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HIGH STREET PRESTON STREETSCAPE UPGRADE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - STAGE 1

August 2025

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters we now call Darebin and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Council affirms that Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people have lived on this land for millennia, practicing their ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

Council respects and recognises all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their values, living culture and practices, including their continuing spiritual connection to the land and waters and their right to self-determination.

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Darebin Council are proposing to deliver Streetscape Upgrades to High Street Preston, from Bell Street to Murray Road, to improve pedestrian safety, amenity and accessibility along Preston's premier commercial corridor.

To help inform the streetscape upgrades, the focus of the Stage 1 community engagement was to understand community priorities for the upgrades.

Community Consultation ran from 13 March - 6 April and included the following engagement methods:

- **Face to face pop-up sessions**, where the community could come and chat with officers about the project. Three sessions were held across the study area.
- **Have your Say Page** was the online information source for the project. It contained an online survey so the community could share their feedback, FAQs and contact details for the project.
- **Focus sessions** with the community groups and numerous Council advisory committees.
- **Distribution of over 4,800 Postcards** to residents and businesses within 400m of the study area.

- **Tailored collateral for CALD business community**

Over 380 community responses were received to the online survey, which will help inform the draft streetscape design options to rebuild High Street, Preston as a safer, more inclusive, and welcoming streetscape for all users.



2. ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

TIMELINE

13 March 2025 - 6 April 2025

Council ran a 3.5 week community consultation program to better understand what local residents, businesses and visitors value about High Street, and to understand their priorities for a future streetscape upgrade.

HOW WE ENGAGED

- Have Your Say page
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Darebin Council website
- Darebin Community News
- Online survey
- Pop up sessions
- Postcard drop

4800

Postcards delivered

3

Pop up sessions

5,000

Darebin e-newsletters

5

Focus sessions

12

Translated languages

ENGAGEMENT RESPONSE

380

Survey responses

22

Business in-person survey responses

100+

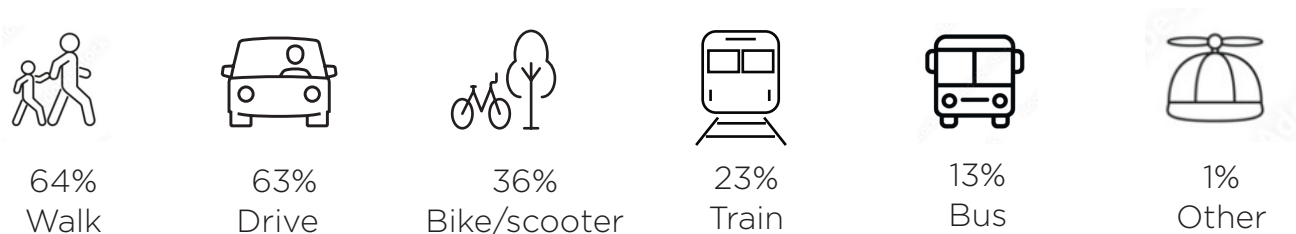
People attending pop-up sessions

WHAT WE LEARNED

How often respondents visit High Street



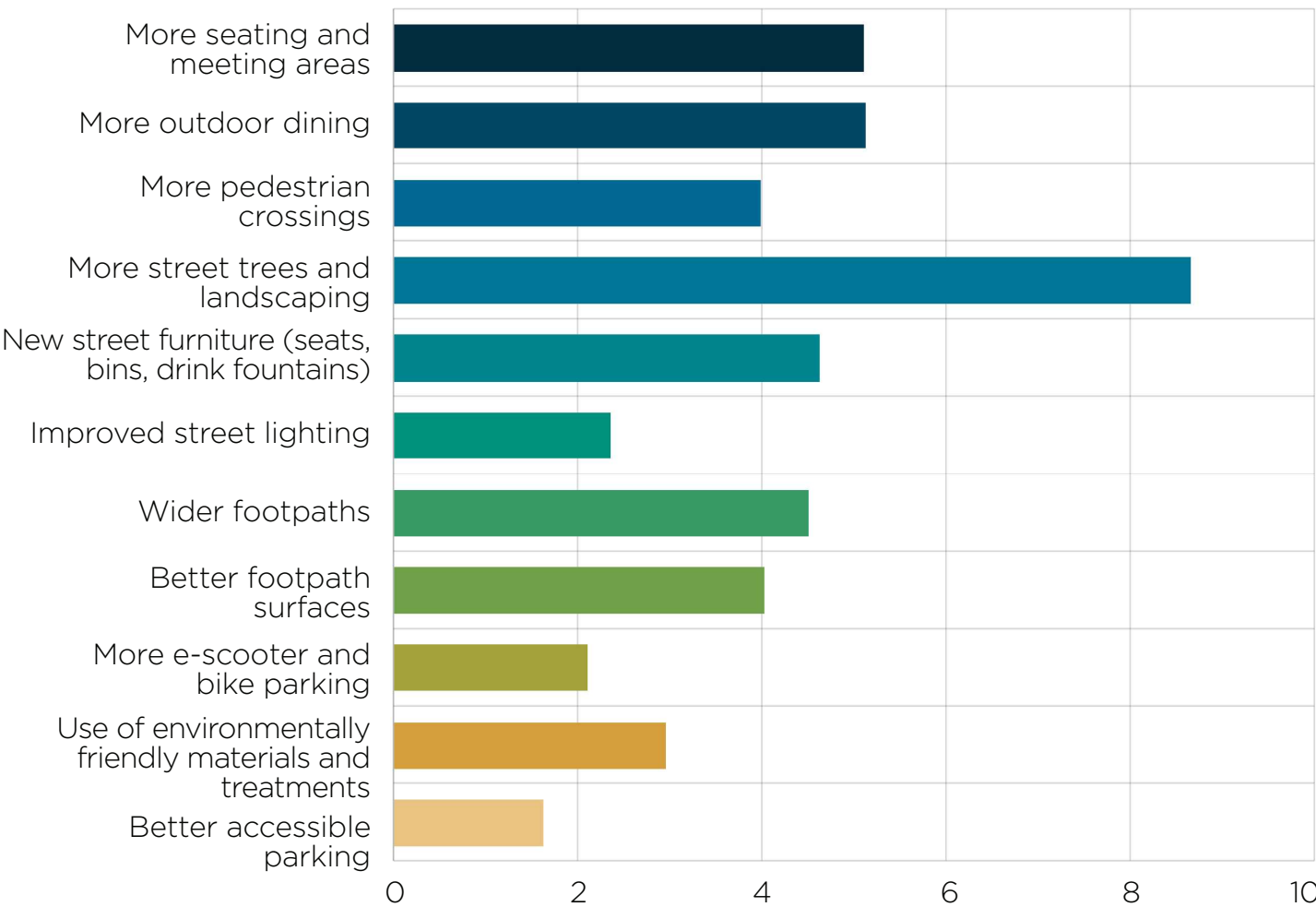
How respondents travelled to High Street (multiple choice)



Respondents' connection to High Street (multiple choice)



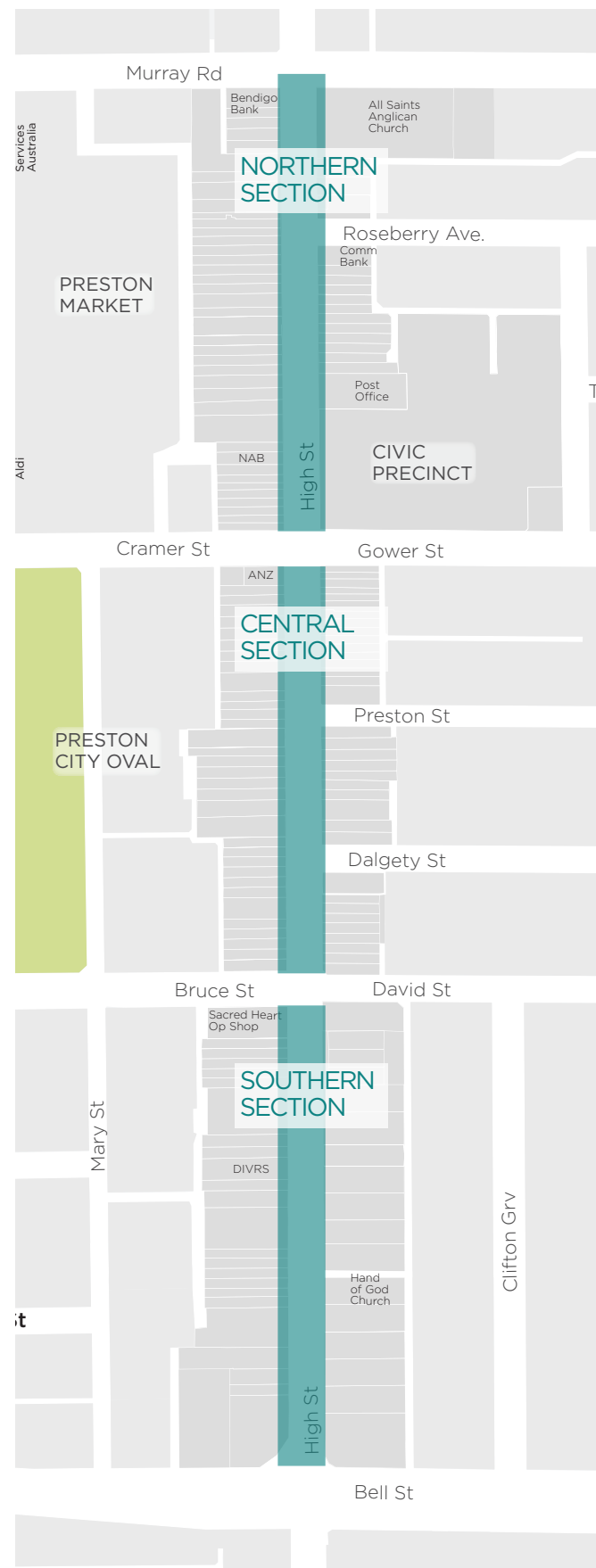
Streetscape upgrade priorities



3. STUDY AREA

High Street is one of Darebin’s premier Streetscapes servicing the Central Preston Activity Centre.

The streetscape improvements are proposed for between Murray Road and Bell Street Preston.



4. ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

4.1 OBJECTIVES

Stage 1 of Community Consultation for the High Street Streetscape Upgrades Plan sought to:

- Understand the community’s vision for High St Preston, (how to make it safer, greener, more comfortable, accessible, attractive - this will encompass what the community like and value about High Street, would like improved along it, and where these upgrades/improvements should be located).
- Understand the community’s priorities for High Street streetscape upgrades.
- Understand the vision for High St Preston shared by businesses on High Street (between Murray Rd and Bell St) addresses.
- Understand impacts any changes may have on other key service providers in the area (transport. gas, police, etc.).



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Project timelines and key consultation stages

4.2 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



For a 3.5-week period from 13 March – 6 April 2025, Council:

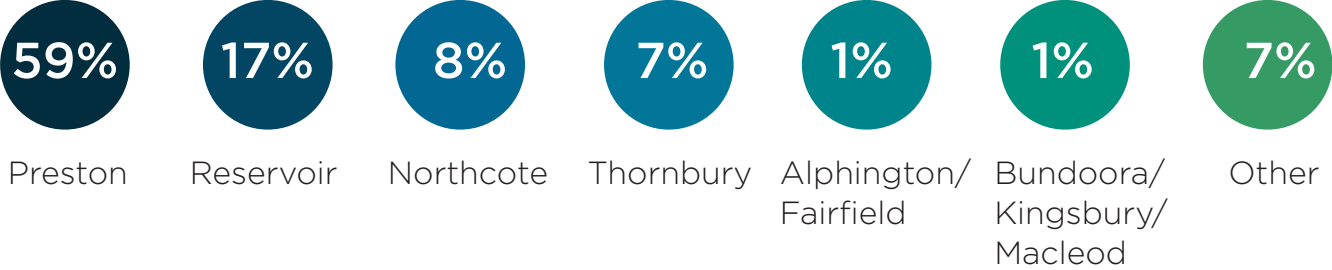
- Hosted three **Community Pop up sessions** at the Preston Market, outside 421 High Street, and Moon Rabbit Café.
- Hosted a focus session with a Senior CALD conversational class at Moon Rabbit Café.
- Held **site walk-throughs** with key Transport providers such as Department of Transport and Bus Service providers.
- Prepared **targeted emails** for key service providers and stakeholders for the area (i.e. Preston Police, Preston High Street, DIVRS, The Bridge etc).
- Attended and discussed the project with the following **Council advisory committees**:
 - Darebin Disability and Accessibility Committee (4 March).
 - Gender Equity Committee (20 March).
 - LGBTQIA+ Committee (25 March).
 - Active and Healthy Ageing Committee (3 April).
- Developed an **Online Survey** on the Your Say Darebin webpage.
- Held two meetings with the Preston Central Business Association.
- Hand-delivered postcards to all High Street and Preston Market businesses.
- Developed target content and face to face engagement with Chinese and Vietnamese businesses.
- Delivered postcard promoting the project to all residential properties within a 400m radius, including hand-delivery to all apartment buildings, and postal letter deliver to all landowners with a High Street address (between Bell and Murray).

