ON THE GO: HOW WOMEN TRAVEL AROUND OUR CITY

A case study on active transport across Sydney through a gender lens

WHY DID WE UNDERTAKE THE STUDY?

By better understanding women’s unique mobility needs we can empower and support them to use these modes.

Walking & cycling are zero carbon forms of transport, however many women may experience barriers to active transport.

The study is part of a broader move to collect gender sensitive data to help us apply a gender lens to planning our cities, and build a more inclusive world.

We spoke with experts from councils, New South Wales Government, academics and community to co-develop planning and policy ideas that make walking and cycling more women-friendly.

WHAT DID WE DO?

Women are more likely than men to have complex travel patterns.

Of women surveyed made stops along their everyday journey.

68%

CURRENT SITUATION

Sydney has the highest rate of trips by private vehicle in Australia (up to 80%) especially in the west and southwestern areas.

Walking and cycling represents a very small proportion of journey to work trips with 5% of people walking and 1% of people cycling to work in Greater Sydney.

Most journey to work trips are by private vehicle and public transport in Sydney.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Challenge perceptions and stereotypes about women’s participation and confidence in active transport.

Don’t be gender blind. Apply a gender lens that considers the needs of women when designing active transport infrastructure and transport.

Plan for safety beyond streetlighting and separated cycleways.

Work hand in hand with public transport.

Build end of trip facilities and women will walk and ride.

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900 WOMEN were surveyed online and in person in three locations across Greater Sydney: in the inner city (Redfern), in southwestern Sydney (Liverpool) and in north-western Sydney.

Nearly 900 WOMEN of different ages, abilities, cultural backgrounds, and experiences to learn their stories and better understand how they travel across Greater Sydney.

We walked and cycled alongside 18 WOMEN of different ages, abilities, cultural backgrounds, and experiences to learn their stories and better understand how they travel across Greater Sydney.

WHAT DID WE FIND?

Of women surveyed made stops along their everyday journey.

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