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## ACTIVE TRAVEL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF ELDERLY: A REVIEW

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### Abstract:

The built environment is considered to be a key factor to promote the active travel (AT) of the elderly in neighbourhood. This study seeks to comprehensively identify the built environmental factors influencing active travel and to show how those environmental factors impact active travel the old adults. It reviewed the literature on neighbourhood-built environmental correlated with AT among older adults. The study found that most of the research concentrated on walking, which was associated with density, land use mix, connectivity access to services, friendly infrastructure, aesthetics, destination, safety. The results showed that the research was concentrated in developed areas and countries, developing countries were seldomly involved. Related research was mainly carried out in urban areas especially in the metropolitan area. The weather has been reported as an important factor in the elderly's travel but was not widely tested before. Information technology has a wide-ranging impact on the activities of urban residents and the increase of online leisure activities can also reduce the daily non-essential travel time of residents. In future research, more attention needs to be paid to developing areas, small city, and rural communities. ICT changed the way people live, the interaction with other humans, and physical space, it also needs to pay more attention in this field.

### Keywords:

Built Environment, Active Travel, Older Adult, ICT

## Introduction

Being physically active had many benefit for the elderly, such as reducing the burden of complications from chronic diseases (Mitchell, 2012) and positively impact on people's mental health (Koohsari et al., 2019; Y. Wang, Chau, Ng, & Leung, 2016). The World Health Organization recommended that adults aged 65 and above should take at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity every week, or at least 75 minutes of vigorous -intensity physical activity every week, or the equivalent combination of moderate-intensity and vigorous-intensity activity. However, some research found that physical activity (PA) within older adults was low in many countries (Berkemeyer et al., 2016; Ester Cerin, Nathan, van Cauwenberg, Barnett, & Barnett, 2017; Keadle, McKinnon, Graubard, & Troiano, 2016). Insufficient physical activity in adults (less than 150 min of intermediate walking per week) increased the risk of death and non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes, and some types of cancer (Dadpour, Pakzad, & Khankeh, 2016). For the elderly, the best way was to incorporate physical activity into daily life, such as cycling, walking or combining with public transport rather than by car (Carl, 2016). Active travel meant traveling by means of physical activity, like walking or cycling (Cavill, Davies, Cope, & Corner, 2019), which help the elderly to enhance their healthy physical activity level. These are usually short journeys, like sending children to school, walking to the shops, riding bicycles to work, or walking to the station to catch a commuter train. Active travel accounted for nearly half of total physical activity of the elderly (Ester Cerin et al., 2017), which can increase physical activity, improve health and have certain effects on society, economy and environment.

A proposed approach was improving urban environments to facilitate physical activity from active travel for commuting and recreation (Sallis et al., 2016; Zhou, 2014). Walking is convenient, which is easier for most people and does not require special equipment. Compared with passive medical technology treatments, individual-oriented interventions are costly and unsustainable, while urban planning methods to improving urban environments can provide higher yields as these can be applied to the whole community and provide longer-term support for behavioral change (Cavill et al., 2019). According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) of America, regular physical activity is one of the most important things that an elder can do for their health. An increasing body of evidence indicated that the attribute of neighborhood community can promote active lifestyles or encourage different forms of physical activity such as walking or biking (Ogilvie, Mitchell, Mutrie, Petticrew, & Platt, 2008). For example, the closer individuals are to destinations that include public services, entertainment, bus stops, grocery stores, etc., the more likely they are to increase physical activity through active travel (Barnett et al., 2016; Lachapelle & Pinto, 2016; Yang, Griffin, Khaw, Wareham, & Panter, 2017).

The social-ecological model of active living proposed by Sallis et al., (2006) was the beginning of research in active travel and environmental related fields. Many researchers from public health, transportation and urban planning were focused on the effect of environment to walking and cycling. The most frequently examined environmental features were parks/ open spaces/ recreational destinations, pedestrian-friendly features, greenery and aesthetically pleasing scenery, and traffic/pedestrian safety(Ester Cerin et al., 2017).

Many characteristics of the built environment function as motivators or obstacles to walking and cycling activities of the elderly. The beautiful green spaces (Zandieh, Martinez, Flacke,

Jones, & Van Maarseveen, 2016), greater street connectivity (Maisel, 2016), closely to the facilities (Procter-Gray et al., 2015), mixed use of land for residential, commercial, office, public space and sports facility (H.E. et al., 2011) can significantly increase active travel. On the other hand, the traffic and crime safety were related to insufficient walking time (T. A. Chen et al., 2013). Previous work indicated that older adults were highly influenced by their local environments (Hirsch, Winters, Ashe, Clarke, & McKay, 2016; Zandieh et al., 2016). With increasing age, physical function will change, which may reduce the confidence or ability of the elderly to deal with themselves and the built environment. Therefore, for the elderly, the same built environment restrictions, such as uneven roads, may be more challenging than young people (Zandieh et al., 2016). Social Attributes, physical environmental characteristics and natural environment are environmental facilitators to walking, biking and other forms of active travel described by older adults.

