

# FOREST STREET ACTIVE TRANSPORT CORRIDOR

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT

City of Ballarat is designing changes that will make Forest Street a **safer** and more pleasant **street for everyone** who moves through it or lives on it.

Late last year we asked the community for feedback on early concept plans designed in response to feedback from the community about current conditions along Forest Street.

This document summarises the feedback we received from the Forest Street community on those early concept plans.

For more information about the Forest Street project, or to contact us about it, go to:

<https://mysay.ballarat.vic.gov.au/forest-street-upgrade>

In **August & September 2024** we received feedback about early concept plans from:



56 completed  
MySay surveys



8 written  
submissions



Phone and in person  
conversations with  
residents and schools

We asked how well the concept plans addressed the safety and other concerns identified along Forest Street.

**Over half** of survey respondents thought the designs did **very well with providing safer roundabouts and street crossings**, but only **a third** of respondents thought the same about control of **vehicle speeds and vehicle behaviour**.

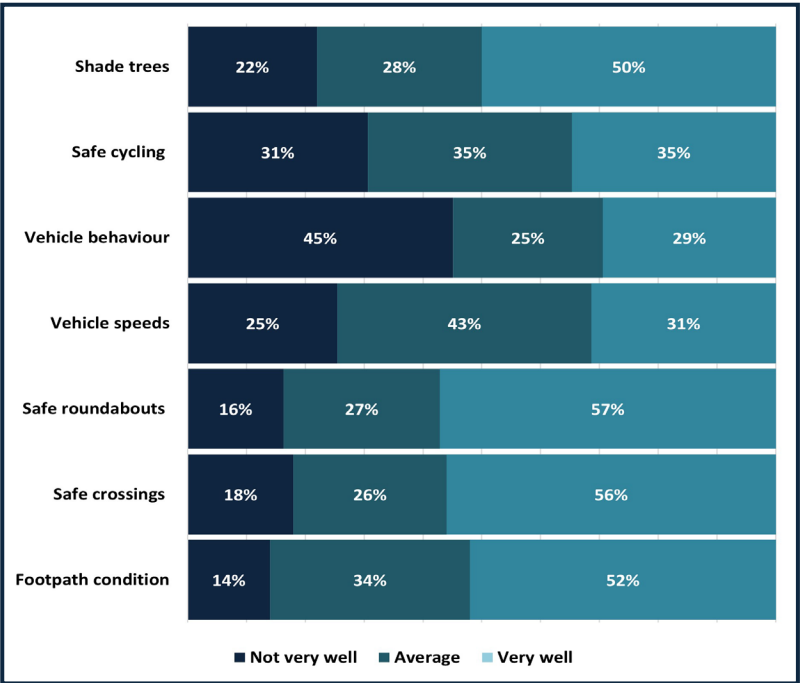


**Chart 1: Percentage** of survey respondents who believe the concept plans address issues identified in Forest Street, scored on a scale of **Not very well** to **Very well**.

Overall, it looks like a great design.

I think the footpaths and gutters should be a priority.

A central median strip might stop the idiots who do “burnouts” but won’t slow the traffic. Some vehicles travel at excessive speeds, particularly north of Norman Street.

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We asked the MySay survey takers what else we should consider in the designs:



30% are concerned about parking loss, especially in the school zones



13% thought the median would restrict driveway access or not work to reduce vehicle speeds



13% wanted new footpaths, widened footpaths & footpath maintenance



**85%** of survey takers gave the project **3 or more stars** for the level of improvement it will bring for pedestrians and cyclists

Some of these cross sections look great, seems like some very high-quality people first infrastructure.

“Would like to see a concrete foot path from Forest Court to Goit Drive & stop cars parking across footpaths & pulling in on wrong side of road”.

“Adding a central median will cause massive congestion during school times”.

“Better parking. The un-asphalted parking is disastrous. It always floods, makes for horrendous parking situations and allows for so much collection of leaves in the gutters”.

“The arrangements for better bike, scooter and pedestrian movement are good and will encourage alternative transport options other than by car”.

“As a parent at Ballarat Grammar the traffic is due to people having to reverse out of car parks for drop off. This clogs up the traffic and is dangerous. It is often only possible to reverse out when the lollipop lady is out. A better design would be a drive-in, drive-out drop off zone like their bus drop off so that the reversing is not needed”.

“I love everything about your plan. It would be so nice to see Forest St shown the respect it deserves past Norman St. I welcome the plans to reduce speeding, seal road, make it safer and greener right across the board. Thank you for doing this”.