Paths for Walking and Cycling (2017)
Version 1.1

General

Austroads has released the Guide to Road Design, Part 6A: Paths for Walking and Cycling, and all road agencies across Australasia have agreed to adopt the Austroads guides to provide a level of consistency and harmonisation across all jurisdictions. This agreement means that the new Austroads guides and the Australian Standards, which are referenced in them, will become the primary technical references for use within the Agency.

This supplement is issued to clarify, add to, or modify the Austroads Guide to Road Design, Part 6A: Paths for Walking and Cycling.

Roads and Maritime accepts the principles in the Austroads Guide to Road Design, Part 6A: Paths for Walking and Cycling with variations documented in this supplement under the following categories:

- Roads and Maritime Enhanced Practice: Roads and Maritime practice that enhances the Austroads Guides
- Roads and Maritime Complementary Material: Roads and Maritime reference material that complements the Austroads Guides. These documents include Roads and Maritime Manuals, Technical Directions and/or other reference material and are to be read in conjunction with the Austroads Guides
- Roads and Maritime Departures: Roads and Maritime practice that departs from the Austroads Guides.
The use of design parameters outside of Normal Design Domain requires approval from a representative authorised by the Director Road Design.

**Roads and Maritime: complementary material**

The following documents provide additional detail of Roads and Maritime best practice. It is necessary to comply with complimentary material.

- NSW Bicycle Guidelines
- Roads and Maritime Supplements to Austroads Guides
- Roads and Maritime Australian Standards Traffic Supplements
- Roads and Maritime Traffic Signal Design Guide
- Roads and Maritime Delineation Manual
- Roads and Maritime Standard Drawings
- Roads and Maritime Technical Directions
- NSW Road Rules
- Roads and Maritime Safety Barrier Acceptance Documents.

The documents are published and can be found on the Roads and Maritime website (unless otherwise noted).

**Roads and Maritime: enhanced practice and departures**

2 Types of paths

2.4 Shared paths

The type of path to be used needs to be determined in consultation with Transport for NSW to ensure that paths are in line with local or regional pedestrian and bicycle strategies.

6 Intersections with paths

6.3 Control devices

New South Wales Road Rules, r. 250 states that the rider of a bicycle riding on a footpath or shared path must give way to any pedestrian on the footpath or shared path.