Thus, this study seeks to comprehensively identify the built environmental factors influencing active travel and to show how those environmental factors impact on active travel the old adults.

### **Literature review**

This review focused on environmental factors related to active travel of the elderly and also physical activity. The literatures were searched from Web of Science, Science Direct and Google Scholar that were published between years 2010 and 2020, with the following key words: built environment, active travel, physical activity, elderly, walking, cycling.

The basic inclusion criterion was the relations between the built environment of neighborhoods and active travel among the elderly. This paper includes forty-three (43) articles and reviewed the building environment and related active travel.

### ***Characteristic of Selected Papers***

Forty-three articles met the selection criteria for this review. And table 1 presented the characteristics of selected papers. Most articles reported findings from Europe followed by Asia, North America, Oceania and South America. Mainland China was represented by a single article which has a huge population of the elderly in the world (Zhang, Li, Liu, & Li, 2014). The vast majority, more than 80% of the research was concentrated in urban areas, and only 3 articles were in suburban or rural areas (Kikuchi et al., 2018; H. S. Lee & Park, 2015; Maisel, 2016). There were 3 articles with a small sample size of less than 100, 10 articles with a sample size of 100 to 300, and 30 articles with a sample size of more than 300. For the data collection in environmental attributes, 17(29.53%) used the objective method and 25(58.14%) adopt the questionnaire. Active travel was gauged using valid self-report measures in 83.72% of the cases. Just 6 adopt the objective methods. Only four articles from Canada and American, and two Belgian articles studied cycling for transport (Hirsch et al., 2016; Takahashi, Baker, Cha, & Targonski, 2012; Van Cauwenberg et al., 2012; Van Holle et al., 2014). Physical environment, including walkability, density, diversity, connectivity were the most frequently examined.

**Table 1: The Characteristic of Articles**

| characteristic(sample 43)    | number | %     | Environmental attributes          |           |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>geographical region</b>   |        |       | <b>measured</b>                   |           |
| Asia                         | 14     | 32.56 | objective (GIS)                   | 17 39.53  |
| Europe                       | 15     | 34.88 | subjective (questionnaire)        | 25 58.14  |
| North America                | 8      | 18.60 | <b>Active travel measures</b>     |           |
| Oceania                      | 4      | 9.30  | objective (GPS or accelerometer)  | 6 13.95   |
| South America                | 2      | 4.65  | subjective (questionnaire)        | 36 83.72  |
| Mainland China               | 1      | 2.33  | <b>Environmental variables</b>    |           |
| <b>Geographical setting</b>  |        |       | Walkability                       | 12 27.91  |
| Urban                        | 35     | 81.40 | Residential density               | 19 44.19  |
| Urban, suburban and/or rural | 3      | 6.98  | connectivity                      | 14 32.56  |
| Not reported                 | 5      | 11.63 | Diversity/land use mixed          | 16 37.21  |
| <b>Sample size</b>           |        |       | access to destinations (distance) | 13 30.23  |
| ≤ 100                        | 3      | 6.98  | Pedestrian & cycling              | 6 13.95   |
| 101-300                      | 10     | 23.26 | infrastructure                    |           |
| 301-500                      | 11     | 25.58 | Aesthetics                        | 11 25.58  |
| 501-1000                     | 6      | 13.95 | Safety and traffic                | 16 37.21  |
| 1001 - 2500                  | 9      | 20.93 | weather                           | 1 2.33    |
| > 2500                       | 4      | 9.30  | ICT                               | 0 0.00    |
|                              |        |       | <b>Active Travel domains</b>      |           |
|                              |        |       | walking                           | 43 100.00 |
|                              |        |       | cycling                           | 4 9.30    |
|                              |        |       | electric bike                     | 0 0.00    |

### ***Physical Environment Indicators***

In 2006, Ewing & Cervero (2010) put forward the five D variables, which were widely used in physical activity and travel research, containing development density, street network design or connectivity, land use diversity, destination accessibility, and distance to transit (Tian, 2017). However, Travers et al. (2017) found that physical environment had nothing to do with the physical activity or walking of adults aged 65 and above.

