



Council Policy

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Policy scope

The policy applies to streets within the City of Fremantle which are less than 7.2 metres wide. This policy facilitates the consideration of low cost street reconfigurations measures with a focus on:

Safe pedestrian access: Providing clarity on cost effective measures that provision safe shared access for pedestrians such as greenery, murals and line marking.

Bike Safety: Providing guidance on appropriate road configuration which enables safe cyclist commuting which is not compromised by parking capacity.

On-Street Parking: Allowing parking in narrow streets where appropriate access is maintained with line marking and/or parking signs to manage access where required.

Access to off-street parking and driveways: Ensuring adequate access to properties along narrow streets to maximise use of existing off-street parking.

Accessible on-street parking and access: Considering accessible provisions for people with a disability where appropriate and in accordance with relevant standards.

Speeding Mitigation: Installing appropriate signage, line marking and greenery that mitigates vehicle speeding and promotes driver awareness to local area speeds.

Emergency Access: Providing adequate width to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Waste collection and delivery services: Maintaining suitable access for waste vehicles and delivery vehicles.

Policy statement

This policy defines the criteria for potential improvements to narrow streets that incorporate elements of traffic management and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. This policy provides guidance on the management of access, traffic and pedestrian movements within narrow streets which are to be delivered via community driven low cost treatments that enhance the quality of streetscapes. The policy also provides guidance on appropriate signage, line marking and greenery to provide safer roads for the community and the means for engaging with the local community and residents of narrow streets to ensure low cost solutions associated with safety suitable.

Application

local residents and/or community members in narrow streets which meet the width criteria in this Policy can express their interest to the City to commence an investigation into improving accessibility and safety on their narrow street. The City will work with



community members on narrow streets to ensure safety and access to all users, with a focus on the needs of pedestrians and cyclists, via simple low cost treatments. Such treatments include line marking, greenery and signage that improves driver awareness and compliant parking to symbolise that pedestrians are an essential user of all open space on narrow streets.

Objectives and Measures

Table 1 Policy Objectives and Measures

Objectives	Provide a safe and accessible road and footpath network across all narrow streets within the City to enable sufficient space for community users.
Performance Measures	The City will firstly review and identify solutions for streets with the smallest widths to determine priority.
Treatments	Where streets meet the above criteria, this may result in reduced space for vehicle parking. As a result, consideration will be given to treatments that enhance streetscapes as detailed within the Narrow Street Safe Access Guidelines Administration Policy. Implementation of specified treatments will permit more robust applications to Main Roads Western Australia for potential shared zones and/or speed limit reductions.
Risk	Medium

Guiding Documents and Procedures

The following procedures and assessment tool are utilised by officers to assess the geometry and functionality of narrow streets:

- ADMINISTRATION POLICY – NARROW STREETS SAFE ACCESS GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Definitions and abbreviations

On-Street Parking – Parking of a vehicle on a street, anywhere on or along the kerb.

Narrow Street – For assessment purposes, a narrow street is defined as a road with less than 7.2m road width.

Road Configuration – The width of a road and the ancillary assets that connect to it (footpaths, greenery, kerbs, lines and signs). When combined correctly, they will enable a safe environment for the community.

Speeding Mitigation – the road configuration and placement of assets combine together to mitigate speeding and enhance driver awareness.



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