4.3 WHO PARTICIPATED?

Method of engagement and participant numbers

Method	Participants
Pop Up Sessions:	
421 High Street	Approx. 40-60
Preston Market	Approx. 40-60
Outside Moon Rabbit Cafe	Approx. 20-30
Focus session at the Bridge	8
Advisory committee members (total)	26
Face-to-Face engagement with business	22
Online survey responses	370 submissions
Views on the Have Your Say page	1807

Survey participants' suburb

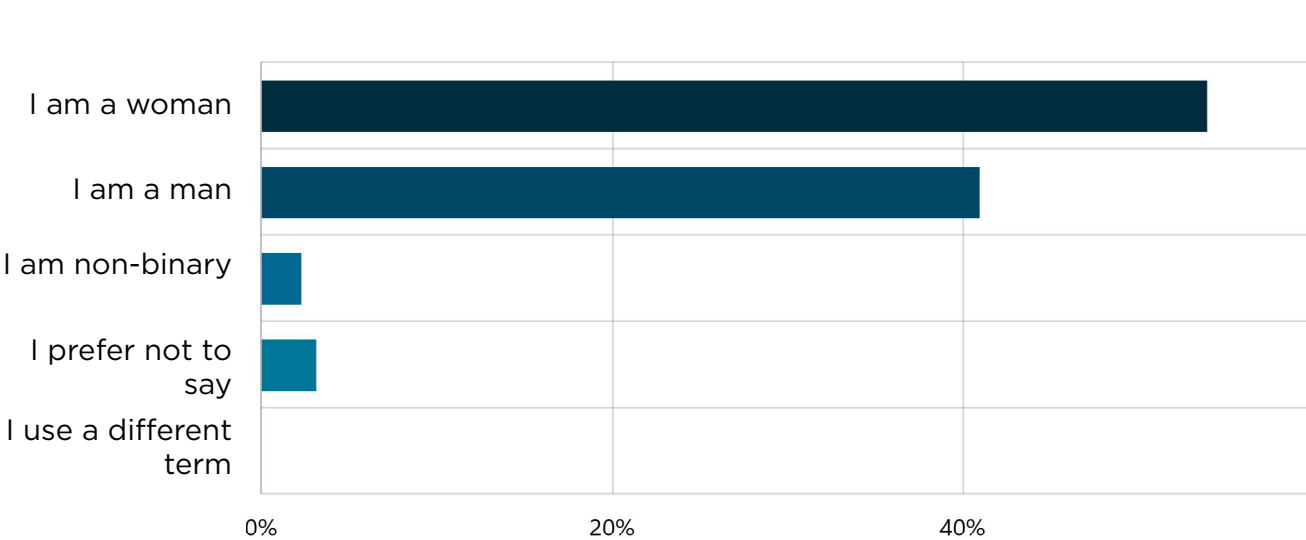


5. ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

5.1 ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

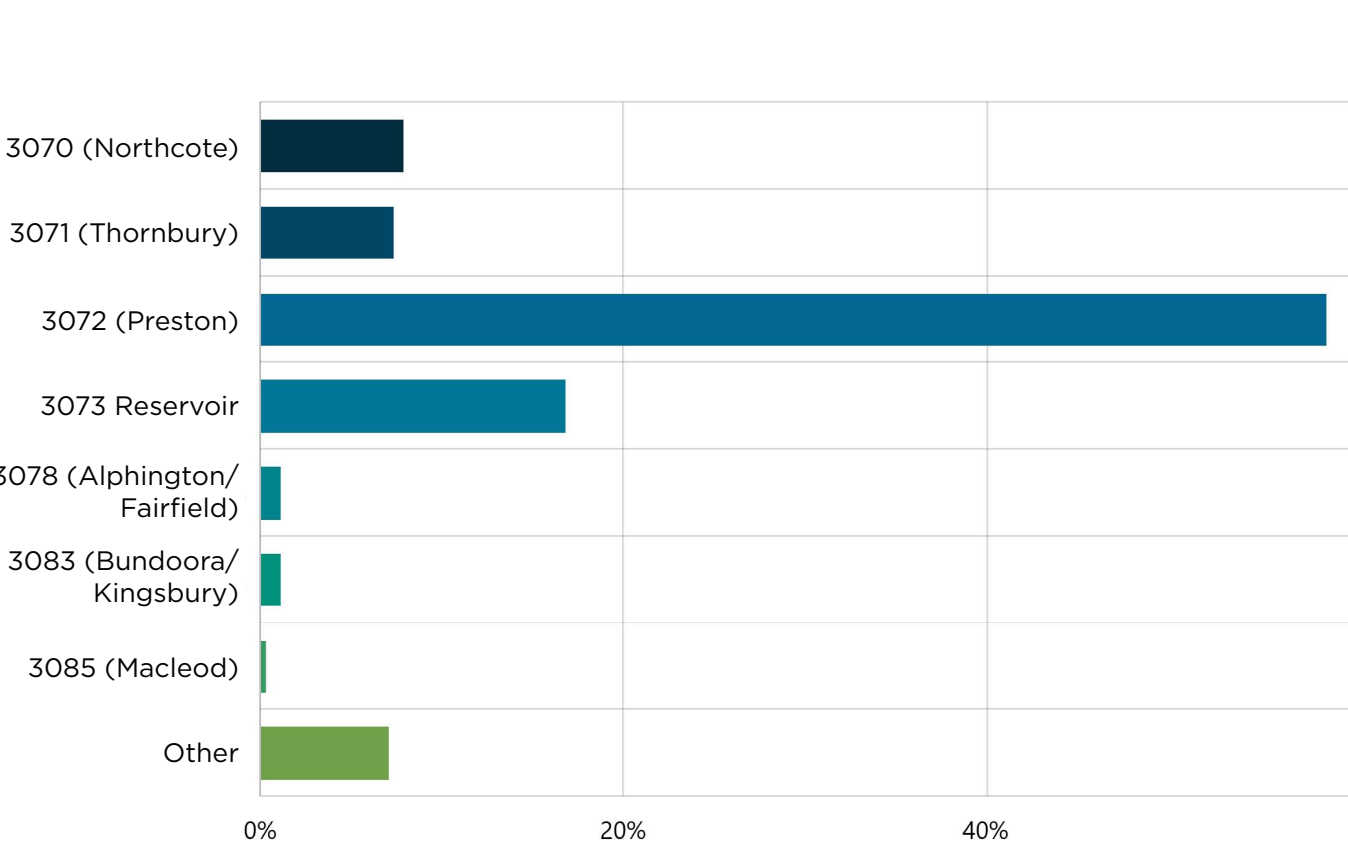
What is your gender?

A higher response was received from women (53%) to the online survey.



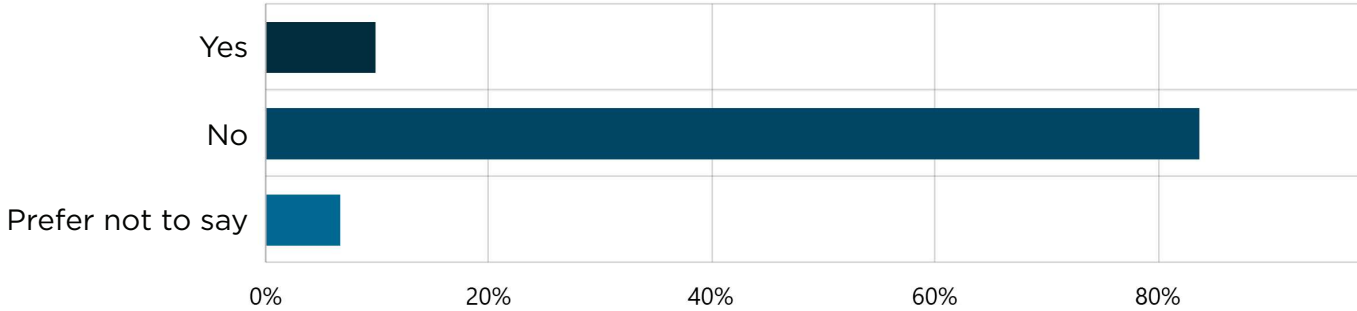
What is your postcode?

Fifty-nine percent of the online survey participants live in Preston, with 34% from neighbouring suburbs within Darebin and 7% from outside of Darebin.



Do you have a disability?

Under 10% of online survey participants live with a visible and/or non-visible disability.

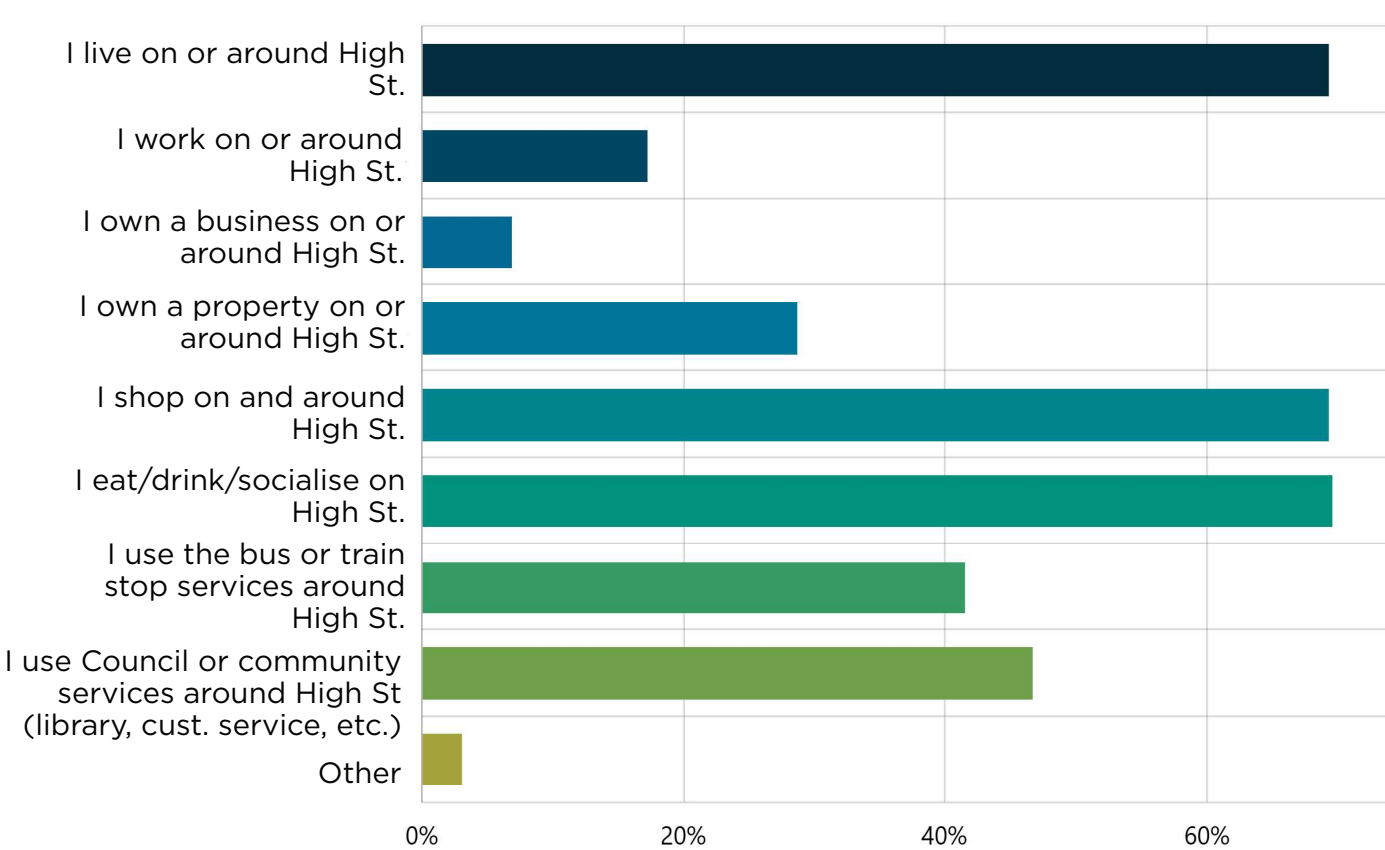


Understanding participants' relationship to High Street

What is your relationship to High Street?