Density, it mainly refers to residential density, referring to the number of buildings per unit area. One of the advantages of high-density life is that it can free people from cars and make them active. Some studies have pointed out that compared with poor environmental quality such as low density and mixed use of low land in suburban or rural areas, residents tend to choose active transportation modes in urban centers and carry out leisure sports activities, which are more likely to meet the recommended standards for sports activities (Doescher et al., 2014; Rosso, Auchincloss, & Michael, 2011). Researchers found that higher population density and street density were more likely to walk for transportation and recreational walking of the elderly (Pelcova, Fromel, Blaha, Zajac-Gawlak, & Tlucakova, 2012; Weber et al., 2016). Liao et al., (2017) discovered that people who living in metropolitan areas were more likely to engage in walking as a mode of transportation, comparing with those who lived in non-metropolitan areas. In urban and suburban areas, increasing the residential density can improve the physical activity of the elderly which is a cost-effective way, since covering relatively small areas would affect more people (Kikuchi et al., 2018; Siu et al., 2012). However, it is believed that higher density was not always associated with more active travels (Jennifer, 2015). Zang et al. (2018) considered that commercial area and density were negatively correlated with walking time for the elderly. The effect of density on active living is incredibly complex.

The term of diversity refers to the mixed of land use in one's neighborhood which can calculate the mixed degree of different functional land in the residence area. Through city planning, it emphasizes mixed land use by incorporating retail, commercial, and institutional destinations in residential areas at walkable scales so as to support physical activity. Various studies confirmed that land use diversity can significantly increase the frequency of adult and elderly's walking activity (Christiansen et al., 2016; King, Bentley, Thornton, & Kavanagh, 2015; Li et al., 2008; Matisziw et al., 2016; Zang et al., 2018). And this positive impact was also robust in some long-term dynamic observations (P. Chen, Zhou, & Sun, 2017). H.E. et al., (2011) pointed that the mixed use of land for residential, commercial, office, public space, sports facility and entertainment can significantly increase walking. The popularity of public transportation points and the diversity of recreational destinations were positively correlated with the overall walking for transport of the elderly (Ester Cerin et al., 2013). Analyses showed that only in highly-walkable neighborhoods, the higher social diversity of the neighborhood environment were related to more transport walking (Van Holle et al., 2016). Otherwise, results also pointed out that the land use mix in the neighborhood or workplace have no significance to physical activity (Nathan et al., 2012a; L. Wang, Liao, & Zhao, 2016) or negative to active travel of the elderly (Lu, Chen, Yang, & Gou, 2018; van Heeswijck et al., 2015).

The connectivity refers to measuring neighborhood length, area, intersection density, and street density (Jiang, Zhen, Wang, & Zhao, 2019). It is found that the better the connectivity of the neighborhood street, the shorter the distance between the departure point and the destination, the more beneficial to increase the pedestrian walking or riding of adults or children (Helbich et al., 2016) and elderly leisure and transportation walking opportunities (Troped et al., 2017). Elderly were more than twice as likely to engage in any walking activity when they perceived greater street connectivity (Maisel, 2016). Besides, once adults have better perception of neighborhood street connectivity, the probability of walking or riding will be high (Liao, Wang, Hsu, & Chang, 2015; Siu et al., 2012). However, Rodríguez, Aytur, Forsyth, Oakes, and Clifton (2008) pointed out that street connectivity is negatively correlated with active travel and leisure walking. This is consistent with the result of Mecredy, Pickett, and Janssen (2011), who found that there may be a negative relationship between street connectivity and physical activity.

Accessibility refers to the difficulty of reaching the attractive point of travel, which can be divided into regional accessibility and local accessibility. It is considered that the regional accessibility represent opportunities for work, shops, schools, parks or other attractions that can be reached within a given travel time (Y. Yu & Hu, 2017). Local accessibility referred to the distance from home to the nearest store (Ewing & Cervero, 2010). Studies have shown that the distance to the facilities was closely related to the active travel of the elderly (Procter-Gray et al., 2015). Proximity to services and amenities may promote all walking/cycling behaviors (Gauvin et al., 2012; Van Cauwenberg et al., 2012) and may help maintain an active lifestyle (E. Cerin et al., 2013), which can significantly associated with a low risk of health problem of the older female (T. A. Chen et al., 2013). Having destinations for utilitarian and/or recreational walking promoted community-dwelling older adults' physical activity (Z. Wang & Shepley, 2018). Walking or cycling to a bus or subway station can encourage residents to form an active life and ways to increase the likelihood of walking or riding to other destinations (Lachapelle & Pinto, 2016). Depend on the GPS, studies pointed out that the better the accessibility between the place of residence and the bus or subway station, the more beneficial it is to increase the daily walking/riding commuting or travel opportunities of commuters and seniors (Barnett et



al., 2016; Yang et al., 2017). Research result shows that the closer the distance to the destination, the better the accessibility, and the more beneficial to increase walking or cycling. But there may also be negative effects (Toftager et al., 2011). Meanwhile, perceived accessibility was positively correlated with the level of physical activity of residents, which meant the better the residents perceive the public transportation site or destination accessibility, the more likely they are to increase walking or cycling (Kondo et al., 2009). It is found that among the elderly women in rural areas, there was the strongest positive correlation between the distance from the park and the recommended walking level (Lee & Park, 2015). And the best access to amenities such as commerce and parks, high population density and high street connectivity were most likely to promote walking among older women in urban areas (Siu et al., 2012). While it was negatively related to cycling for transportation (Van Cauwenberg et al., 2012). Study also found that the distance to the park may not always be related to recreational physical activity, which may be due to the stimulation of social trust and cohesion between neighbors (Cauwenberg et al., 2017). Nathan et al. (2012b) considered that food retail, financial services, general retail and the mix of commercial destination types within the neighbourhood have nothing to do with the walking of the elderly.

