

Plan Melbourne's 20-Minute Neighbourhood Pilots — Ambition Outpacing Delivery

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

In 2018 Victoria piloted ‘20-minute neighbourhoods’ in three suburbs with a AU\$120,000 grant each; a 2022 study found only 5.5% of Melburnians live somewhere meeting all five walkability criteria, well behind Adelaide's 7.6% — an honest gap between ambition and delivery.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning \(DELWP\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Planning Victoria – 20-Minute Neighbourhoods](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

[Thornton et al. 2022, IJBNPA \(PMC\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-13

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