

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP), a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation, is excited to announce the launch of its latest report – [‘Highways & Footways Accessibility Guidelines’](#). This guidance report outlines ten key issues and makes recommendations for fully accessible streets that do not just adhere to minimum standards but also make a conscious effort to establish spaces that are generous in design. It has never been more important to consider a wide variety of accessible measures in our built environment.

This report has been developed as part of the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership \(CLSRTP\)](#), a collective of senior transport officers and directors from ten London boroughs who provide strategic advice for, and on behalf of, [Transport for London \(TfL\)](#). The report has been prepared by architecture, urban design and research studio [DSDHA](#) and architectural access consultancy [David Bonnett Associates](#).

Against the backdrop of the climate emergency, the pandemic and societal awakening to social and mobility injustices, ‘Highways & Footways Accessibility Guidelines’ addresses accessibility issues – both historical and emerging – that either need renewed attention or guidance where it is lacking. These issues include broader challenges, such as addressing modal conflict, female safety and devising 24-hour strategies for the public realm. More specific topics, such as ensuring alternative crossings are safe for all, managing the increase of kerbside activity and designing inclusive cycle infrastructure, address the barriers faced by underrepresented user groups and those using non-standard cycles.

By 2040, London’s population is forecast to be 9.9 million, 1 million more than today’s population. In conjunction with Zero Carbon London targets and Healthy Streets ambitions, the projected growth will see a larger modal shift in user behaviours – away from cars and towards active travel. London’s highways and footways must adapt to these changes to facilitate safe and accessible travel.

The Department of Transport seeks to amend the code to put pedestrians at the top of a new road hierarchy, following overwhelmingly positive consultation feedback (December 2021) for the proposed changes. This document sets out a shared vision for accessibility that exceeds minimum safety standards. The standards are founded upon the belief that we are all pedestrians no matter what form of mobility we rely on or choose to use. By enhancing their safety and accessibility, we benefit all users of highways and footways.

Children, the elderly, the disabled and those with neurodiverse conditions are given particular attention across the study of different accessibility issues. Highways and footways can overcome intersectional issues by addressing the needs of these vulnerable and underrepresented groups. They can be safer, more accessible and generous spaces for the fuller spectrum of society with different levels of mobility, creating more equitable landscapes for all.

Read the full 'Footways and Highways Accessibility Guidelines' [here](#). For more information about the Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership, please contact CRP Project Officer, Eleanor Marshall - eleanommarshall@crossriverpartnership.org.

CRP Project Officer Eleanor Marshall said "Consultants DSDHA and David Bonnett Associates have produced an excellent report which aligns with Cross River Partnership's vision to demonstrate the importance of accessibility on London's streets not just as an adherence to minimum standards. The ten key issues identified are future-facing and innovative."

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