Perceived aesthetics is defined as the visual attraction or pleasure of the environment. The design and maintenance of parks, neighborhoods, and streets, as well as the perception of these places, are based on factors such as aesthetic appeal, which can influence the physical activity of those who enjoy visiting and spending time in attractive places. The beautiful green spaces were positively related to total outdoor walking levels of the elderly (Zandieh et al., 2016). According to Huang, Kung, and Hu (2018), "Parks, greenery, and squares" were significantly associated with the recommended amount of physical activity among the elderly. Attractiveness was very important in increasing personal physical activity, and the diversity of architecture was found to be positively correlated with the walking time of people aged 65–74 and 85 (Zang et al., 2018). Cauwenberg et al. (2017) hold the same opinion that provision of high-quality parks may promote more walking among mid-older aged adults who already walk for recreation. Most senior citizens said they preferred to provide diverse and green outdoor space (Cassarino, Bantry-white, & Setti, 2019). This is in line with the research of Zhang, Li, Liu, and Li (2014), who considered that green space may be effective in promoting walking for the elderly. E. Cerin et al. (2013) also held the opinion that environmental aesthetics may promote recreational walking. Meanwhile, there is a positive correlation between the aesthetic environment and the objective GIS measure of Accessibility Index with transportation physical activity (Nyunt et al., 2015). Elder adult preferred to visit larger green spaces rather than the small urban green spaces and they are very fond of regularly maintained urban green space, and believed that the excessive growth of green space had a negative impact on the area (Macintyre et al., 2019).

### ***Safety***

In the past research, there are two main safety issues related to build environment: perception of crime and perception of traffic hazard. If residents believed that the crime rate in the communities was high, they do not assumed walking or participating in sports activities in local public places such as parks (Salvo, Lashewicz, Doyle-Baker, & McCormack, 2018). For the senior, safety is obviously essential for their active living, physical activity, and aging-in-place at home. Since the ability of the elderly will decline with age, they may like to seek a high level of protection from the surrounding environment. Adequate neighborhood lighting and even

crosswalks, pedestrian signals and sidewalk surfaces were important for older residents (Z. Wang & Shepley, 2018).

Many studies have shown that safety was closely related to the active travel of the elderly (Ester Cerin et al., 2013; H. Lee, 2016; Zandieh et al., 2016). In rural communities, only perceived crime safety was associated with any walking and walking for recreation of the elderly (Maisel, 2016). For urban women, safety was an important environmental variable that meets the physical activity recommendations (Lee & Park, 2015). Feelings of unsafety was negatively related to walking for transportation and recreational walking/cycling (Van Cauwenberg et al., 2012). Traffic and crime safety in old-unemployed males and proximity to service facilities and traffic and crime safety in middle-employed females were significantly associated with a low risk of insufficient walking time (T. A. Chen et al., 2013). Neighborhood safety-related aspects can moderate the relationship of overall walking for transport with the prevalence of public transit points, but it was positive only in safe places (Ester Cerin et al., 2013). Existence of crosswalks in the neighborhood, street lights, recreational facilities, safe places during the day and having dogs were all important predictors of walking for transportation (Corseuil Giehl, Hallal, Brownson, & D'Orsi, 2017). In high-poverty areas and low-poverty areas, the inequality in perceived neighborhood safety, pedestrian infrastructure and aesthetics showed that this may affect the difference in outdoor walking level of participants (Zandieh et al., 2016).

### ***Weather***

Weather phenomenon refers to various natural phenomena occurring in the atmosphere, for instance, the comprehensive expression of the spatial distribution of various meteorological elements, such as air temperature, humidity, cloud, fog, air pressure, rain, snow, thunder, wind, frost, flash, hail, haze, etc. The relationship between weather and physical activity was clear in the research of Humpel et al. (2004). Tucker and Gilliland (2007) also found that physical activity differs by seasonality, which can be identified that extreme or poor weather was its barrier in most cases. Witham et al. (2014) reported the association among physical activity, enjoyable scenery and climate. Some data showed that older men and women were more physically active and less sedentary during summer as compared to winter (Arnardottir et al., 2017). It reported that weather was an important factor affecting the active travel behavior and travel choices of individual (Böcker et al., 2013). However, it has not been widely tested for some particular groups in the previous research. Weather conditions can be used to study the influence of built environment on walking and buses.