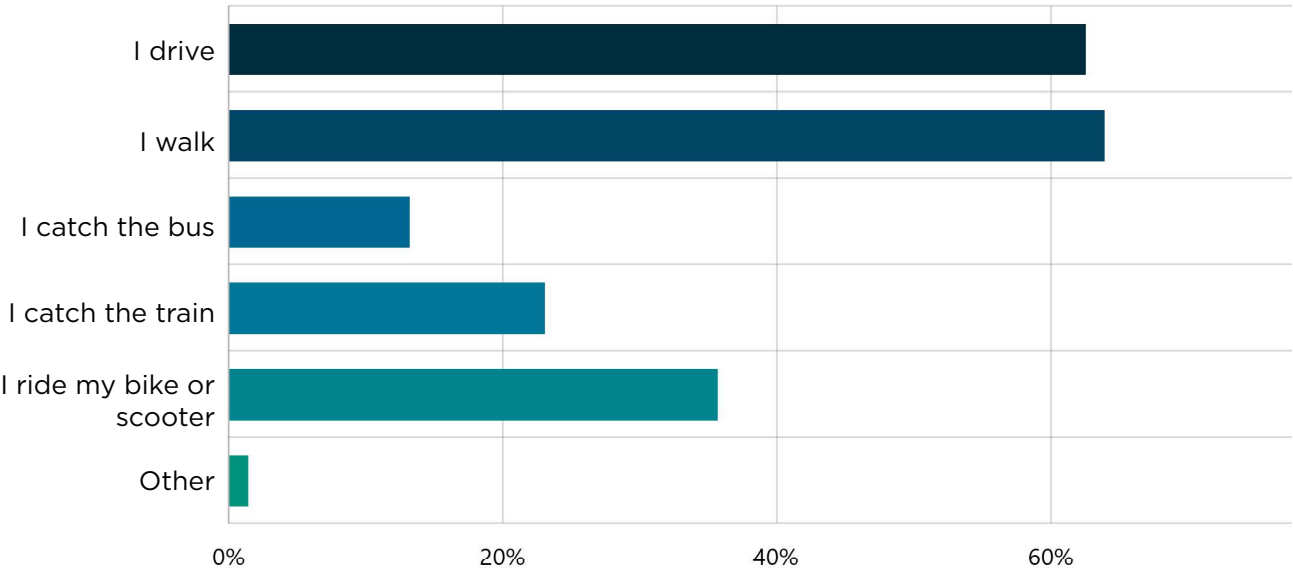
A high number of local residents (69.21%) participated in the online survey.

A high number of visitors to the centre also shop (69.21%) and socialise/eat/drink (69.48%) on High Street.



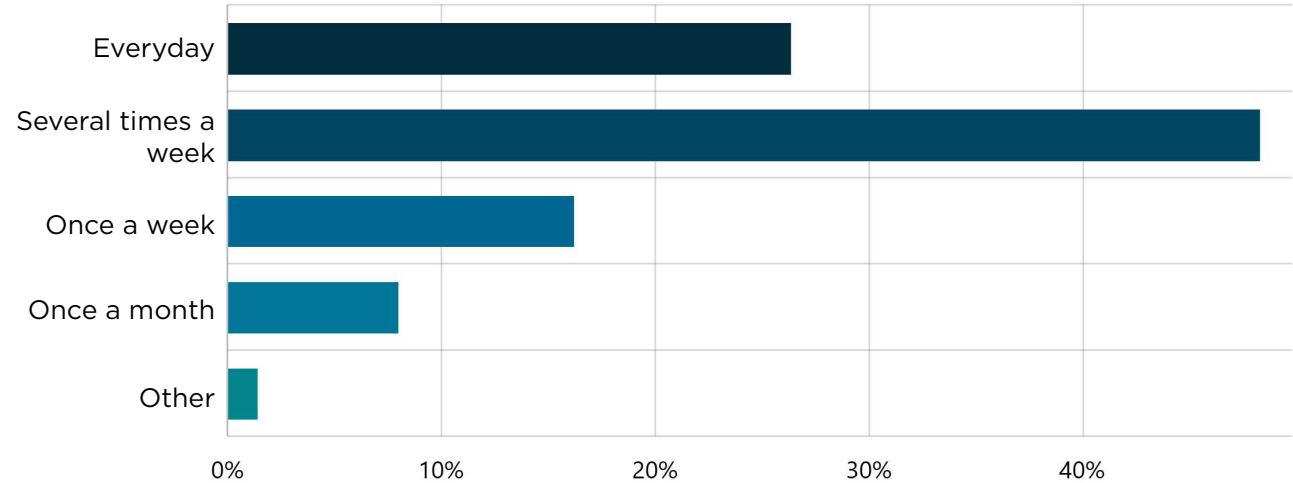
How do you typically travel to High Street Preston?

Walking was the main form of travel to the centre (63.84%), followed by driving (62.47%) and scooting/biking (35.62%)



How often do you visit High Street Preston

The majority of survey participants (48.22%) visit High Street several times a week.



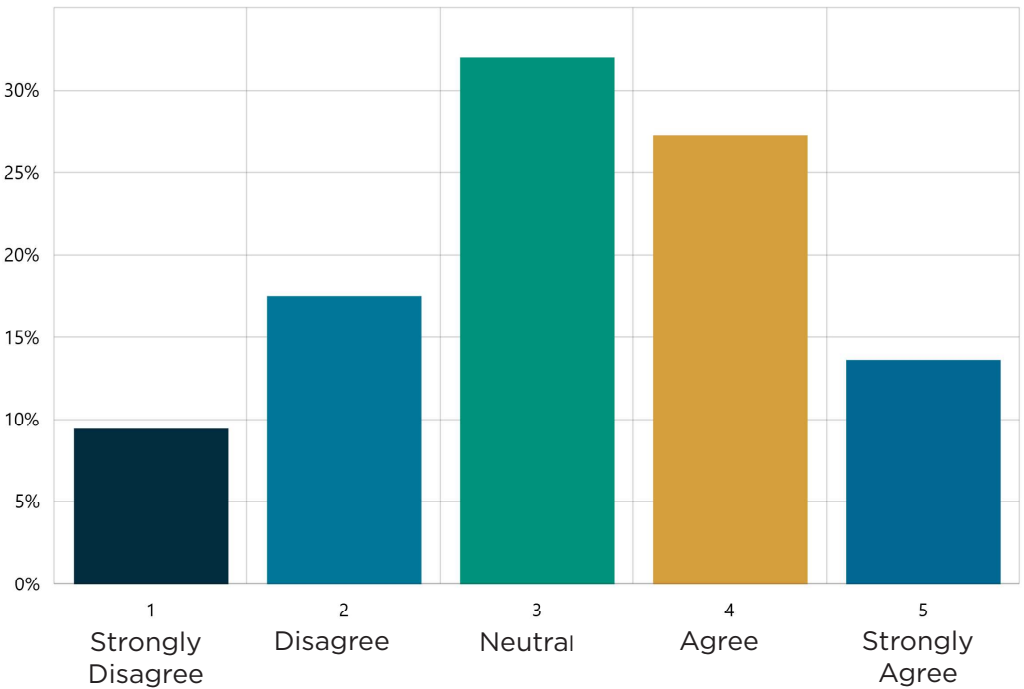
Understanding community perspectives of High Street

Thinking about High Street Preston today, how would you rank the following statements?

Please rate each of the following on a rating scale of 1 to 5 stars, where 1 star is 'Strongly Disagree' and 5 is 'Strongly Agree'.

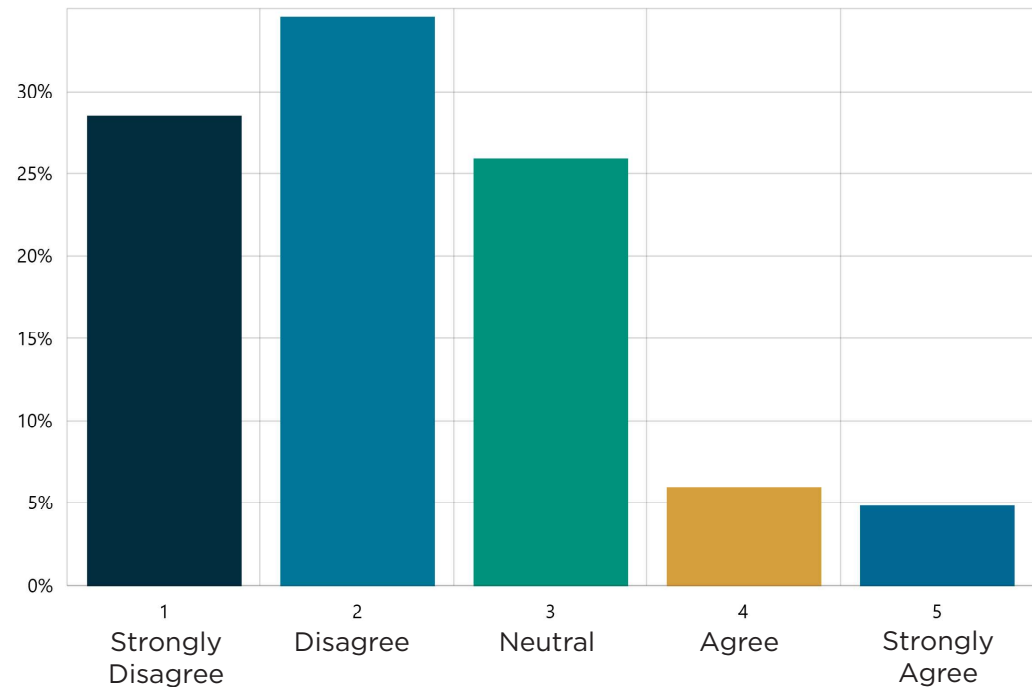
I feel safe on High Street

There was a balanced response to how safe participants felt on High Street, with 32.03% of respondents selecting 'Neutral', 27.30% 'Agreeing' and 17.55% of participants 'Disagreeing' with the statement.



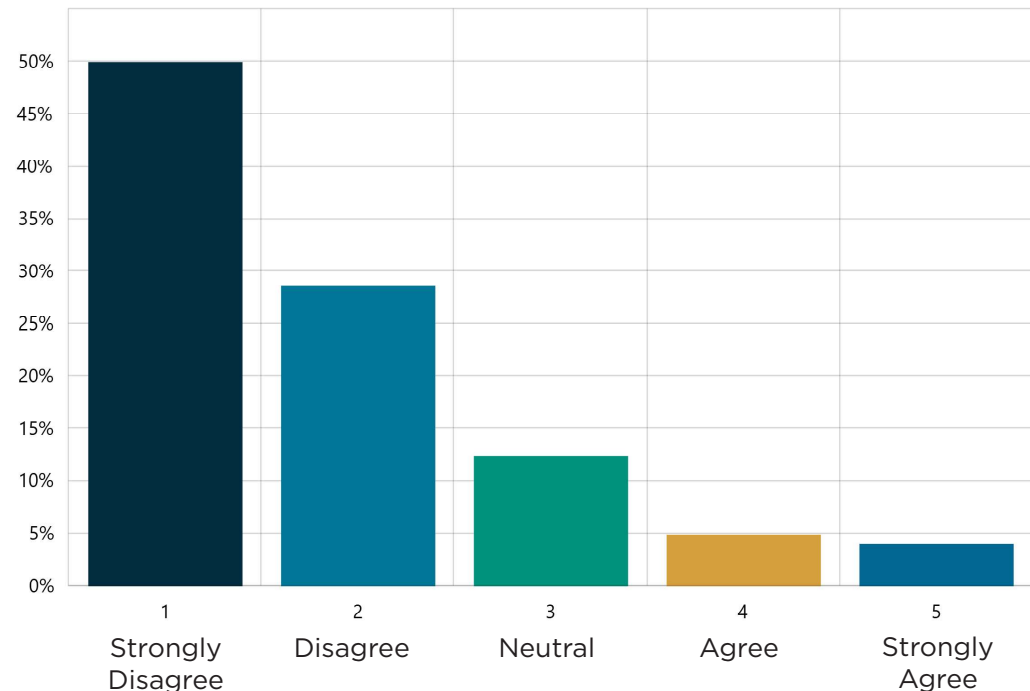
High Street is an attractive street.

