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Dear Sarah Fordham -

Streets for People advocates for high quality places to enable people to linger, walk, ride and enjoy. The reason we exist is to highlight the difference between roads and streets; with an emphasis on making street use equitable and universally accessible.

Streets for People has a role in promoting and supporting active transport in Western Australia. We appreciate the significant potential for increased walking to contribute to community health and mental wellbeing, sustainability, economic and positive social outcomes.

One of our objectives is to advocate for activity by the State Government which will lead to better community outcomes including better planning outcomes for health and sustainable development.

As such Streets for People strongly supports the development and implementation of a WA Walking Strategy as proposed by the Heart Foundation. Embedding and properly resourcing a walking strategy, and all its respective elements, including improving walkable environments, implementing and supporting walking programs and public education, will help deliver better outcomes, including health outcomes, for the entire WA community.

We see the WA Walking Strategy as complementary to progressive planning and transport policies as well as the State Public Health Plan for Western Australia. A WA Walking Strategy would complement objectives and outcomes in all of these domains.

A WA Walking Strategy, accompanied by appropriate resource investment, is an easily deliverable action that can benefit people of all ages and abilities across Western Australia.

Sincerely,

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