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Definition

As Speck indicated in his book “Walkable City” (2012) “walk has to satisfy four main conditions: it must be useful, safe, comfortable, and interesting”. In this context, walkability can be described as the quality of urban environment to support and promote safe and pleasant walking for all street users -including people with reduced mobility, women, young children and elderly (Forsyth and Southworth, 2008). However, walkability is an emerging issue -for citizens, researchers, urban/transport planners and authorities- that has evolved into an umbrella term, resulting in various definitions, indicatively mentioned the following: Dovey & Pafka, (2020); Forsyth, (2015); Leslie et al., (2007); Lo, (2009); Talen & Koschinsky, (2013).

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