### ***Information and Communication Technology (ICT)***

The development of information and communication technology (ICT), especially the internet, was bringing us into a new era (Sariyildiz, 2000). Human life is changing at an unprecedented speed. ICT as the main axis of the development of the Third Millennium are affecting the way people live, and how people are interacted with other humans and the physical space. Nowadays, society entered into a new technological-cultural field that foundations of people's thinking about space and urban space challenged due to the growing presence of the information and communication technologies in everyday life.

Information technology had a wide-ranging impact on the leisure activities of urban residents and the increase in online leisure activities has also reduced the daily non-essential travel time of residents, indicating that they have an alternative effect on residents' travel (Zhao, Zhen, & Long, 2013). Some studies found that using ICT to work at home will reduce the commuting

travel (Zhen, Wei, Yang, & Cao, 2009). Others found that people who live and work in urban areas were more likely to shop at e-stores, while residents who spend a lot of time going to frequent stores were more likely to buy books through the Internet (Zhen, Du, Cao, & Mokhtarian, 2018). The extensive use of Internet is related to the reduction of total travel time, but the change of travel time and travel times is directly related to Internet activities. Online shopping was positively correlated with travel for shopping, and online personal communication was negatively correlated with travel for communication (Lachapelle & Jean-Germain, 2019). The growth of e-shopping increased delivery trips, but its impact on personal shopping travel was complex because it depended on the type of products (Qing, Cao, & Zhen, 2019). During the pandemic period of cov-19, the e-shopping increased very fast, especially the daily good that buying in the vegetable market or super market in the past (K. Wang, Hao, & Qin, 2020). On the other hand, online shopping for the elderly has increased significantly (F. Yu, 2020). According to the QuestMobile2020, mobile Internet monthly active users in China increased by approximately 15.71 million annually, of which 61% are middle-aged and elderly people.

It is very difficult to simply say how the ICT affect travel, as the topic is almost new and very complex. And there is very little empirical research on this topic. However, it is obvious that this influence is not direct, but indirectly produced through social and economic trends. These trends will cause changes in the behavior of the individuals in society, culture and economy. Therefore, more researches should be conducted.



**Table 2: Summary of Literature Review (1 of 4)**

| NO. Author                | County          | Built Environment Variables  | Active Travel Variables   | Outcome  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|
| 1 Zandieh et al. 2016     | United Kingdom  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Pedestrian infrastructure</li> <li>• Aesthetics</li> </ul>  | Walking   | Inequalities in perceived neighbourhood safety, pedestrian infrastructure and aesthetics in high- versus low-deprivation areas and demonstrate that they may influence disparities in participants' outdoor walking levels.  |
| 2 Hirsch et al. 2016      | Canada          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Density</li> <li>• Diversity</li> <li>• Destinations</li> </ul>   | Walking, Cycling  | Traditional buffers may not accurately portray the geographic space or neighborhood resources experienced by older adults. Pedestrian and bicycling activity spaces elucidate the importance of destinations for facilitating active transportation.   |
| 3 Liao et al. 2017        | China, taiwan   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Density</li> <li>• Access</li> <li>• sidewalks</li> <li>• safety</li> <li>• Aesthetics</li> <li>• Connectivity</li> </ul>                                     | walking   | The presence of sidewalks (PS) and the presence of a destination (PD), were positively associated with 150 min of walking for recreation. Different personal and perceived environmental factors were associated with walking for recreation and transportation.   |
| 4 Huang et al. 2018       | China, taiwan   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urbanization Level</li> <li>• Parks, greeneries, squares</li> <li>• Playgrounds and sport venues</li> </ul>   | physical activity   | Urbanization, the built environment, and the median income of townships were positively correlated to the physical activity of the older adults. Parks and green spaces were associated with achieving the recommended amount of physical activity.  |
| 5 Travers et al. 2017     | Australia       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility</li> <li>• Land Use Mix</li> <li>• Safety From Traffic</li> <li>• Safety From Crime</li> <li>• Pleasantness</li> </ul>                          | physical activity walking   | We found no association between walkability of the built environment and walking behavior of participants.   |
| 6 Zang et al. 2018        | China, hongkong | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use mix</li> <li>• Density</li> <li>• street connectivity</li> <li>• Aesthetic</li> </ul>  | walking moderate/vigorous physical activity   | Built environment characteristics such as the availability of commercial and recreational space influence the physical activity of Hong Kong's older adults.   |
| 7 Laatikainen et al. 2019 | Finland         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkway density</li> <li>• residential density</li> <li>• connectivity</li> <li>• density of recreational sport places</li> </ul>                             | walking   | We found income and education having a direct effect on walking for transport in older adults. Walkway density, residential density, connectivity, and the density of recreational sport places within respondents' home ranges had an independent effect on older adults walking for transport regardless of individual demographic or psychological features. Residential and public transit stop density were found having largest direct effect to older adults walking. |
| 8 Wang et al. 2018        | USA             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• destinations</li> <li>• land-use mix</li> <li>• population density</li> <li>• residential density</li> <li>• neighborhood design</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul> | physical activity   | Having destinations for utilitarian and/or recreational walking promotes community-dwelling older adults' physical activity. Safety is obviously critical to older adults' physical activity. Urban older adults were found to be more utilitarian walking than suburban areas.  |
| 9 Portegijs et al. 2017   | Finland         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> <li>• land use mix</li> <li>• population density</li> <li>• connectivity</li> </ul>  | light/moderate/regular physical activity  | The results show that higher numbers of perceived environmental facilitators and better walkability were associated with higher physical activity levels, but not consistently across physical activity measures and time points.  |
| 10 Lu et al. 2018         | China           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• design</li> <li>• diversity</li> <li>• density</li> <li>• distance to transit</li> <li>• destination accessibility</li> </ul>                                 | transportation walking, recreational walking, moderateto vigorous physical activity | Transportation walking was positively associated with the number of bus stops and the presence of Mass Transit Railway (MTR) stations. Recreational MVPA was positively related to the number of recreational facilities. However, land-use mix was negatively related to transportation walking, recreational walking, and recreational MVPA.   |
| 11 Katherine et al. 2016  | UK              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> </ul>  | walking   | Including way finding and legibility, user conflict, kerb paving quality, and lighting appeared to have little impact on older adults' decisions about where to walk.  |
| 12 Cauwenberg et al. 2017 | Australian      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• park quality and</li> <li>• perceptions of the neighborhood environment</li> </ul>  | recreational physical activity  | synergistic relationships between park proximity and social trust and cohesion with mid-older aged adults' recreational walking.   |
| 13 Macintyre et al. 2019  | UK              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• green spaces</li> </ul>   | physical activity   | Adults viewed the small urban green spaces as belonging to people other than themselves, and preferred to visit larger green spaces. In addition, they had a strong preference for urban green spaces which are maintained regularly, and felt that overgrown green spaces have a negative impact on the area.   |
| 14 Holle et al. 2016      | Belgian         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood walkability</li> </ul>   | moderate-to-vigorous physical activity  | Highly-walkable neighborhoods, higher social diversity of the neighborhood environment was associated with more transport walking;   |