There was strong agreement from the survey participants who felt that High Street was not an attractive street, with 32.03% of participants ‘Strongly Disagreeing’ and 34.57% ‘Agreeing’ with the statement.



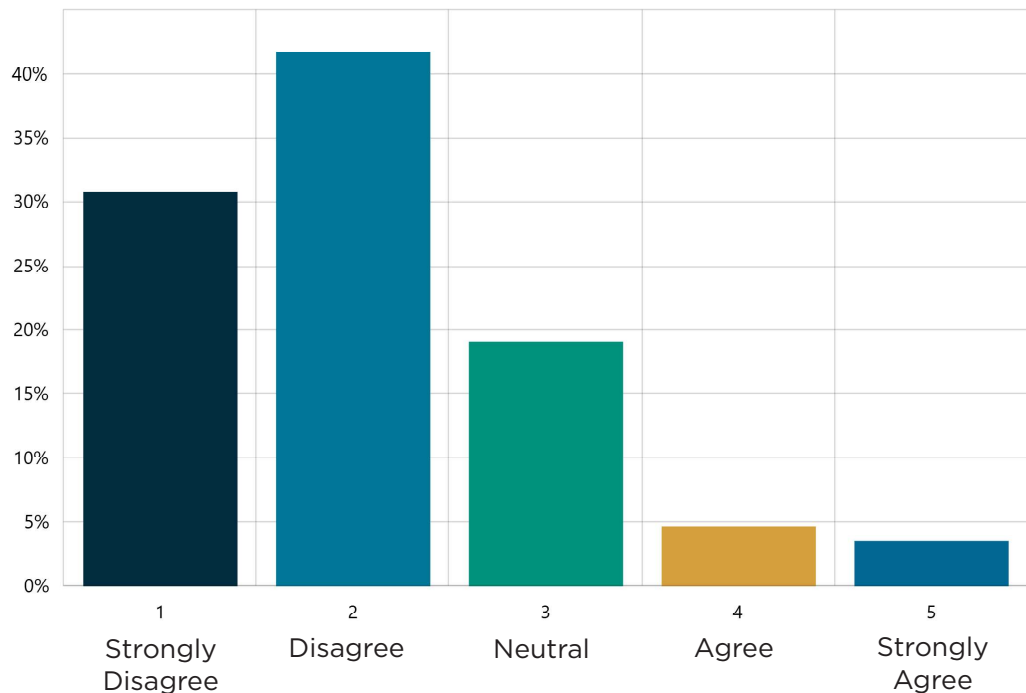
High Street has enough trees and landscaping

Participants felt that High Street does not have enough trees and landscaping with the majority of respondents ‘Disagreeing’ (50%) or ‘Strongly Disagreeing’ (26.61%) with this statement.



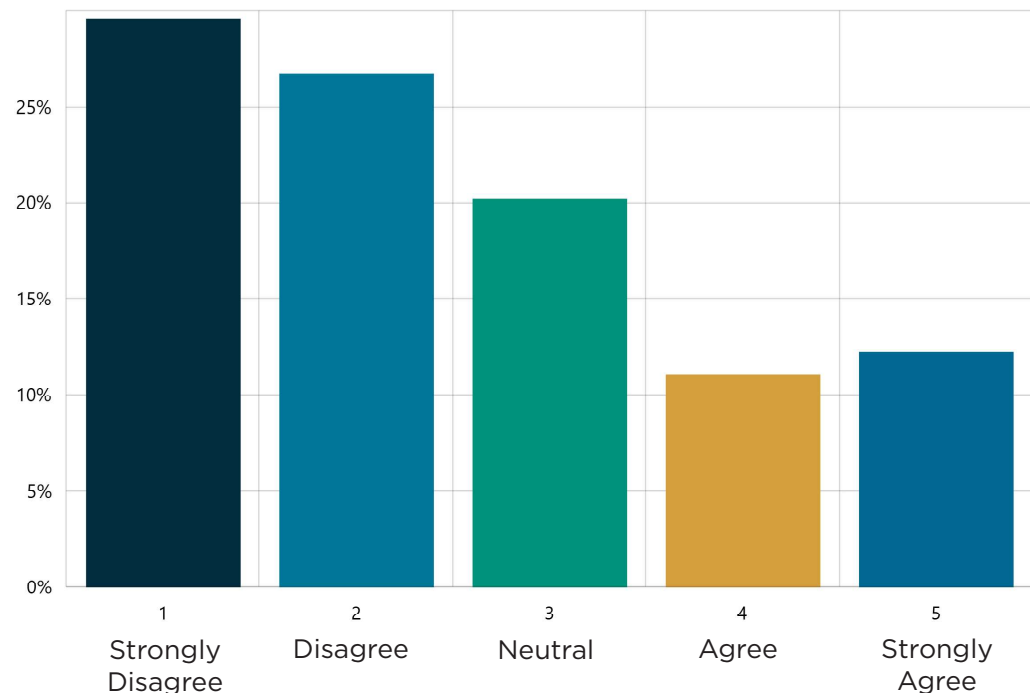
High Street has enough seating

Participants felt that High Street does not have enough seating with the majority ‘Disagreeing’ (41.76%) or ‘Strongly Disagreeing’ (30.88%) with this statement.



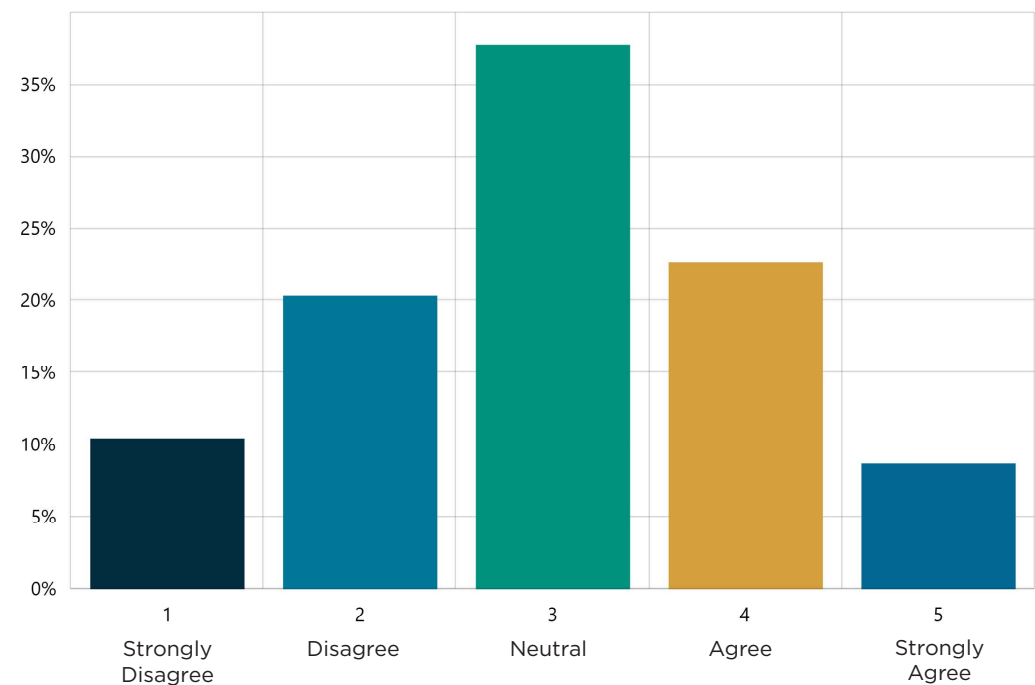
High Street has many opportunities for high-quality outdoor dining

Participants felt that High Street does not have enough opportunities for high-quality outdoor dining with the majority ‘Strongly Disagreeing’ (29.63%) or ‘Disagreeing’ (26.78%) with this statement.



High Street has adequate street lighting

The majority of participants were neutral (37.79%) in response to this statement.

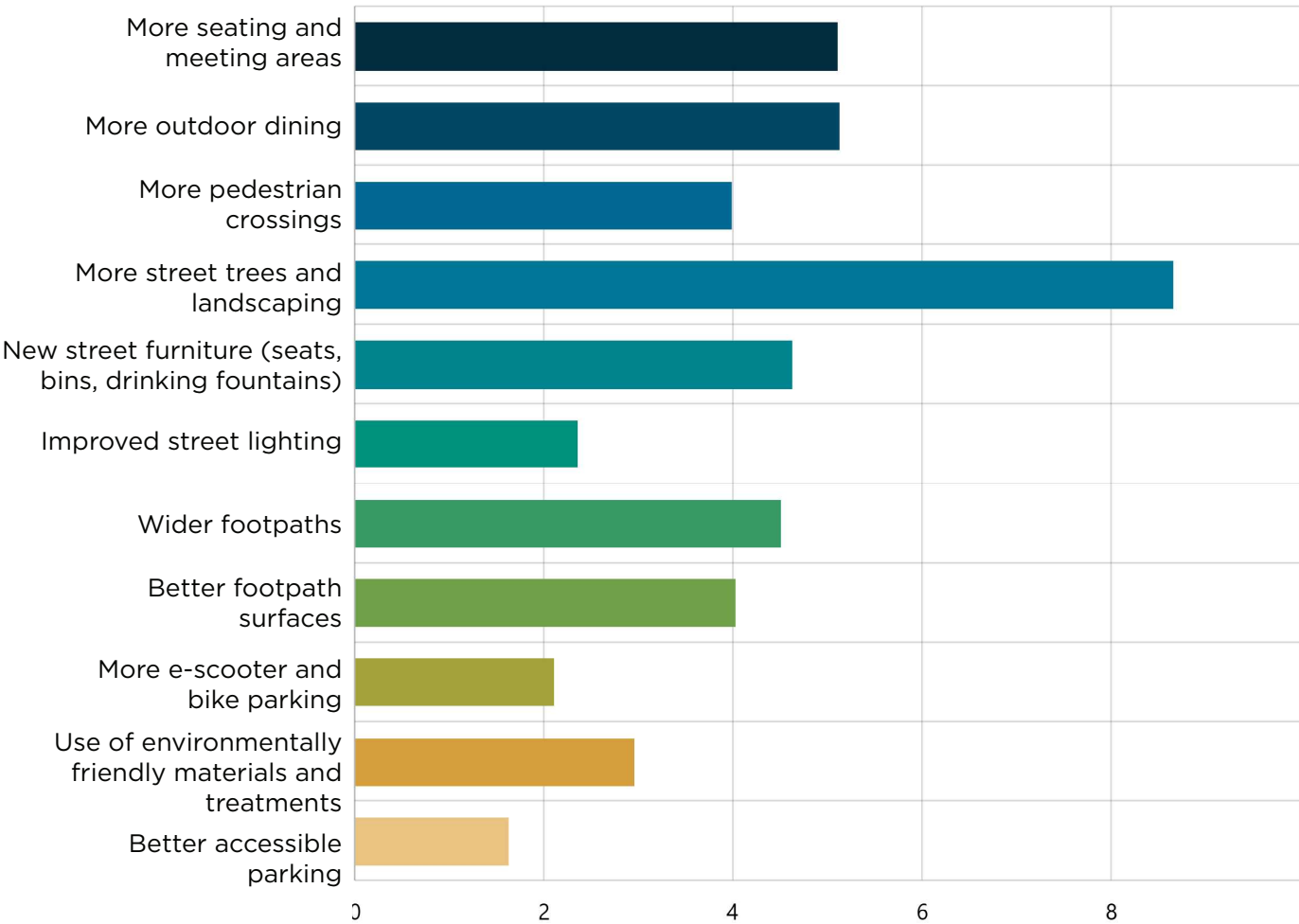


Understanding community priorities

Thinking about a future High Street Preston, how important are the following streetscape improvements to you?

