# Pedestrian Network Guidance – PNG the new PPDG

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| Waka Kotahi provides guidance to help people plan, design, and prioritise improvements for walking. The guidance is intended to ensure that urban development takes the needs of all pedestrians into account including people with disabilities and vision impaired. Historically the two key guidance documents have been the Pedestrian Planning and Design Guide (PPDG) – published in 2009; and, RTS 14 – Guidelines for blind and vision impaired pedestrians – published in 2015. In 2018 [research](https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/providing-for-walking-research-into-guidance-and-policy/Providing-for-walking-research-report.pdf) was undertaken into how the current guidance (and policy and funding mechanisms) can contribute to further encouraging walking as a mode choice and better integrate it into the transport system. The research identified a range of recommendations that would enhance the provision for walking. The two key recommendations related to the guidance were: combine the PPDG and RTS14 into one on-line guidance resource and develop a programme of guidance improvements/development based on the gaps identified in the research.A refreshed framework (similar to the Cycle Network Guidance CNG) for the PPDG, called the Pedestrian Network Guidance (PNG) has been under development with the aim of providing a best practice on-line framework that is widely used for planning and designing walking friendly environments. The PNG was developed in conjunction with relevant sectors/groups and targets audiences and their associated guidance needs. This presentation will launch the PNG; outlining the structure, the key best practice changes, how it integrates with international, national and local guidance and a snapshot of the case studies with useful insights.Let’s get walking right and create an equitable transport environment. |