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Evidence for THE Impact Rankings Questionnaire

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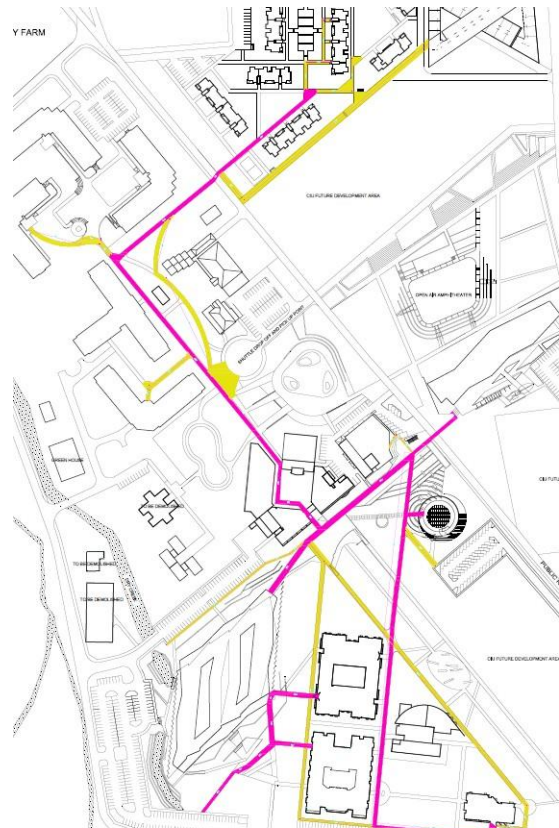
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Cyprus International University (CIU) is committed to the principles of SDG 11, specifically through the creation of a safe, inclusive, and sustainable urban campus environment. A core tenet of this commitment is our Pedestrian-First Policy, which systematically prioritizes walking as the primary mode of transport within the university grounds. This policy ensures universal access, enhances safety, and fosters a vibrant, people-centered campus community.

The CIU wants to develop places that will facilitate pedestrian movement. Thus, the following actions have been taken by the university.

1. Metal separators are placed on pavements to prevent parking on pedestrian paths.
2. Currently there is 100 % access to all the buildings and facilities with pathways for disabled people.
3. Street lamps for pedestrian paths for night illuminance.
4. Due to the new regulations based on increasing the number of visually impaired students in CIU, a project is designed with the sustainable campus team to create a standard environment for such students.
5. A bridge between the campus and a small residential location (Haspolat Village) near the campus is completed in 2020 by CIU. It creates a safe and easy path over the highway, for the students and staff.





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1. Policy Objectives

- **Safety First:** To eliminate vehicle-pedestrian conflicts and ensure the physical safety of all campus users.
- **Universal Accessibility:** To guarantee 100% barrier-free access to all buildings and facilities for individuals of all abilities, including those with visual, mobility, or other impairments.
- **Promotion of Active Transport:** To create a pleasant and convenient environment that encourages walking as the default option for internal mobility.
- **Community Integration:** To safely connect the campus with surrounding residential areas for students and staff.

Key Initiatives and Infrastructure for Pedestrian Priority

2.1. Physical Protection of Pedestrian Pathways

- **Action:** Installation of permanent metal bollards and separators along the edges of all key pavements.
- **Impact:** Effectively prevents illegal parking on sidewalks, ensuring pathways remain clear, safe, and fully accessible for pedestrians, including those with strollers or using wheelchairs.

2.2. Universal Design and Accessibility

- **Action:** Implementation of a **100% Accessibility Standard** across campus.
- **Impact:**
 - All buildings are connected by a continuous network of ramps and graded pathways.



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2.3. Enhanced Safety and Security Lighting

- **Action:** Strategic placement of energy-efficient street lamps along all pedestrian paths, squares, and green spaces.
- **Impact:** Provides uniform illumination, ensuring safety and security for pedestrians during night-time hours, which encourages evening activity and extends the usable hours of the campus.

2.4. Strategic Infrastructure for Safe Crossings

- **Action:** Construction of a dedicated pedestrian bridge over the highway connecting the CIU campus to the nearby Haspolat Village.
- **Impact:** Completed in 2020, this bridge provides a **safe, zero-conflict crossing** over a major road, facilitating easy and secure access for students and staff living in the village. It reduces reliance on motorized transport for this short journey and strengthens town-gown relations.

3. A Holistic Commitment to a Walkable Campus

These actions are not isolated projects but part of a cohesive strategy to create a truly walkable environment. This strategy is further supported by:

- **Managed Vehicular Access:** The university's parking and traffic plan deliberately channels vehicles to peripheral parking zones, freeing the campus core for pedestrian use.
- **Investment in Green Spaces:** The development of parks and plazas (like the Palm Square) creates attractive destinations that are best enjoyed on foot.

By implementing a Pedestrian-First Policy, Cyprus International University demonstrates a profound commitment to building a sustainable and human-centric campus. Through targeted infrastructure investments in protected pathways, universal accessibility, strategic lighting, and safe crossings, CIU ensures that walking is not only safe and accessible for all but is also the most pleasant and preferred way to navigate the university. This aligns directly with SDG 11's goal of making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.





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