Priorities in order are:

1. More trees and landscaping
2. More seating and meeting spaces
3. More outdoor dining
4. New street furniture
5. Wider footpaths
6. Better footpath surfaces
7. More pedestrian crossings
8. Use of environmentally friendly materials and treatments
9. Improved street lighting
10. More E-scooter and bike infrastructure
11. Better accessible parking



What do you value about High Street?

Participants were invited to add a comment about what they valued about High Street.

Approximately 280 comments were received to this question. Raw data can be reviewed in **Appendix 1**.

In reviewing this data, the top themes the community value about High Street are:

- **Diversity and Multiculturalism** of the local businesses and community, variety of people, cultures and shops along High Street. Many people cited historical references the strong Greek and Italian roots of Preston, whilst appreciating new migration connections with the Vietnamese and Chinese communities.
- **Vibrancy of the street** – particular in the northern section, with the active businesses, eateries and connection to the market.
- **Preston Market** – many people visit the market and see it as a connection to High Street.
- **Business mix** - visitors can come to High Street for their daily needs, banking, grocery shopping and lunch and Council service (i.e. immunisations).
- **Businesses** – local and independent businesses are valued.
- **Community focused and affordable** - its affordable mainstreet shopping strip. There are many essential community services.

"I love the multicultural vibe of High St. I also appreciate the diversity in shops and services. I can go to the market for shopping, have lunch at a cheap eats and head to the library, all within a short walk!"
Online Feedback

I love the cultural diversity. I love the gum trees and native plantings at the town hall.
Online Feedback

I love that it reflects the diversity of our community, and has pretty much all the daily needs type of shops as well as nearby access to library etc. It's really important to me that High St remains accessible and affordable for the people who live here.
Online Feedback

The diversity! The fact it's not a generic franchise strip. It just needs some TLC and gathering spaces.
Online Feedback

High Street has a brilliant character as a multicultural eating pot - but there is no reason that it can't be beautiful, shaded and protected from fast cars and car fumes.
Online Feedback



What do you think can be improved along High Street Preston?

Participants were invited to 'add a marker on a map' of High Street, adding an improvement opportunity for High Street.

Over 420 markers were placed on an interactive map (refer to Figure 1.) Raw data can be reviewed in **Appendix 2**.

Many comments reinforced the earlier survey questions. In summary, the top themes for High Street Streetscape Upgrades improvements relate to:

- **Pedestrian safety and infrastructure improvements** - including more frequent pedestrian crossings, improved footpath surfaces, wider footpaths and improving safety for pedestrians.
- **Traffic and road concerns** - comments were in relation to traffic congestion, truck use of High Street and improving road safety (intersection upgrade, slower speeds).
- **Parking** - suggestions included re-linemarking on-street parking, increase off road parking areas. Improved loading areas.
- **Increasing greenery and public space** - planting more trees and creating more open space for the community.
- **Cycling infrastructure** - concerns about bike lanes and safe cycling routes were raised by some participants.

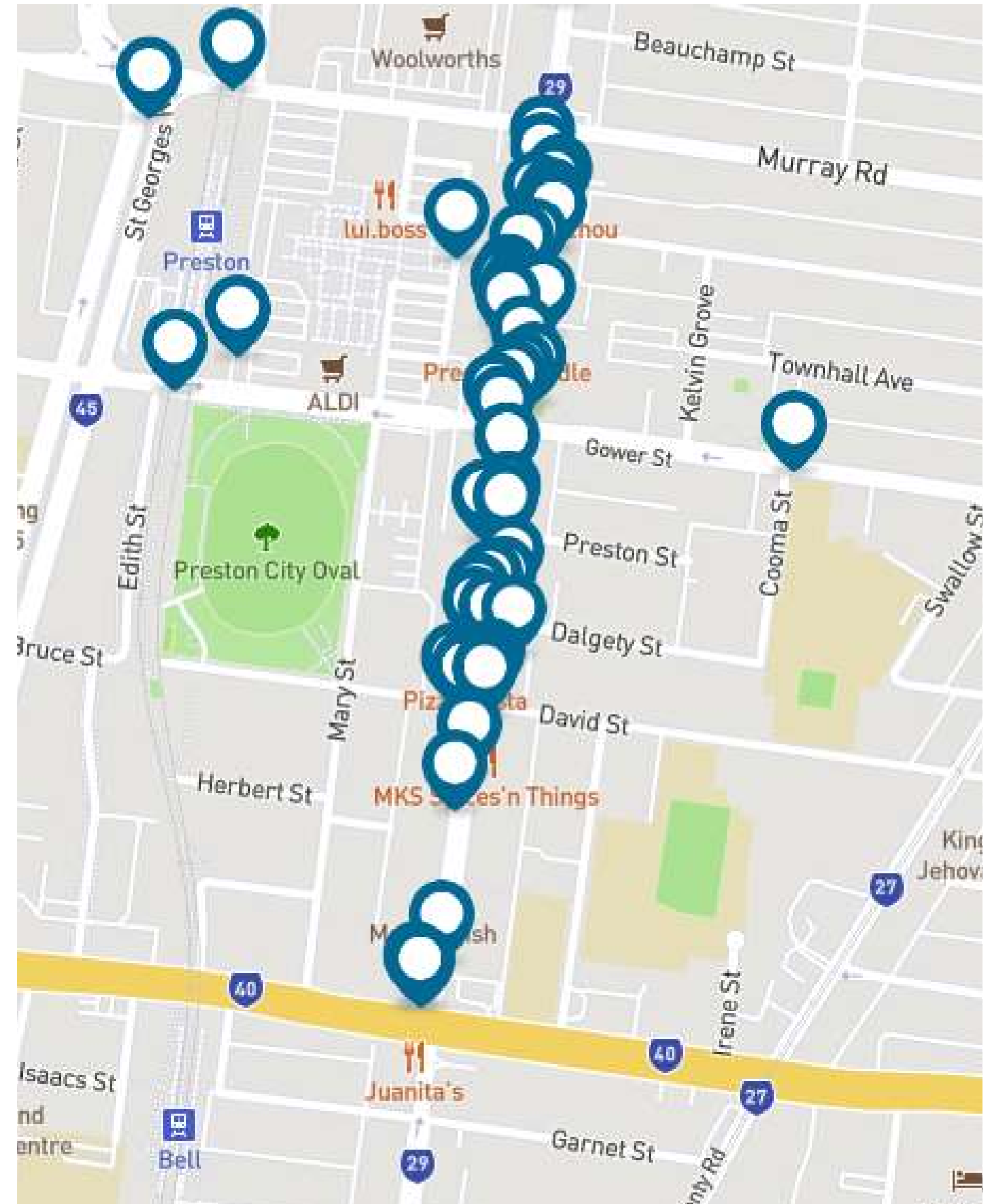


Figure 1 - High Street markers

Other 'open' comments

There was an opportunity for survey for participants to leave open comments for the project, in response to the question:

'Is there anything else we need to consider to make High Street Preston an accessible and inclusive meeting place for the community?'

Over 226 comments were shared by participants. The raw data can be viewed in **Appendix 3**.

Again there was a lot of overlap with the survey questions. The top themes shared by community included:

- Concerns around community safety within and outside the study area.
- Improving transport needs (loading zones) and on street parking for businesses
- Lack of maintenance and cleanliness of the street and private properties. Increase in graffiti had been noted by many participants.
- Transport feedback around removing cars from high street, limiting heavy vehicle use of high street.
- Calls for more public toilets along the study area.
- Improving the business mix and diversity of shops along the study area
- Activating the southern sections of High Street.

Less heavy vehicles travelling up High Street would make it feel safer for pedestrians.

Reduce car speeds to 30km/h and remove more parking to make it an attractive place to sit outside.

Street lighting needs to be a priority. When shops are closed it can be very dark under the awnings as street lighting only lights open spaces. Street lighting also needs to be maintained - several lights were simultaneously not working on the intersection of High St and Gower St at one time, making it feel less safe.

I wish High street had more shops, like clothes, shoes. More bins and seats. Some parts of High street is untidy and a lot of graffiti.

This stretch of High Street has too much traffic. It is unbelievable how often even poultry transport semi trailers use this thoroughfare.



5.2 FEEDBACK FROM POP-UP SESSIONS

Three community pop up sessions were held over the 3.5 week consultation period. This provided an opportunity for the locals and visitors to chat with Council officers about the project.

These pop up sessions were held at:

- **Outside 421 High Street** - Friday 28 March, 12pm-2pm
- **Preston Market** - on Saturday 29 March, 11am-1pm
- **Outside Moon Rabbit Cafe** - on Monday 31 March, 10.30am-12.30pm

In line with the online survey, three questions were used as prompts for community conversations including:

- *What do you value about High Street?*
- *What could be improved on High Street?*
- *What does a future High Street look like?*

Over 200 pieces of feedback were collected and can be viewed in **Appendix 4**.

Top comments shared from participants included:

What do you value about High Street?

- The Preston Market.
- Trees on High Street.
- Heritage buildings.
- Diversity of people + shops.
- Food and restaurants.
- The median strip - it helps with crossing over.

What could be improved on High Street?

- More trees + shade.
- More car parks.
- Fewer cars + more walkways.
- Graffiti prevention.

What does a future high street look like?

- More greenery.
- Fewer cars more space for people.
- Safety crossings for all.
- Close the street to cars.
- Make its accessible.
- Create more places for people to meet.
- New footpath surface.

5.3 DAREBIN DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

What do you value about High Street?

- Love the diversity of shops and food options.
- I love the shops and cafes.
- I appreciate the high concentration of social services.

What are some improvements that should be addressed in the streetscape plan?

- Crossing over High Street is a challenge. The Bridge on High Street is a great example. They have a building on either side of the road. It is hard for people with limited mobility to cross here.
- More pedestrians crossings over High Street.
- The footpath is too narrow, especially when there is a business with outdoor dining.
- The footpath surface is uneven
- Would like to see more seating – especially along the southern section (Bell + Murray).
- Footpath width is not adequate from Cramer/Gower to Murray Road.
- Can we close off a section of High Street to cars? The traffic is so slow in some sections.
- This would make high street safer. Perhaps a densely populated section of high street.
- Seating can lead to anti-social issues. I've witnessed this at Reservoir (seating node at the corner of Edwardes + High Street).

- Make sure seating is appropriate located to deter anti-social behaviour and also support pedestrians who need a rest.
- Love the idea of a car free segment of High Street. Perhaps this could be a part time road closure/ trial road closure?
- The pedestrian walkway to the Preston Market from High Street is not clear to find and its not that accessible.
- It would be great to improve the connection to Preston Market + High Street , by creating a connected, vibrant and accessible walkway.
- More greenery along high street – especially near the bell Street section.
- Seats and Trees should go hand in hand.
- Need to get locations of the 'third place' right. Free seating areas are important.
- Work with the social support service + outreach to make sure people are socially cohesive.

Key ideas from DDAC

- Consider temporary/permanent road closures to High Street to improve safety and accessibility for all.
- Improve connection from High Street to the Preston Market.
- Even footpath surface.
- Wider footpaths.
- Trees and seating to go hand in hand.

5.4 DAREBIN LGBTQIA+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Member Discussion and Feedback

- My workplace is at the south end, lots of pedestrian movement of staff. Nice walk/ like more places to sit.
- Walkway / alleyway through to the market could be upgraded.
- Love a rainbow crossing (? near ANZ).
- Change plantings to more pollinator attracting plants (median strip?).
- Include native planting in streetscape works.
- Lots of people in scooters, prams, wheelchairs – footpath accessibility is so important. We will explore widening the footpath. We may remove some car parking in strategic spots.
- Can a cycling lane fit? Also quality of road surface improved will make cycling so much better.
- Increasing contemplation and quiet spaces that are linked up.
- South of Cramer St at night is quiet and can feel dodgy – needs more activation so it feels safer. Picks up again on other side of High St, Donellans, Europa blind factory – all large buildings sitting empty.
- Median strip is great for pedestrians – but is isn't accessible.
- PT isn't an option for everyone. Cars need to still be accommodated.
- Footpath trading – using markers to define space so can't creep out; Re wheelchair accessibility consider angles of footpath down to road.
- Shop front beautification especially for vacant shop fronts.
- New idea of live activation.
- Strip shops are really important and are threatened and need to be

protected.

