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1. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Azerbaijan Technical University (hereinafter referred to as “AzTU”) recognises campus internal mobility as a key component of a safe, sustainable, and inclusive university environment. Effective internal mobility supports academic activity, operational efficiency, environmental responsibility, and the health and well-being of the university community.

This Campus Internal Mobility Policy establishes the principles and institutional approach that guide pedestrian movement, cycling, and the management of internal transport within the AzTU campus. The Policy prioritises pedestrian-friendly infrastructure and active transportation while limiting reliance on motorised vehicles within campus boundaries.

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a framework that ensures safe, efficient, and sustainable movement within the Azerbaijan Technical University campus. In particular, the Policy aims to promote seamless pedestrian connectivity between campus buildings and facilities, minimise internal motorised transport by encouraging walking and cycling, enhance safety, accessibility, and comfort for all campus users, and support the University’s broader sustainability, health, and well-being objectives through reduced carbon emissions and active mobility practices.

2. KEY TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Campus Internal Mobility Policy, the following key terms and definitions are provided to ensure a common understanding of mobility-related concepts and institutional practices used throughout the document. These definitions support clarity, consistency, and effective implementation of the Policy across all areas of Azerbaijan Technical University.

- **Campus Internal Mobility** – The movement of students, staff, visitors, and service users within the AzTU campus, primarily through walking and cycling.
- **Pedestrian-Priority Environment** – A campus design approach in which walking routes are prioritised over motorised transport for safety, accessibility, and sustainability.
- **Active Transportation** – Non-motorised modes of movement, including walking and cycling, used for daily mobility within the campus.
- **Motorised Internal Transport** – The use of private or service vehicles within campus boundaries, excluding authorised emergency, service, and accessibility-related vehicles.
- **Accessibility** – The provision of infrastructure and conditions that ensure equitable and safe movement for all users, including persons with disabilities.

3. APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all campus users, including students, academic staff, administrative and support personnel, contractors, and visitors of Azerbaijan Technical University.

The Policy covers all areas within AzTU’s campus boundaries, including academic buildings, administrative offices, research centres, sports facilities, pedestrian pathways, bicycle routes, and communal spaces. All individuals and units operating within the campus are required to comply with the principles and requirements set out in this Policy.

4. CAMPUS INTERNAL MOBILITY STRUCTURE

AzTU's campus internal mobility framework is based on a pedestrian-priority model supported by appropriate infrastructure, operational controls, and institutional oversight.

The campus is designed and maintained with comprehensive pedestrian pathways connecting all key buildings and facilities, ensuring that movement across campus can be achieved safely and efficiently without reliance on private vehicles. Bicycle infrastructure, including lanes and parking facilities, complements pedestrian routes and supports active transportation.

Motorised vehicle access within campus grounds is restricted and discouraged, except for authorised service vehicles, emergency response, and accessibility-related needs. This structured approach ensures safety, connectivity, and environmental responsibility across the campus.

5. MOBILITY PRINCIPLES AND INSTITUTIONAL STANDARDS

AzTU's approach to campus internal mobility is guided by a set of core principles that ensure movement within the campus is safe, sustainable, inclusive, and efficient. These principles are systematically embedded into campus planning, infrastructure development, daily operations, and future expansion projects to ensure consistent application and long-term effectiveness.

5.1. Sustainability

The University prioritises environmentally responsible mobility solutions to minimise carbon emissions, air pollution, and overall environmental impact associated with internal transportation. Walking and cycling are promoted as the primary modes of movement within the campus, supporting AzTU's broader sustainability objectives and commitment to reducing its ecological footprint. Internal mobility planning emphasises low-impact infrastructure, efficient land use, and alignment with national and international sustainability standards.

5.2. Safety

Pedestrian and cyclist safety is a fundamental institutional standard of campus mobility. Vehicle access within campus grounds is strictly limited, and internal traffic is managed to reduce potential conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists, and authorised vehicles. Walkways, crossings, lighting, signage, and surface conditions are designed, maintained, and periodically reviewed to ensure safe, predictable, and comfortable movement for all campus users.

5.3. Accessibility

AzTU ensures equitable and inclusive access to all campus facilities by providing continuous, well-maintained pedestrian pathways and bicycle infrastructure that accommodate diverse user needs. Mobility infrastructure is designed to support persons with disabilities, individuals with reduced mobility, and users with varying physical capabilities, ensuring that all members of the university community can navigate the campus independently and with dignity.

5.4. Health and Well-being

The University actively promotes walking and cycling as integral components of campus life in order to support physical health, mental well-being, and a positive learning and working environment. By

encouraging active transportation, AzTU contributes to healthier lifestyles, reduced stress, and improved overall quality of campus experience for students, staff, and visitors.

5.5. Connectivity

AzTU maintains seamless physical connectivity between academic buildings, administrative units, research facilities, and communal spaces to eliminate the need for motorised internal transport. Campus layout, pathway networks, and future developments are planned to ensure efficient, direct, and intuitive movement across the campus, reinforcing the pedestrian-priority model and supporting operational efficiency.

6. IMPLEMENTATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The implementation of this Policy is coordinated through designated administrative and operational units in accordance with their institutional mandates.

Facilities Management is responsible for maintaining pedestrian pathways, signage, lighting, and bicycle infrastructure, ensuring compliance with safety and accessibility standards. Campus Security enforces vehicle access restrictions and supports pedestrian safety measures. Students, faculty, and staff are expected to adhere to the Policy, use designated pathways and facilities, and contribute feedback for continuous improvement.

Planning and Development Committees ensure that all campus development and infrastructure projects incorporate pedestrian connectivity and sustainable mobility principles. The University Administration oversees overall implementation, compliance, and resource allocation to support internal mobility infrastructure and maintenance.

7. MONITORING, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The implementation and effectiveness of this Campus Internal Mobility Policy are monitored through regular internal reviews, infrastructure assessments, and feedback mechanisms. Monitoring focuses on safety conditions, accessibility, infrastructure performance, and alignment with the University's sustainability and health objectives.

Accountability is ensured through clearly assigned institutional responsibilities and oversight by relevant administrative units. Identified risks related to pedestrian safety, accessibility, or operational disruption are assessed and mitigated through preventive planning, maintenance activities, and appropriate control measures, in alignment with AzTU's internal governance and risk management framework.

8. POLICY EVOLUTION

This Policy is reviewed at least every two years or earlier if required by changes in national legislation, governance requirements, or institutional strategy.

The previous version of the Policy remains in force until a revised version is approved by the University Council and formally adopted.

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