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SDG 11 / INDICATOR 11.4.6
Prioritising Pedestrian Access on Campus

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SDG 11	11.4.6	100%
Sustainable Cities and Communities	Prioritising pedestrian access on campus	Of buildings and facilities reached by accessible pathways

Purpose of this evidence file

This fact file documents how Cyprus International University (CIU) prioritises pedestrian access on its campus, supporting THE Impact Rankings SDG 11 measure 11.4.6. CIU, as a body, has adopted a Pedestrian-First Policy, protects its pavements from parking, lights its pedestrian paths, gives every building and facility an accessible route, built a pedestrian bridge over the highway to Haspolat Village, and channels vehicles to peripheral parking. The source document is reproduced in Appendix 1.

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Pedestrian priority on campus at a glance

A written Pedestrian-First Policy backed by protected paths, accessibility, lighting, a safe crossing and managed vehicle access.

100%	2020	5
Access to all buildings and facilities by pathways for disabled people	Year CIU completed the pedestrian bridge over the highway to Haspolat	Pedestrian actions listed, from bollards to a crossing

Headline result

A stated priority. CIU's Pedestrian-First Policy prioritises walking as the primary mode of transport within the university grounds. Its four objectives are safety first, universal accessibility, promotion of active transport and community integration.

Built measures. Metal separators and bollards keep vehicles off pavements; a continuous network of ramps and graded paths links every building; street lamps light pedestrian paths, squares and green spaces; a pedestrian bridge crosses the highway to Haspolat Village; and a project is designing a standard environment for visually impaired students.

Vehicles kept to the edge. The parking and traffic plan channels vehicles to peripheral zones, freeing the campus core for pedestrians. Parks and plazas such as Palm Square make walking the pleasant option.

Evidence scope

No.	Evidence item	Value / note
1	Pedestrian-First Policy with four objectives: safety, accessibility, active transport, community integration	Written policy
2	Metal bollards and separators on pavements to prevent parking on pedestrian paths	Key pavements
3	100% access to all buildings and facilities, with ramps and graded pathways	100%
4	Street lamps along pedestrian paths, squares and green spaces for night-time use	Lighting
5	Project with the Sustainable Campus team to create a standard environment for visually impaired students	Project
6	Pedestrian bridge over the highway between campus and Haspolat Village	Completed 2020
7	Vehicle access channelled to peripheral parking; parks and plazas as walking destinations	Campus core





The pedestrian bridge to Haspolat Village and a tree-lined pedestrian path on campus (also in Appendix 1).

PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY REGISTER

Actions that put pedestrians first

Each action, what it does for pedestrians, and where the evidence is.

Ref.	Action	What it does for pedestrians	Status	Evidence
W1	**Protected pathways** Bollards and separators	Permanent metal bollards and separators along the edges of key pavements prevent illegal parking, keeping paths clear and safe, including for people with strollers or wheelchairs.	**In place**	Appendix 1 SDG 11 page
W2	**Universal accessibility** 100% accessible	All buildings and facilities are reached by pathways for disabled people, with a continuous network of ramps and graded paths. The policy objective is 100% barrier-free access.	**In place**	Appendix 1 SDG 11 page
W3	**Night-time lighting** Street lamps	Energy-efficient street lamps along pedestrian paths, squares and green spaces give uniform night illumination, extending the usable hours of the campus.	**In place**	Appendix 1
W4	**Visually impaired students** Standard environment project	Responding to regulations and a rising number of visually impaired students, the university designed a project with the Sustainable Campus team to create a standard environment for them.	**Designed**	Appendix 1
W5	**Safe crossing** Haspolat pedestrian bridge	A dedicated pedestrian bridge over the highway links campus and Haspolat Village, giving students and staff a safe crossing and reducing reliance on motor transport for a short trip.	**Completed 2020**	Appendix 1 SDG 11 page
W6	**Vehicles kept to the edge** Managed vehicular access	The parking and traffic plan channels vehicles to peripheral zones, with free parking only at the edges, a limit of one permit per person, and a Traffic Warden service. The Transportation and Parking Plan also lists walkways as a goal.	**In place**	Appendix 1 Commuting evidence
W7	**Attractive places to walk** Parks and plazas	Parks and plazas such as Palm Square give pedestrians attractive destinations. The campus masterplan, developed with ARUP since 2017, won an urban design award in 2020.	**In place**	Appendix 1 Masterplan news

How the evidence answers the question

Prioritised: the Pedestrian-First Policy names walking the primary mode on campus, and vehicles are deliberately kept to peripheral zones.

For everyone: accessible routes reach all buildings, and a project addresses the needs of visually impaired students.

As a body: the university built the bridge, installed the bollards and lighting, and runs the parking and traffic plan.

Sources

- CIU SDG 11 page: pedestrian priority on campus: https://ciu.edu.tr/en/about-us/impact/sustainability/sustainable-development-goals/sustainable-cities-and-communities
- Sustainable commuting actions (parking and walkways): https://ciu.edu.tr/sites/default/files/2025-10/ciu-sustainable-commuting-actions-2024.pdf
- Campus masterplan: https://ciu.edu.tr/en/about-us/impact/campus-masterplan
- CIU masterplan is among the best in the world (31 August 2021): https://ciu.edu.tr/en/news/ciu-masterplan-among-best-world
- CIU campus map: https://www.ciu.edu.tr/map/

APPENDIX 1 • SOURCE DOCUMENT

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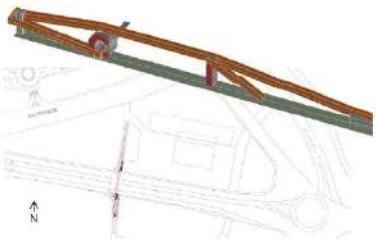
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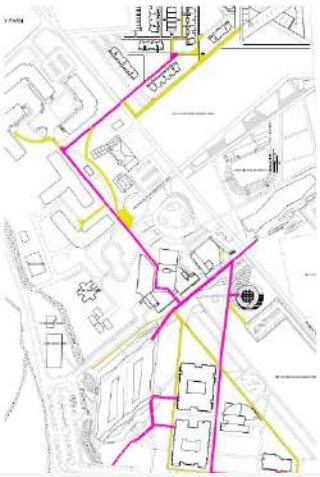
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Cyprus International University (CIU) is committed to the principles of SDG 11, specifically through the creation of a safe, inclusive, and sustainable urban campus environment. A core tenet of this commitment is our Pedestrian-First Policy, which 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 ate 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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