- Small arcades like Coburg would be great.
- If there are less car parks, may mean people are less able to leave the house. Real safety issues for visibly queer people (who are often also disabled people).
- Disabled parking permits are heavily regulated – it's possible to be impacted by disability and not get a permit.

Key ideas from LGBTQIA+

- Consider installing a rainbow crossing along the study area. Its a key action of the LGBTQIA+ plan
- Install Outdoor dining markers to help create a clear and accessible pathway for walkers + wheelers
- Improve activation of the southern section of High Street.
- Improve accessibility across High Street as the median strip is not accessible for all.
- Increase tree planting and explore native plantings across the study area.

5.5 DAREBIN GENDER EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Member Discussion and Feedback

- Safety, putting up more lights, safe seating, for women and non-binary people, particularly for night-time. Lights around public transport.
- Clear sight lines, not having things obstruct vision – plants etc.
- Is parking being considered – especially for accessing the Preston market?
- I value that you can access High Street by bus, train, tram. Improving the walkability to get between different methods of transport more easily would be beneficial.
- The widening of footpaths will help with traffic flow.
- Priority is trees – more greenery makes you feel in a positive space. This can increase perceptions of safety.
- Outdoor dining spaces, public art etc. Makes people feel more comfortable. If more people are around, this can help people feel safe.
- Coming home from school, bus stops can often feel safe. Make sure there is good lighting in these areas.
- Public toilets – area there going to be any upgrades? The existing ones are hard to find, and not very accessible. Way finding and signage to help people find these amenities would be good, particularly if more families will be attracted to the area.

Questions and Answers

- Q. What is the scope to create more spaces?
- A. Building line to building line. We can look at removal of clearways, we could push kerb out a few metres. Especially at intersections if there are no standing zones – reclaim these spaces to create seating areas and canopy trees etc. some art or drink fountain etc.
- A: Existing clearways, the road is locally managed and not State Government managed. It is carrying more traffic than it should. Removing clearways and pushing kerbs out is a great opportunity to increase space and reduce traffic noise etc. This would push traffic to St Georges and Plenty Road, their primary purpose is movement of traffic.
- A: Bike paths are an option, nothing has been ruled out.
- Q: Can the frequency of buses along High Street be increased as part of the project? (Taken on notice, for Transport Team for response)
- A Whilst all aspects of bus route determination, timetabling and bus service delivery are managed by Public Transport Victoria, Department of Transport and Planning, and bus

companies, Darebin has consistently advocated for improved bus services, frequencies and hours of operation through the Darebin Transport Strategy, Advocacy Strategy and responses to all propositions for bus reform. The streetscape improvements may help to increase the number of people looking to access the location which may, indirectly, make it a more attractive route for PTV to prioritise their bus resources.”

- Q: During the development and construction, what impact will this have on local businesses who will have reduced business during this time?
- A: Discussions have already begun with Traders Association and businesses. Keeping businesses up to date throughout the project is a priority for the project team.

Key ideas from the Gender Equity Committee

- Improve safety for women and non-binary people - particular at night.
- Footpath widening.
- More Trees
- More outdoor dining to help activate the streetscape.
- Good lighting across the study area
- Public Toilets.

5.6 ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- More mid-crossing points are needed. There are long distances between the crossing lights from Bell St to Murray Rd.
- Wider footpaths are needed and safer crossing points.
- Would like to see more street art as a way for managing graffiti.
- Need greater incentives for people to remove graffiti on private buildings (buildings near Bell Street are an issue).
- Install seats at regular intervals.
- Improve street lighting to improve safety.
- More greenery , however make sure its well maintained for safety reasons (ensuring clear sightlines remain).
- Can council consider restricting traffic through High Street? (I.e. like Acland Street in St Kilda).
- Need to limit the amount of large trucks using High Street.
- Encourage delivery trucks to use back streets or laneways, as they can destroy the awnings from the buildings.
- Have greater setbacks for new buildings.
- Seating is important for this project.
- More seats should be provided for safety and well being (i.e. on hot days). Seats should be located under shade (awnings and tree canopies).
- Think about the placement of items to ensure there are clear paths for accessibility – this includes outdoor dining.

Key ideas from the Active and Healthy Ageing Committee

- More mid-point accessible crossings along High Street.
- Wider footpaths.
- Install seating at regular intervals.
- More greenery.
- Consider options of closing traffic to parts of High Street.
- More street art to help manage graffiti.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS



- **MORE GREENERY**, canopy trees and garden beds.



- **MORE STREET FURNITURE AND PUBLIC SPACES** for the community to connect.



- **IMPROVED CONNECTIONS** between Preston Market and High Street, through new pedestrian arcades and improved wayfinding.



- **MORE ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS** over High Street.



- Seating and trees go hand in hand to provide **SHADE AND REFUGE**.



- Explore options for **TEMPORARY CLOSURES TO HIGH STREET** for events.



- **CONSIDER IMPACTS TO ON STREET PARKING AND LOADING AREAS** for businesses.



- Explore **TRANSPORT CALMING** options - limiting use of heaving trucks on High Street, reducing speeds.



- **WIDER AND SMOOTHER FOOTPATHS**.



- Create more opportunities for **OUTDOOR DINING**, however ensure that it doesn't impact negatively on the accessibility of the footpath widths.



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7. APPENDICES

7.1 APPENDIX 1 - What do people value about High Street

preston market office staff come to eat lunch happy about high development.
good shops
Multi-cultural mix coffee, grocery. market, variety of restaurants
variety of shops - but no variety as only Chinese and Vietnamese.
Preston is multicultural
multi cultural Access to a range of shops
Multicultural community and Businesses
Services, eateries, Library, culture, access to market
I like the diversity of business, good food, shopping and services. Op shops, library, market.
The historic and art deco buildings that have been preserved Multicultural community Access to the Preston Market The existing ornamental pear and native trees
Diversity of people, culture and cuisine. With Preston Market at its centre, the High St precinct needs to remain accessible and affordable. This includes places to connect that don't require money and the easy connection of services.
Havubg the market Having post office , restaurants and grocers
It is a poorly presented and shabby street, not a showcase for all the good services offered. More residences needed and remove the Market stalls for a proper mixed use development.
Culture, diversity, affordability.
I value High Street as I grew up around there and value our European culture and family orientated values.
Where I use to hang out with friends at local coffee shops
Cultural diversity
There is way too much car traffic which makes it very unpleasant for being a pedestrian or a cyclist. Would be great to reduce the speed limit a bit and improve footpath and bike lanes. That would encourage more people to visit the shops and venues along High St. Could bring a European feel to the neighbourhood.
The community feel about the street, the cafes, council and library being in the heart of Preston central. Having banks, health services etc for the community to access.
I love it, it's been pleasure as we are excited for retail shops, community services and dining around the suburb as well, plus there's op-shops, take away food outlets, library and more. Also, Takeaway Pizza is now open located at 535 High Street, Preston VIC 3072, alongside the disability parking to be improved in the car park at these op-shops.
Access to services - post office / banking / dry cleaners / variety store
Access to the market
Access to park car and market
High Street Preston is an incredible location. It is my very favourite part of High Street. I am lucky to live and work close to High Street Preston. I particularly love the area from where High Street and Plenty Road meet, down to the corner of Bell Street. I think there are pockets in that space that could feel a bit safer in terms of the calibre of people that are often walking either late at night or early morning, but I know that is challenging and complex.
Many great places to eat and foods to try.

Vibrancy Busy Diversity Inclusion Central activity area, many facilities Lots of reasons to visit High St
Road doesn't need to be re done
Many excellent and diverse dining options and useful retail (hairdressers, post office, Asian grocers, chemist, optometrist). THE MARKET. The current lighting (warm and nice lamp shape) and presence of some trees. The older buildings (Town Hall, street facades, also library and courts in close proximity) and advertising (love the photos on the Gold leaf building). I like the median strip w ornamental pears at the Murray Rd end. Brick and tile facades on buildings.
It is near my mum's nursing home, has a yum cha restaurant and a fresh food market.
I love the multicultural vibe of High St. I also appreciate the diversity in shops and services. I can go to the market for shopping, have lunch at a cheap eats and head to the library, all within a short walk!
its history ,multiculturalism and the potential it has to bring community together moving into the future
All of High Street shop keepers need to keep alltheir shops outside clean. I need more rubbish bins.
It's definitely a hub and an important traffic thoroughfare. Lots of good dining options but limited opportunity to visit as parking is hard to come by.
Plenty of food shops
Our campaign is driven by a bold vision to transform our high street into a vibrant, community-focused hub that celebrates local heritage while embracing modern progress. We plan to revitalize this essential artery of our community through thoughtful upgrades, including enhanced pedestrian areas, upgraded public spaces, and improved infrastructure that supports local businesses and attracts new investment. This vision isn't just about aesthetics—it's about creating a safe, thriving environment where residents, shoppers, and entrepreneurs can connect and flourish. By focusing on sustainable growth and preserving the unique charm of our town, our council campaign is committed to ensuring that our high street remains a dynamic centerpiece of community life for generations to come.
The range of shops, restaurants and cultures. Very walkable. Great atmosphere on market days. Everything in one place
Multi-cultural
Nothing
Its got great opportunities. But too many empty shops. More variety of shops would be good.
The variety of a different retail shops available
Diversity and busy-ness
i love the diversity, and the strong asian influence, the supermarkets, takeaways, and bakeries are superb, and deserve a thriving, beautiful, and accessible area, to do their business in, as preston welcomes more people.

To be honest, not much. I really just go there at night for takeaway or the occasional eat-in dinner, as when I work from home, I tend to go to the markets for food instead (with the exception of Hanoi Pho on Cramer St). I find the street and surrounds dirty, and the retail offerings are terrible. And all the food outlets are so same-y, often low quality. I don't know if Council can do anything to encourage diversity of businesses along the strip, particularly a nice bar or two, or a food outlet that's open after 9:30pm. Plus things like a good book shop, gift shops with decent quality products etc. It's really not a 'late night hang' after a certain time. Once the dinner shift wraps up, everyone leaves and it's a ghost town. I can get a bus to Thornbury/Northcote form High St though, so that's good.
The diversity of people and community, food, socio-economic background. The food is great, amazing markets and shops.
Accessibility by public transport, local shopping strip, local cafes. Opportunities to gather socially at public outdoor seating areas.
The streets are filthy. They need regular cleaning before introducing street dining etc. So much potential. Also need to fill those empty shops - art displays are a great idea.
There's loads of places to eat/drink.accessible to public transport if needed.
The good quality cafes
I love the cultural diversity.
I love the gum trees and native plantings at the town hall.
We need; - more trees and planting in middle on High street - Better lighting - it's dangerous at night as a women - pick up rubbish on high and streets off high street - it's shocking how much rubbish is on the streets - remove tagging - More outdoor seating for business It's our community. We need to be proud and safe in our environment!!!
I like how connected the area is to public transport and that a diverse range of people spend time in the activity centre.
Variety of retail and services that meet everyday needs. Access to the Preston Market - but there could be more entry points. Lots of bus stops - don't need to walk too far to reach your destination. Largely slow speed of traffic allowing mobile pedestrians to cross - but not see easy for less mobile pedestrians who can't just dart across the road.
The community, diverse shopping, banking & restaurants, and access to Preston Market
Diversity and activity
speedy car access to the Preston Market
Vibrant shopping strip, multicultural
The community
Good community vibe and great restaurants and grocery options
I value the up and coming cafes and restaurants between Murray rd and regent Street. Its lively its mixed use and very attractive
Getting rid of the cars (both parked and moving) would make walking, cycling, shopping and spending time here much nicer.
Walking to the shops, school, childcare

