

STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROJECT

WHAT WE HEARD (JUNE 2022)

The Streets for People Project is the development of treatment ideas for various locations throughout Spotswood and South Kingsville.

Community engagement for this stage of the consultation occurred between 21st April 2022 and 2nd June 2022, running across Participate and a face-to-face session.

Project Summary

The project was identified to undertake streetscape works to help to reduce the impact of heavy vehicle movements, through traffic and congestion on our local streets to make the area safer and more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

Proposed action within the scope of this project:

- All areas in Spotswood between McLister Street, Melbourne Road, The Avenue and the railway line were proposed to be within an area-wide 40km/h zone, as per the image below. This is a key element of the Streets for People project.
- No change to the speed limit on Hudsons Road is currently proposed as part of this project due to feedback from the Department of Transport.

Proposed ideas to community:

- Raised thresholds at Hudsons Road
- Road humps/single lane slow points
- Raised intersections on local streets
- Tree and landscaping on local streets
- Other actions included in the LAMP such as Safe Travel to Schools Spotswood Primary School - Raised pedestrian crossing at the entrance and intersections of McLister Street/Robert Street and Reed Street/Robert Street, Road Humps on The Avenue, Road Humps on Robert Street, Kerb outstands on residential streets at Hudsons Road, Pedestrianisation of Hope Street at the Train Station interface.

Community Engagement

Throughout the engagement process, a multi-activity approach was performed:

Activity	Details
In Person Session	28th May 2022 – 8am-1pm, Spotswood Slow Food Market.

Participate Survey

Participate 21st April – 2nd June. Seeking feedback exploring community ideas.

These community engagement opportunities were primarily shared via Council's digital platforms.

What we heard

Respondent statistics:

Platform	Details
Participate	399 site visits with 7 survey submissions.
Social	7386 people reached with 44 engagements across multiple platforms.

Interaction Rate: 2.1% (Unique Visits vs participate contributions)

Participate Survey:

Community feedback was sought on the treatment ideas for this project to aid in the development of the treatment plan.

The community were asked, what are your main issues whilst travelling through Spotswood? (n=7)

- The top responses were:
- No bike lanes (n=3) 42.9%
- Public transport (n=3) 42.9%
- Residential housing (n=2) 28.6%
- Safety (n=2) 28.6%
- Traffic congestion (n=2) 28.6%
- Heavy vehicles (n=2) 28.6%



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Key feedback to note:

- Road usage and transport concerns including diverting heavy traffic and encouraging less car use.
- Road narrowing, installing safe islands, enforcing parking restrictions.
- Visibility of road signage, path markings and the addition of pedestrian crossing lights.



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The community were asked, is there anything you would like to add about raised thresholds at Hudsons Road? (n=4)

Key feedback to note:

- Large trucks will still cause noise concerns
- The raised thresholds are not sufficient and are needing in conjunction with other measures.

The community were asked, is there anything you would like to add about road humps/single lane slow points on Local Streets? (n=6)

Key feedback to note:

- Active transport routes (cycling and walking) are not always suitable for all residents.
- Improved traffic flow management is needed.
- Limit use of road humps and single lanes as traffic management systems.
- The design of a one-way system with limited parking to complement narrow streets and limit the range of turns.
- Include Edith Lane in the proposal, consider for road humps and for footpath renewal.

The community were asked, is there anything you would like to add about raised intersections on local streets? (n=4)

Key feedback to note:

- Water drainage issues.
- Cars are being damaged on narrow two-way streets.
- Better use of harvested drainage water.
- Additional noise from large vehicles is an issue.

The community were asked, is there anything you would like to add about trees and landscaping on local streets? (n=4)

Key feedback to note:

- More European or deciduous trees.
- Street lighting
- Native shrubs in nature strip rather than large trees which pose a future issue with electricity wires.
- Incentive programs for residents to plant native gardens.

- Include Edith Lane for landscaping and footpath development.

The community were asked, what else would you like to see more of in the area? (n=5)

Key feedback:

- Trees were mentioned in 80% of responses.
- Traffic calming measures were mentioned in 60% of responses.
- Road condition was mentioned in 40% of responses.
- Improvements for pedestrians was mentioned in 60% of responses.
- Line marking was mentioned in 40% of responses.

There were several key pieces of feedback from this consultation including:

- Identified current issues for residents/community.
- Ideas for the treatment plan, many centring around traffic management, truck/heavy vehicle management, speed limits, active transport incentives, signage and footpaths improvements.

In person Sessions:

A Face-to-Face event was held with representatives from relevant project teams.

Key feedback included:

- Hope St being one-way south only.
- One-way roads
- Safety and turning circles
- Parking (disability access to parking)

Community feedback at the face-to-face sessions overall was quite general with a lot of contributions across various topics and areas within the space.

Next steps

Further information will be provided to community as this project progresses. If you have any questions regarding the Streets for People Project or works in this area, please email projects@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au.



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