**Table 2: Summary of Literature Review (2 of 4)**

| NO. Author                    | County     | Built Environment Variables   | Active Travel Variables                                 | Outcome   |
|-------------------------------|------------|---|---|---|
| 15 Kikuchi et al. 2018        | Japan      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkability</li> <li>• residential density</li> <li>• street connectivity</li> <li>• land use mix</li> </ul>   | walking, moderate to vigorous physical activity         | Neighborhood walkability mitigated the 5-year reduction of walking and total MVPA among older adults, especially in urban areas.  |
| 16 Bodeker et al. 2018        | Germany    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> <li>• Household density</li> <li>• Connectivity</li> <li>• Land use mix</li> <li>• retail floor area ratio</li> </ul>   | walking   | older adults' self-defined neighborhoods are significantly larger, less home-centered, and more walkable than commonly used buffers.  |
| 17 Koohsari et al. 2019       | Japan      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> </ul>   | walking and depression                                  | Walkable environment characterized by a high population density and proximate local destinations to be supportive for a better mental health among older adults, in particular for women.   |
| 18 Liao et al. 2019           | China      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> </ul>   | physical activity, sedentary behavior,                  | No significant associations were found between Walk Score® and other lifestyle health behaviors or health outcomes. While Walk Score® was not associated with recommended levels of physical activity, it was positively related to prolonged sedentary time in the context of a non-Western country. The different associations between the walk score and health lifestyle behaviors and health outcomes in different contexts should be noted. |
| 19 Arnardottir et al. 2017    | Iceland    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seasonal</li> </ul>  | physical activity walking sedentary behavior            | Our data showed that older community-dwelling Icelandic men and women were more physically active and less sedentary during the summer as compared to the winter; however, the differences in the variables were relatively small.  |
| 20 Cassarino et al. 2019      | Ireland    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Spaces</li> </ul>  | walk(recreation and transportation)                     | most participants indicated a preference for outdoor spaces that offer variety and greenery,  |
| 21 Dollman et al. 2016        | Australian |   | walking   | Participants living alone were less likely to be physically active regardless of region.  |
| 22 Maisel et al. 2016         | American   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential density</li> <li>• Land use mix-diversity</li> <li>• Land use mix-access</li> <li>• Street connectivity</li> <li>• Walking facilities</li> <li>• Aesthetics</li> <li>• Traffic safety</li> <li>• Crime safety</li> </ul> | Job walking, Transportation walking, Recreation walking | Within rural neighborhoods, household income was significantly related to recreational walking. Participants were more than twice as likely to engage in any walking activity when they perceived greater street connectivity. In rural communities, only perceived crime safety was associated with any walking and walking for recreation.  |
| 23 Winters et al. 2015        | Canadian   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> </ul>   | walking   | The higher Street Smart Walk Score was associated walking. In addition, older adults living in neighbourhoods categorised as Walker's Paradise were over three times more likely to meet guidelines than those living in Car-dependent/Very car dependent neighbourhoods. We found no evidence that household income moderated the effect of Walk Score on walking outside.   |
| 24 Procter-Gray et al. 2015   | American   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access to amenities</li> </ul>   | utilitarian and recreational walking                    | Utilitarian walking is strongly influenced by neighborhood environment, but intrinsic factors may be more important for recreational walking.   |
| 25 Holle et al. 2015          | Belgian    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> </ul>   | walking   | Walkability was positively associated with recreational walking in those with high self-efficacy, however, there were no significant main effects for transport walking.  |
| 26 Marui et al. 2016          | Brazil     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Density</li> <li>• Land-use mix</li> <li>• Street connectivity</li> <li>• sidewalks</li> <li>• paved streets</li> <li>• Public open spaces</li> </ul>  | walking   | Higher population density, with a higher street connectivity, a higher sidewalk proportion, and paved streets; highest tertile were more likely to walk for transportation. Regarding walking for leisure, only 2 predictors were associated, area income and street density.   |
| 27 Hyung-Sook Lee 2016        | Korea      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood quality</li> <li>• Neighborhood safety</li> </ul>   | walking   | SEM revealed that neighborhood quality and safety had significant positive relationships with the TPB variables and indirectly influenced intention and walking of the elderly  |
| 28 Hyung-Sook Lee et al. 2015 | Korea      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distance to Parks, shops,</li> <li>• walking trails</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Aesthetical</li> </ul>  | walking   | The results found that significantly more urban females, 42.6% engaged in the "recommended" amount of walking activity compared to 29.0% of rural females. for rural women, proximity to parks was the strongest positive association with attaining the recommended level of walking followed by street trees. For urban women, crime safety was an important environmental variable to meet physical activity recommendations.                  |