It is an active community centre, close to Preston Market, but somewhat scruffy and down at heel. It needs to become much greener, cleaner and more attractive. The trees are great, but we need many more and more green spaces. Too much of the street has no shade or weather protection.
I like the diversity of the area and that it isn't a "glamorous" shopping strip. It has a broad range of small businesses offering all sorts of products and services. I also like that it is conveniently connected to the Preston market as well as train and bus transport. I also think it is a friendly and engaging place and I have many connections to that area
The food, diversion and atmosphere
Vibrant
Diversity of businesses, affordability, I like the Town Hall
The ability to walk to high street and have access to a wide variety of shops and amenities while on foot without having to drive or park.
I love that it reflects the diversity of our community, and has pretty much all the daily needs type of shops as well as nearby access to library etc. It's really important to me that High St remains accessible and affordable for the people who live here.
High Street is vibrant with varied cafes and restaurant. Please do not set up intimidating and unfriendly seating places like those on the corner of spring and Edwards in Res !
High Street Preston offers a diverse range of shops, restaurants, cafes, and services, with the major Banks, Post Office and Council Offices all close together, making it a very convenient place/centre to get things done or do business for people.
With Preston Market within walking distance it has everything in close proximity for locals and visitors alike.
Preston Market and High St are the social hubs of my life. It's where I meet friends and family. It's where I mix with my local community and have chats with strangers. It's where I do my shopping. It's where I go to relax.
The diverse community, different types of restaurants, lots of shops, always busy
Some of the retail and hospitality is first class. It is proximate to public transport options.
diversity of shops and services. The market
The multicultural nature of it!
Honestly not much, there are a couple of nicer restaurants further down past Murray road (takeaway pizza and Dexter) but the strip between bell and Murray is full of empty or dodgy shops. The area feels unsafe even during the day. We live 10 minutes walk away but usually just access the chemist, Woolworths or the market.
Having a convenient central street close to the market, trains etc.
How close it is to the market, train station and buses.

I have been living right next to High Street for more than 10 years. I walk on High school almost everyday. It's a very nice street in some parts but some other parts need a lot more improvement. We love supporting local small businesses by shopping locally, dinning locally. This is our home and we highly value it and would love it to get better and better.
High Street needs more trees, more green, more shade, more outdoor area for people to hang out. It's very hot during summer and some parts with limited shade definitely prevent people to walk on High st. It needs to be cleaned up (definitely North of Bell side), and the Corner of Bell and High Street is dead zone makes Hih st looks dirty and unattractive.
The area near the Market and Townhall is the heart of Preston. Would love more trees and seating in front of the Darebin Townhall, the grass should make people feel clean and nice to sit on. Near the Library should would be nice to have more shaded sitting area and playgrounds.
Plus, NONE of the playgrounds in Preston have any shade!!!! Plantting more trees right in the middle of the playground would help too. Sadly to see even the newest playground near the Preston Oval has very limited tress and shade (I mean planting INSIDE the playground).
Diversity of community. It feels like migrant families can have a fair go and hold onto their businesses in the area.
I like that it still has a diverse range of stores, and hasn't been gentrified.
Vibrant and diverse community, lots of delicious food, proximity to the market, cycle paths and public transport.
The diversity! The fact it's not a generic franchise strip. It just needs some TLC and gathering spaces.
Preston market is the best! Multiculturalism. Asian restaurants. Library
The area from David St up to Murray Rd is my favourite stretch of Melbourne - it's got some of my favourite restaurants and is vibrant and active. I worry about ongoing gentrification pushing out many of these businesses as has happened further south in Thornbury - so many restaurants closing because they can't afford the rent anymore. It's thriving already, so I hope that whatever actions you take are in collaboration with those businesses and don't benefit landowners more than renters.
It's a really vibrant and interesting place. You never know what you're going to find. Visiting the market is always such a fun experience with all the sights, sounds, food and people - it feels very real and lively. You can also find great value dining at little family run businesses and new things to eat you haven't tried before. There's also a lot of good op shops, and a nice community feeling. The town hall is also really pretty!
It's direct route through to arterial roads but I'd like better cycling infrastructure.
Cosmopolitanism
Its ok, Darebin in general is not as great as it used to be. Lots of crime. I don't feel safe in what was a lovely neighbourhood. Lots of drugs, theft.
The dynamism, rawness and diversity.
The diversity! The fact it's not a generic franchise strip. It just needs some TLC and gathering spaces.
It should be a central hub of Preston for entertaining, dining and socialising but is dirty, rundown and unappealing.
Scope and range of retail, services and hospitality options. 40km speed limit is reasonable and works well Proximity to transport (train, buses)
High street Preston is a great space that has all walks of life converging in one place. It has a distinct character and sense of place, you know your on high street Preston.
It's a community meeting point with lots of interesting restaurants, shops and places to visit. I enjoy meeting friends, going for a wander.
Around the market is busy and a vibrant crowd, yet the area looks run down. I can imagine better foot traffic and custom for the businesses with better looking and feeling amenities. There are lots of great businesses here, yet unless you live in the area, I'm sure you are unlikely to travel or to stop here.

It's close to where I live. It's well connected to transport links. It has a diverse array of shops, restaurants, and other amenities. It has local character and charm.
Very busy street that has the same food shops, I've recently moved here from a different state and love preston but.. i do ride a bike/scooter and footpaths, bike lanes, and parking for bikes/scooters is becoming a big issue. More lighting on the streets for safety.
Close proximity to the markets and great dining options
Lots of different shops and restaurants/cafes
Atmosphere: always buzzing
Great dining. Friendly storekeepers. Many cultures. And the best market in Melbourne!
It's diversity of different cuisines.
High St Preston is a fantastic hub for food and grocery shopping. Currently the stretch of high St North of Bell St is very chaotic, where south of Bell St there are more landscaping features and better mobility/bike lanes (though not protected). These improve the experience for all street users, including drivers.
High St North of Bell needs better mobility transit lanes (bike lanes) to establish the area as one that is accessible to those moving around and travelling in.
The diversity and access to affordable goods. We don't need Fitzroy style cafes selling \$8 black coffees. It just needs a clean up and a freshen, it doesn't need to be reimaged.
It's a vibrant cultural hub and lots of great restaurants.
The busy 7 day a week culture and food
The variety of places to eat and shop. It has a mix of cultures.
The multiculturalism, market, diversity of shops, close to work
I think High St is a great community spot that is completely ruined by the vast majority of drivers on the road. Almost every day I see drivers doing the wrong thing and almost hitting pedestrians.
The connection to the train station, Preston Market and the centre of Preston.
The whole section of High Street as part of this consultation seems to have been forgotten in terms of upgrades for the 20 years I've lived in Preston. Multiple closed and damaged buildings haven't helped. High Street Preston looks very poor compared to Broadway/Edwardes St Reservoir, and other parts of High Street in Northcote and parts of Thornbury.
This section of High Street is in noticeably worse condition than south of Bell, with rubbish, graffiti, broken and boarded up windows, empty shops, uneven and cracked footpaths and poor lighting. It has so much potential to be a bustling place to eat and shop. I'd love to see it cleaned up, with more outdoor seating, lots more plants and trees, and more regular cleaning and street sweeping.
The buzzy diversity of shops and restaurants
It's a diverse and vibrant area that has had little attention paid to it for decades. It would be nice to see the same infrastructure employed in High St, Preston that is available in High St, Northcote - for pedestrians, cyclists and parking.
I really value the variety of businesses on High Street, especially small independent ones. I love having nice restaurants, bars and boutique stores that aren't just commercial chains.
The area is well overdue for an upgrade, so it is good that it is getting it. Other than what I've mentioned above, please consider the need for additional parking in the area (angled parking in side streets wide enough to accommodate it would be nice) and cycling connections to High St. Cycling infrastructure in Reservoir is pretty poor, so it is hard to get to Preston by bike unless I take a very indirect route to get to the Cheddar Road cycle path or go through a lot of side streets as riding on main roads feel unsafe. Therefore I drive or take the train instead.
Vibrant local businesses
It's very obviously a vibrant hub for the local community and whilst we do tend to revel in it's slight 'grunginess' it might be nice to give it a little love, make it more accessible for everyone, make it slightly more pedestrian focused.
Dynamic and interesting area, great market and multicultural food options, easy to get to
The variety of food shops and restaurants.

Not a lot right now, it is in need of a major overhaul - basically it looks neglected and dirty, and not in a cool Berlin or Fitzroy way.
Diversity of food and quality traders
Wide foot path is great. Diverse food choices. Opshops are good and provide good shopping. Services library and maternal health are close to the market for a long day outting with kids.
It creates a great business and social hub for Preston.
There is energy to High St that is attractive; and there is a diversity of people and stores in this area. We love walking along High St on the way to the market and seeing what is going on.
I think that having some more nature would drastically improve the area.
An organic cafe that has an outdoor sitting area/park for friends and family to sit in and eat and drink and be in nature.
The mix of offerings, the community feel and the market as a hub for the area
Nothing. Rundown, dirty, closed shopfronts, architecturally limited new development designs.
I have lived around High Street for more than 16 years. It is a great place to shop and walk. We pass High St. pretty much every day. We know the business owner on High St.; it is the place that could be better.
One of the most significant issues we encounter is traffic and parking chaos during business and school hours.
Community spaces and gathering areas. I value the businesses along high street and would love to see dormant areas activated, greater diversity of dining options and a LOT more trees and landscaping.
The energy, diversity, delicious food, great op shops nice footpaths to walk down with my kids.
The eclectic atmosphere
I value the diversity of people and cuisine. It's a hive of activity.
High Street has great potential with its diverse mix of businesses, but some areas, especially around Preston, can feel neglected, dirty, and unsafe. Certain pockets are empty, and the street could benefit from more late-night trading and outdoor dining to make it more vibrant and inviting. With better activation, lighting, and cleanliness, it could become a thriving precinct.
I love High st access to Preston market and me and my family love walking from Preston to Northcote on St street having something nice to eat ,coffee , outside on those beautiful summer day/nights. We also love the new Preston Station and access to the new parklands from high street.
Currently nothing it's an absolute embarrassment and has no character.
High Street (between Bell St. and Murray Rd) hosts variety of multicultural shops and food outlets
Preston market, diversity
Green trees... great restaurants, wine bars, places to meet people for a drink after work. small shops with independent retailers (not chain stores) give people a reason to come to that part of high street Preston. make it a destination!
I love the restaurants, Market, and amenities like the post office and Library.
Busy thriving interesting street.
Community spirit
High Street Preston is a vibrant place. It'd be great to have the footpaths as clear as possible to allow for easy pram access.
It would also be great to make it a smoke free zone. There are often lots of smokers and vapers which makes walking along the main footpath an unpleasant experience, especially with young children and babies.
Access to community facilities and public transport and ability to shop locally as well as opportunities for socialising in community landscaped outdoor seating areas as well as cafes/restaurants.
The Preston market precinct
The cafes and dining options
The library
Food, culture, history
The diversity of shops (cafes / grocery stores), slow moving traffic, its authenticity, the market

Cheap, quality dining, proximity to market, its vibrancy.
It has potential but lacks a vibe that other High Streets have.
Great restaurants, cafes and bars. A lot of opportunities for apartments with more at the bottom.
being very diverse in shops and culture
The diversity of shops and restaurants. The number of ATM's and services available.
I love the diversity of shopping and dining opportunities. I value the closeness to public transport and its proximity to nearby amenities.
The variety of shops/ businesses / food choices
I love all the older established eating institutions, like pho hung, i love the new bars and dining north of murray road. I love the people and culture, particularly of Preston market which is the heart of the hub of people, eating and culture of Preston.
It's a fantastic area that is still authentic - it's not Northcote, Fitzroy, or Prahran
The parking and access to shops and cafes
Diversity of shops and restaurants /cafes
Better BIKE paths. It's dangerous to ride my bike on High Street at the moment. Separate bike lanes and parking lanes so I don't get doored. Less cars and more slow traffic: Pedestrian areas and bike areas. See https://www.livablecommunitiesinitiative.com/bike-towns
Diversity Easy access Practicality / Diversity of business and restaurants Everyone belongs
I value the diversity of shops and restaurants.
Diversity of the businesses and access to Preston market through arcades.
I like shopping locally and enjoy frequenting the wide selection of cafes and restaurants
It's a great area lots of restaurants and Asian supermarkets .
That it is convenient. The community is friendly. It has a lot of potential.
The local business and different food retailers - a lot of variety to choose from
Great location and great view.
The diversity of businesses, excellent dining options
The survival of Preston Market being the hub of Preston
the variety of dining options & preston market
The diversity of restaurants and shops. The proximity of community services.
High street fosters community connections unique to the area.
Restaurants and bars
Multiculturalism, diverse demographics, fresh groceries and basics, great range of cheap and high end food, energetic street life.
Being near the Preston market and a variety of restaurants
The busy high street / town centre character of lots of different small businesses in small shopfronts.
High street has a well-established range of interesting shops. I love the Preston Library.
Range of food and shopping from a range of different cultures
There's a market, aldi, Woolies, some good food options, and overall a decent mix of shops and services.
It is aesthetically pleasing, and generally quiet when there is no construction or buses nearby. The bike path along the train line is fantastic. It's great that traffic is generally moved to St Georges Road or Plenty Road so that High Street can be more pleasant for residents and local businesses.

