

Community Consultation Summary

March 2018

Sturt Street West improvements

After receiving community feedback on key areas for improvement, we refined our proposal and have prepared a business case to advocate for funding to improve safety in Sturt Street West.

Key areas for improvement

We asked the community for its feedback and ideas on key areas of Sturt Street West through an interactive online community engagement forum. We also spoke to key stakeholders in the area to better understand their priorities. The key areas for improvement include:

- access from the two service roads to Sturt Street
- Ballarat Clarendon College/ St Patrick's College precinct
- Sturt Street/Russell Street intersection
- Longley Street/Ballarat High School precinct
- Arch of Victory/Cuthberts Road precinct.



Community participation

We have been working closely with key community stakeholders, including the City of Ballarat, Public Transport Victoria, local residents, schools and businesses to investigate ways to make Sturt Street work better for all road users.

We undertook several engagement initiatives in late 2017 to understand their experiences, existing concerns and preferences for the future of Sturt Street West.

Who participated

A combination of stakeholder and online engagement saw more than 1200 people log on to our Engage VicRoads website, with 114 comments made and 520 votes cast for or against the various options.

What we heard

We received feedback on several key themes which we have included on the following page.

What happens next

Your feedback was used to support the development of a business case, which the Victorian Government will use to assess the project for funding against other projects around the state. We now await the outcome of that process.

For more information

Online: vicroads.vic.gov.au and search for 'Sturt Street West Improvements'

Email: ballaratprojects@roads.vic.gov.au

Call: Damien Kelly on 0459 862 527

Write: Sturt Street West Improvements, PO Box 580, Ballarat, Victoria, 3353

Key Themes

What did we hear?	Our response
You gave us your views on safer cycling corridors along Sturt Street to connect western Ballarat to the CBD.	We are currently working with the City of Ballarat to make it easier and safer for cyclists to get around Ballarat. As part of this process, we have asked the community for its feedback and input into a connectivity and safety project for cyclists and pedestrians.
You raised your concerns about delays caused by having two lanes and/or pedestrian signals in the Arch of Victory/Cuthberts Road precinct.	We are continuing to work together with the City of Ballarat to ensure we develop a solution that will further improve safety and traffic flow through this busy precinct.
You raised your concerns about access to homes near Beaufort Avenue and the memorial garden site.	During this process, we will continue to consult with residents and users of the area.
You suggested an overpass or underpass for pedestrian and school crossings.	We understand that pedestrian safety is vital. Building an overpass or underpass is costly and complex, therefore we will need to investigate this option further.
You raised your concerns about the safety and operation of proposals for the Sturt Street intersection with Russell Street/Morrison Street.	Although traffic signals may provide the best solution for this intersection, we will need to commission additional investigation into monitoring safety and traffic flow aspects.
You raised your concerns about parking and pedestrian safety at St Patrick's College and Ballarat Clarendon College.	We have passed on suggestions to the City of Ballarat about making Alfred Street a one-way road and extending the school crossing to Wanliss Street. We will also see if it is possible to put in a school drop-off zone.
You raised your concerns about visibility and turning movements onto Sturt Street near Northam Way and Production Drive.	The trees along Sturt Street are heritage protected, however we will investigate where else we can improve visibility for road users.

