

Global perspectives on walkability as a step towards healthy and equitable cities

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WALKING IS THE MOST ACCESSIBLE PATH TO BETTER HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

WALKABLE CITIES INSPIRE EVERYONE TO BE MORE ACTIVE



1.2m premature deaths



75% less active



Footpaths are 100 times more cost effective than roads

Physical inactivity is killing 3,561 people every day globally. Covid is exacerbating the pandemic.

Communities, more than ever, need safe, accessible and attractive neighbourhoods to support their essential trips.

Governments are increasingly investing in more walkable cities to enable healthier, more active and happier lifestyles.



WHAT IS A WALKABLE CITY?



WALKABLE CITIES MAKE GETTING AROUND ON FOOT SAFE, EASY AND NICE

FROM POLICY TO IMPACT

COMMITTED AUTHORITIES

Supportive and encouraging policy gives priority to walking; has people centred planning; connects housing to public transport; provides equitable access to education, work, health care, shops and green space; ensures clear, safe space for walking; has design standards inclusive of age, gender and ability; manages the impact of traffic and road safety risk; enforces road safety measures; promotes walking and monitors impact and success.

ACCESSIBLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Walkable cities have safe, inclusive and attractive catchment access for 500m around transport hubs, education sites, retail areas, health care facilities, employment zones and sport and leisure amenities - the key places in every city where people always walk.

QUALITY ON THE GROUND

Walkers can expect: a dedicated, unobstructed and continuous space to walk that is of consistent quality, clean and maintained; safe road crossings with reasonable time given to cross and wait; seating and rest areas, lighting, ramps for gradients, shelter from climate and green infrastructure to enhance comfort and enjoyment; a feeling of support and encouragement, secure from crime, safe from traffic and confident to navigate.



WALKABLE CITY EXAMPLES

EUROPEAN CITIES ARE INVESTING IN WALKABILITY



Stockholm hosted the Global Ministerial Meeting for Road Safety in February where it was agreed encouraging more walking was a solution to improving safety and better health and wellbeing.



The Government of Ireland is allocating 20% of the transport budget to active travel (€1m a day for encouraging walking). Dublin is planning a 100% increase in walking.



The Dutch Government will launch a national walking strategy in October aiming to scale Rotterdam's ambitious walking plan to enable everyone to be walk more.

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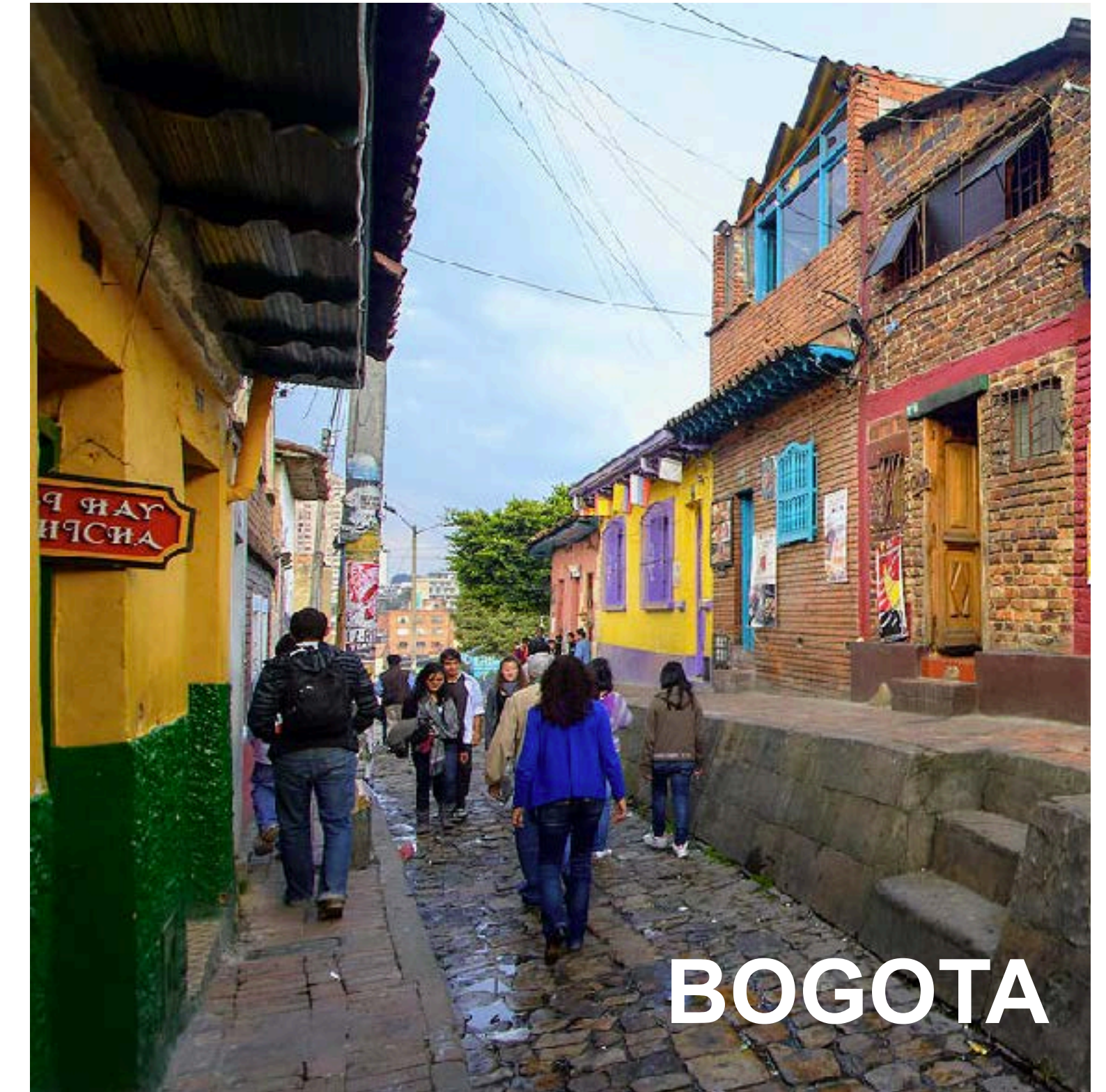
HONG KONG

90% of trips in Hong Kong are made on foot and with public transport. A Strategic Plan to make it the most walkable city in the world will be launched later this year.



SEOUL

Seoul Metropolitan Government is converting road space as part of its ambitious walking plan creating a network of greenways and riverside parks.



BOGOTA

The Mayor of Bogota wants her legacy to be a transformation of the walking experience. New walkable streets and better access to public transport are being curated.

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