

20-Minute Neighborhood Project

A pilot program in Melbourne, Australia designed to create a '20-minute neighborhood.'

City: Melbourne, Australia

Purpose: To create a livable city where people can access most of their daily needs within a 20-minute walk from home.

Lead Stakeholders: Community, Government, Business

Process: In 2018, the state of Victoria in Australia worked with the city of Melbourne to implement a 20-minute neighborhood in the Croydon South neighborhood.

The pilot began with place-based engagement to understand community concerns. This outreach facilitated place-specific policy recommendations and developed strong community relationships that increased potential for future partnerships. Technical assessments were completed on key metrics for the neighborhood: walkability, transportation, housing, and health.

Finally, initiatives and infrastructure opportunities were identified. These incorporated feedback from the community and the technical assessment findings to create practical recommendations for a 20-minute neighborhood.

Outcomes:

- Developed place-based policy toward a long-term goal of a **sustainable 20-minute neighborhood**.