**Table 2: Summary of Literature Review (3 of 4)**

| No. Author                    | Country             | Built Environment Variables  | Active Travel Variables  | Outcome  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 29 Gallagher et al. 2014      | American            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• density</li> <li>• destinations</li> <li>• design</li> <li>• access streets</li> <li>• traffic safety</li> <li>• crime safety</li> <li>• comfort</li> </ul>   | walking  | There are gender differences in the impact of the built environment on elderly's walking behavior. Density, and design were associated with walking in men. Significant design characteristics included sidewalks and crime. In women, destinations were associated with walking.  |
| 30 Zhang et al. 2014          | China               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> <li>• residential density</li> <li>• land use mix diversity</li> <li>• street connectivity</li> <li>• access to services</li> <li>• walking facilities</li> <li>• safety</li> <li>• aesthetics</li> </ul>                      | walking  | The results suggest that abundant sidewalks, dense bus stops, easily accessible commercial establishments, and ample green land space are potentially effective to enhance walking among the elderly, albeit to varied degrees. The compact urban form, which is considered as walkability in the western context, may not necessarily play a positive role in Zhongshan's context.  |
| 31 Tsai et al. 2013           | Finland             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic, Terrain,</li> <li>• Distances and Entrance</li> </ul>  | walking  | Persons living alone (57% of the participants) reported environmental mobility barriers more often than those  |
| 32 Nathan et al. 2012         | Australian          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to destinations</li> </ul>   | walking  | Older adults with access to general services within 400m and 800m, and social infrastructure within 800m were more likely to engage in some weekly walking. Access to medical care services within 400m and 800m reduced the odds of sufficient walking. Access to food retail, general retail, financial services, and the mix of commercial destination types within the neighbourhood were all unrelated to walking of the elderly.   |
| 33 Van Cauwenberg et al. 2012 | Belgium             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to services</li> <li>• Walking facilities</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Aesthetics</li> </ul>   | Walking, cycling   | Perceived short distances to services and satisfaction with public transport were significantly positively related to all walking/cycling behaviors. Feelings of unsafety was negatively related to walking for transportation and recreational walking/cycling. In females, it was also negatively related to cycling for transportation.   |
| 34 Holle et al. 2014          | Belgium             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkability</li> <li>• residential density</li> <li>• street connectivity</li> <li>• land use mix diversity</li> </ul>  | walking/ cycling   | Findings showed a positive relationship between neighborhood walkability and weekly minutes of older adults' self-reported walking for transportation.   |
| 35 Pelclová et al. 2012       | Poland and Slovakia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential density</li> <li>• Land use-mix - proximity</li> <li>• Accessibility</li> <li>• Street connectivity</li> <li>• Infrastructure for walking/cycling</li> <li>• Neighborhood aesthetics</li> <li>• Traffic and crime safety</li> </ul> | walking for leisure, walking for transportant walking/ cycling | Respondents living in high residential density neighborhoods (OR 1.87), living in flats (OR 2.09) and in location with ≤ 100,000 inhabitants (OR 1.63) were more likely to meet recommendation within walking for transportation. Owning a dog was associated with meeting recommendation within walking for leisure   |
| 36 Chen et al. 2013           | Japan               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• density</li> <li>• proximity to service facilities</li> <li>• land use mix-access</li> <li>• street connectivity</li> <li>• places for walking</li> <li>• good view</li> <li>• traffic and crime safety</li> </ul>                              | walking  | Traffic and crime safety in old-unemployed males and proximity to service facilities and traffic and crime safety in middle-employed females were significantly associated with a low risk of insufficient WT. Proximity to service facilities in old-employed males, number of service facilities, places for walking, and good view in middle-employed females, and density of dwelling and proximity to service facilities in old-unemployed females were significantly associated with a low risk of non-HFE.  |
| 37 Cerin et al. 2013          | China               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• destinations</li> <li>• diversity</li> <li>• safety</li> <li>• pedestrian infrastructure</li> </ul>   | Walking for transport  | The prevalence of public transit points and diversity of recreational destinations were positively related to overall walking for transport. The presence of a health clinic/service and place of worship, higher diversity in recreational destinations, and greater prevalence of non-food retailers and services, food/grocery stores, and restaurants in the neighborhood were predictive of more within-neighborhood walking for transport. Neighborhood safety-related aspects moderated the relationship of overall walking for transport with the prevalence of public transit points, this being positive only in safe locations. Pedestrian-infrastructure attributes acted as moderators of associations of within-neighborhood walking for transport with prevalence of commercial destination categories. |
| 38 Takahashi et al. 2012      | American            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• walkability</li> </ul>  | bicycle and walking  | The hypothesis that there would be a relationship between the built environment, as measured by the Walk Score®, and the frequency of walking in an older adult population in Rochester, MN, is not supported by the findings of this study.   |



