

Feedback Report

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Council was successful in receiving funding from the Department of Transport Safe Pedestrians Program to improve pedestrian safety at various intersections within the Oakleigh Activity Centre area.

A high number of pedestrian incidents had been occurring within the Activity Centre area, with an initial round of treatments undertaken in 2017/18 to assist with modifying driver behaviour and facilitating safe pedestrian crossing locations. Additional works were required to further improve safety across the Centre.

To further improve pedestrian protection at existing crossing points, and improve pedestrian/cyclist safety by reducing driver speeds, the following works were proposed:

- New raised zebra crossings at the intersection of Atherton Road and Drummond Street, and Atherton Road and Palmerston Grove
- New road humps along Portman Street and Chester Street
- Roundabout upgrade at Portman and Chester Streets
- Threshold treatments upgrade at the intersection of Portman and Station Streets, and Burlington and Hanover Streets.

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

The engagement took place during the information stage of the Oakleigh Activity Centre Safe Pedestrian Project, which will provide treatments at five pedestrian crossings in the Centre area.

Designs for the five treatments, along with a hotspot map with brief descriptions for seven works locations, were included on the 'Safe Pedestrian Project – Oakleigh activity Centre' page of the Shape Monash engagement platform to inform the community of what was proposed.

Registered participants were then able to provide feedback on pedestrian safety in the Oakleigh Activity Centre.

ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

Summary of Feedback

The opportunity to provide feedback was available on the 'Safe Pedestrian Project - Oakleigh Activity Centre' page of the Shape Monash engagement platform from 4 January to 4 February 2022.

The feedback opportunity was aimed at the entire Monash community, particularly users of the Oakleigh Activity Centre precinct. Registration was required to participate, in order to limit the responses to one per feedback respondent.

Respondent profile

A total of 10 participants provided feedback via the Shape Monash page. Of those, two were from Oakleigh, two from Hughesdale, two from Glen Waverley and one each from Mount Waverley, Ashwood, Chadstone and Wheelers Hill.

Responses

Of the 10 participants who provided feedback, **EIGHT** supported the proposal while **TWO** disagreed.

Of the TWO participants who **DISAGREED** with the proposal, one expressed concerns about traffic congestion while the other questioned whether pedestrian buffer zones were working.

EIGHT respondents **SUPPORTED** the proposal, agreeing strongly with the pedestrian safety aims of the program.

Of the EIGHT who supported the proposal, THREE respondents offered suggestions regarding extending the treatment measures to other intersections not included in the current program.

THREE respondents who supported the proposals flagged important considerations for pedestrians who may be elderly, those with access issues and vision impairment.

TWO respondents felt cycling and the safety of cyclists should form a larger part of the discussion.

NEXT STEP

Works will be undertaken in stages and commenced on 27 June 2022. They are expected to be completed in mid-September(weather permitting).