, community centres
- 1.5m footpaths, both sides. Wider footpaths (2.5m) for high traffic areas near activity centres, schools, shops
- Network of shared paths will link community facilities
- Higher density living, public transport network

# Walking in Whittlesea....

programs – planning – policy - infrastructure



# Walkability Indicators Recommended for the Seven Northern Melbourne Local Governments

Indicators		Definition
<b>Physical Environment</b>		
Walking for Transport	[1] Street Connectivity	Extent to which streets are linked up to key trip origins and destinations (activity centres, public transport stops) and the extent to which different routes on the network are linked.
	[2] Residential Density	Indicates density of residential development.
	[3] Land-Use Mix	The degree to which different land uses are scattered with the land area.
	[4] Net Retail Area	Indicates density of retail development.
Walking for Recreation	[5] Amenities	Availability of amenities for pedestrians in areas where walking is undertaken such as activity centres and walking trails and parks.
	[6] Public Realm	Amount of active and passive public space available and accessible.
	[7] Aesthetics	Extent to which walking is a pleasant activity in terms of interaction the built & natural environment.
	[8] Safety	Extent to which walking routes & public spaces feel safe & inviting for pedestrians.
<b>Policy Environment</b>		
[9] Walkability Policy	Extent to which local policies encourage walking.	
[10] Resources	Amount of resources allocated to the promotion of walkability.	
[11] Integrated Planning	Extent to which council policies are linked and the extent to which council departments work collaboratively in the planning process.	



# Next steps.....

With Good Practice funding, Deakin Uni to:

- Conduct workforce development on the application of walkability indicators
- Look at how indicator data can impact on policy development and planning for walkability
- At Whittlesea Council, as part of this may trial indicators when assessing:
  1. a development plan
  2. an aged care facility
  3. an activity centre