**Table 2: Summary of Literature Review (4 of 4)**

| NO. Author              | County    | Built Environment Variables  | Active Travel Variables                           | Outcome   |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|---|---|
| 39 Gauvin et al. 2012   | Canada    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>distance between their home and services and amenities</li> </ul>   | walking   | closer proximity to services and amenities was associated with greater likelihood of frequent walking at all times throughout the 3-year period.  |
| 40 Siu et al. 2012      | Portland  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>distance</li> <li>land use mix</li> <li>connectivity</li> <li>population density</li> </ul>   | walking<br>utilitarian and for<br>leisure purpose | we found that urban areas with the best access to transit services, close proximity to amenities such as businesses and parks, high street connectivity, and high population density were most likely to promote walking in older women.  |
| 41 Cerin et al. 2013    | China     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential density</li> <li>land use</li> <li>Physical barriers</li> <li>connectivity</li> <li>traffic</li> <li>Infrastructure for walking</li> <li>Aesthetics</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>connecting to services</li> <li>Easy access of residential entrance</li> <li>Sitting facilities</li> </ul> | walking   | Access to and availability of different types of services and destinations, provision of facilities for resting/sitting in the neighbourhood, and easy access to/from residential buildings may help maintain an active lifestyle by facilitating walking for transport in the neighbourhood.<br>3. Access to services, indoor places for walking, environmental aesthetics, low traffic, and absence of physical barriers may promote recreational walking |
| 42 Corseuil et al. 2017 | Brazil    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>infrastructure</li> <li>safety for walking and cycling,</li> <li>aesthetics</li> <li>traffic and crime safety</li> <li>recreational facilities and social support</li> </ul>  | walking   | The presence of sidewalks was related to both walking for transportation and for leisure. Existence of crosswalks in the neighborhood, safety during the day, presence of street lighting, recreational facilities, and having dog were significant predictors of walking for transportation. Safety during the day and social support were significantly associated with walking for leisure.  |
| 43 Nyunt et al. 2015    | Singapore | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential density</li> <li>Land use mix—diversity</li> <li>Street connectivity</li> <li>Land use mix—access</li> <li>Infrastructure</li> <li>Aesthetics</li> <li>Traffic safety</li> <li>Safety from crime</li> </ul>   | walking for<br>transportation                     | The subjective measures of residential density, street connectivity, land use mix diversity and aesthetic environment and the objective GIS measure of Accessibility Index have positively significant independent associations with transportation physical activity, after adjusting for demographics, socio-economic and health status.  |

## Conclusion

This study gave an overview of the built environment factor that influence active travel. It found that physical environment, social environment, natural environment and ICT environment can impact active travel of elderly. However, few studies were conducted in developing countries and rural areas. Meanwhile, weather and ICT were seldomly tested as factors affecting individual's travel behavior and travel choices, especially for the elderly. Thus, more researches need to be conducted in the future.

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