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TravelSmart maps make commuting easier

Planning a walk or ride to the shops, work, school or even the local park has become easier for Albany residents and visitors with the recent release of the Albany TravelSmart Map.

The TravelSmart map shows all of the extensive network of shared paths suitable for bikes and walkers throughout the city along with footpaths, location of bike racks, water fountains, community facilities as well as public transport routes.

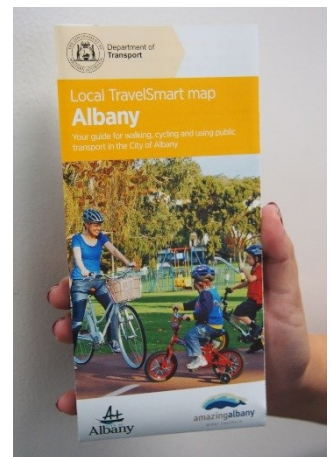
The maps are part of the City's TravelSmart initiative which is supported by the Department of Transport and is designed to encourage community members to look at alternative options to driving their cars for short trips.

Replacing short vehicle trips with riding or walking helps reduce traffic congestion as well as increasing physical activity which has flow-on health benefits.

City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the maps are a fantastic resource that encourages smarter and more environmentally-friendly travel plans.

"Albany being relatively flat and having a mild climate associated with the fact that most people live within 5km of the town centre makes walking or riding a viable option for many short trips," Mayor Wellington said. "We hope the new TravelSmart Map will assist community members to make small changes to their travel habits that can have large benefits to the individuals and the community."

The maps are available from the City office on North Road, Albany Public Library, Albany Visitor Centre and to download on the Department of Transport website at www.transport.wa.gov.au/activetransport/26081.asp. Community members who would like advice on how to plan their local commute can also contact the City of Albany TravelSmart Officer Carl Beck by emailing travelsmart@albany.wa.gov.au



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