It's a hub where you can shop, eat, drink and socialise, close to the Market
I value the high density of small businesses. I also appreciate the sorta chaotic vibe of the street, which when combined the businesses makes High St feel like a distinct and human place with a unique social history.
Convenience for grocery, chemist, public transport and services shopping.
I have loved High Street as a vibrant and ethnically diverse street and community since I arrived in Melbourne in 1980. I love the fact that it retains its cultural diversity and do not want to see it become gentrified and lose this. Brunswick was once culturally diverse and now it is not. It is important that minorities have a community they feel safe and valued in.
Fantastic small businesses, restaurants, and bars. It's a great place for locals to socialise.
I like that it is a lively thoroughfare that stretches through many suburbs. As a result, there are many different zones or 'atmospheres' along the street that make it feel diverse and fun.
It's our local shopping strip, and I love that it is close to the market, council services (library etc) and station.
Like Preston Market, High St is a place for people to gather and connect. The Asian cuisine is a particular focus for their variety, price and quality of offerings.
Divetsity of restaurants and shops.
High Street is the civic heart of Darebin and the centre of the highest growing activity centre. The public realm is currently dilapidated and significant investment is required to improve its design. It needs to be more pedestrian friendly, with safe bike routes along E-W streets as a priority and a central crossing point between Cramer Street and Murray Road to mitigate informal crossings and provide a safer route. More trees, retain the central median and reduce car parking to create wide footpaths for people to enjoy and parklets for dining.
the trees that have already been planted!
Great places to buy produce, eat out and shop from second-hand clothing stores. It's easily accessible via public transport from where I live in Northcote and also walkable from my apartment.
Diversity of business, close proximity of services
The restaurants, the footy field for my dog, easy access to the train and the markets, nice, cosy, walkable bars from our house. most things we need to leave the house for we can find down the high street or locally
At present not much but the area can be a vibrant area as it once was
The area needs diverse shops as an example High st Northcote or station st Fairfield
I like the variety of local food and international grocers and I love the absence of fast food chains.
I value the diverse range of cultures that occupy the street at different times of the day.
I love shopping and eating on High Street, I wish there was more variety. Parking needs improvement
I value the proximity of services, schools, recreation and retail areas within a block or two.
I value the diversity, the grittiness, the centrality
It's an area that truly is developed by its very diverse community, not stakeholders like councils, large corporates etc. It's a meeting place for people.
I love the mix of businesses along High Street - there's always something to grab your interest. I also like that it's a 40kmh zone, as you can cross safely quite easily.
I love the diversity of culture of the area. It's also a huge part of the local community - with lots of people using the stores along there, but it doesn't have the space to sit and gather appropriately. The footpaths are crammed when restaurants try to use outdoor seating. More space would let more people gather, linger and patronise the street. I love the community aspect of living where I do but wish it was easier to gather to build that community.
Vibrant array of shops, restaurants and businesses.
The community mixing-place.s to stop for a chat.
A diversity of businesses.
Variety of food and shops. Buzzy atmosphere
I love the wide variety of businesses and excellent food, great op shops. It's easy to get around, the market and high street shops are very close and the station is right there too. I really value that it is a street build by community needs.

I value a community feel. But I also value the environment and want more greenery. I would be inclined to visit more if it was greener and cleaner. Currently High st has a pretty yucky vibe to it.
The diversity of shops, ease of access
Abundance of cafes, restaurants, bars and access to very good quality fruit and vegetable stores. Love Naturally on High! Also appreciate the cultural diversity.
I like the op shops, and Asian grocers. Something like a cheaper buy miles would be a great addition
To be honest, there is little to value about this section of High Street. Both the public and private realm are run down, neglected and unattractive. High Street and the surrounding laneways, local streets and parks are full of graffiti and a haven for low level crime, including drug dealing and burglary. The retail and hospitality offering on High Street is low end and lacks variety. The upgrading of High Street and surrounds should have economic stimulus as one of its purposes.
The community
It is the community hub
High street leads me to the preston markets
The cultural hub that it is - the shops and restaurants from different culture and the diversity. The affordable shops and restaurants.
I would value that their are empty shops, footpaths are clean with some green space, safe for cyclist with a bike lane, removal of graffiti, more seats and a broader diversity of shops, outdoor dining would be OK, bike parking, more welcoming environment
The multicultural restaurant scene
Easy access to cafes, restaurants, supermarkets, Preston market and public transport.
Tress down the middle of the street
Diverse dining
Local Viet restaurants and shops
-multicultural nature of what's on offer -wide footpaths -proximity to a range of amenities and transport
Leave it the way it is. Why are you trying to fix something that does not need fixing? Smart city agenda that no one asked for?
Multicultural, food, shops & cafes, close access to Preston Market
Easy access to public transport, proximity to Preston Market, 'ghost signs' on the upper levels of old shops
Numerous small established family businesses and restaurants.
Bustling character
Diverse and organic, upscale dining next to cheap and cheerful dining. Pedestrian friendly zones near the train and preston market. Good enough on street parking, encouraging locals to walk which is great.
High Street has a brilliant character as a multicultural eating pot - but there is no reason that it can't be beautiful, shaded and protected from fast cars and car fumes.
Eating/ dining/ drinking/ socialising areas
the diversity, the range of offer of shops and products, the vibrancy, the opening hours are convenient, the central location (like a hub for shopping fresh produce, eating out and meeting people)
I object to the choices offered above. Why not better cycling options? Why is it not a bike friendly street and why is this not offered as an option?
The diversity and affordability of shops (generally) and that I can get there without having to drive a car.

Not much at the moment
It is an embarrassment. I have not come across a dirtier unkept street in High street in Melbourne. The derelict buildings such as number 385 High street with its broken windows is terrible.
I would say that it does have potential to become a great street but in serious need of a clean up
I value that it hasn't been gentrified, and we still have so much bustling diversity
The variety of shops.
Diversity
Multi-cultural restaurants, accessible
The diversity of eating options is the thing that I visit High St for most. I like the fact it's very accessible to the library, town hall and police station.
It has great potential to be a civic center other than private malls, like the Northland shopping center.
Variety of shops and food places plus market and library
Given this is now an activity centre it must prioritise walking and cycling. Car parking should be significantly reduced and car speeds reduced to 30kmh to improve safety and quality for pedestrians and cyclists. Tree planting should be the other priority to increase shade for active transport users. The pear trees are not fit for purpose. They offer very little shade. Wsud strategies to provide irrigation to street trees should be implemented to ensure healthy street trees development. If there is space for outdoor dining and local businesses want this then that is great. Do not listen to people calling for more parking or better traffic flow. This street is not big enough to accommodate everyone and given the new activity centre status it should be the cars that miss out. Look after the pedestrians, the cyclists and the trees.
I used to like the grocers and some good shops
I love that it feels like a community hub - especially some of the first bits of high st immediately after you turn into high st from bell and around the community centre. It feels more like a village and if we could recreate the plaza feel in a safe way with limited loitering and graffiti that would be outstanding It gets a bit too industrial after Gower st and it and feels a bit unloved - an in between space compared to the section mentioned earlier. It doesn't feel it was made for pedestrians
All the great restaurants
The Preston markets, Pad Cha restaurant, Hanoi restaurant, Takeaway Pizza. Diverse range of restaurants with high quality food. The new trees planted along the high street.
Diverse restaurants, a walkable area
There's so much potential but everything looks rundown. Keep the character and clean it up. Preston needs more trees and greenery everywhere so please prioritise green spaces wherever possible. Perhaps look at underground parking structures — there are so many parking areas that take up valuable space the community could enjoy.
It's a great dining destination.
nothing - it is overcrowded and filthy.
I love that it's vibrant. Lots of locally owned shops and it feels lively. There is so much pedestrian and cycling activity and the cars move slowly because it feels so closed in. That makes me feel safer when navigating the street.
Having lived here my whole life on high st I love the diversity, the life, the working class nature.
Great places to go, just a rather unattractive street.

I value the heritage and diverse architecture, that depicts the early development of the area. The central district of Preston and its connection to community.
interesting shops, people and a key transport corridor - a place to see people you know
Community, diversity I, access to a wide range of services
It's a great hub of activity with lots of great dining options. I love it's multicultural variety of options and it has a real buzz about it.
Important agora and promising extension to the "coolest Street in the world". Should be true of Preston section.
Variety of shops and aervices readily available
Great mix of retail, restaurants and services. Can access via car, public transport and on foot giving everyone an equal opportunity to enjoy it regardless of any personal mobility issues.
The Preston Market is the life blood of High Street. The various international grocery stores and cafes and restaurants come in at a close second.
high street is brimming with character, diverse food and shopping opportunities, it's lively, it's got a community vibe. None too polished and full of gritty charm. I love High Street.
Historical buildings, family friendly restaurants and cafes, access to Preston Market
It's a great community hub that has plenty of potential to be a vibrant destination if planned out well
The local traders.
The best part of that area of High Streer is the Preston Town Hall, and the gorgeous gum trees outside.
The variety of shops, access to preston market and the council precinct, including the library and town hall.
Cultural diversity and community
That strip of high street is the gateway to the market.
Good quality retail and hospitality options, attractive opens spaces
An attractive traditional main street. Lots of local businesses all within walking distance. Accessible by public and active transport.
a local place for people to engage with their community, to get to know and support local stores, and feel part of their neighbourhood. It currently has good and affordable eating options and a good diversity of stores, leading into the precious community asset which is preston market. The current speed limit is good.
The food, restaurants are great. The classic architecture of the council offices and church
Parking is nightmare, please build more free parking.
street parking should be minimized instead more parking areas allocated
It's diversity
There's such a variety of shopping opportunities for all. I also value safe walking and biking. There needs to be improvements to the walking facilities. Especially between Gower and Murray.
I think it can be better designed to be more inviting. At the moment cars are taking all the priority, we need to think more from the pedestrian perspective.
It's local community. The multiculturalism. The history. That is has such a diverse selection of shops. I love the Asian influence. The connection of the market. The access to the trains. The amount of affordable food options.

7.2 APPENDIX 2 - Map marker comments

Contribution	Address	Your comment
16466	1 Spencer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A nice family pub
16757	102 St Georges Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More trees and bee corridors everywhere please!
16496	102-106 St Georges Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There's a significant amount of litter and graffiti around the market and station that needs a lot of cleaning up.
16351	108 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Ensure rubbish bins and recycling bins are collected and emptied carefully. Every week, a huge amount of litter is left on the street after bin collection.
16783	110 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve corner plantations
16783	110 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve corner plantations
16615	110 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Left turn only out of all side streets should be considered to increase safety, especially for pedestrians as cars often turn right or go straight without looking for pedestrians.
16537	110 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Bike lanes
16518	110 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Increase landscaping areas at this cross intersection and add seating/meeting areas. This southern end of the project area seems to need more of an uplift.
16501	110 David Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The pedestrian crossing is too far from Bruce St/David street. You have to detour down High Street in order to cross safely.
16535	14 Cooma Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Consider making one way towards High St to ease chaotic drop off / pick up times from High School. (No right turn at Dalgety into High Street)
16348	14 Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Car parks are an eyesore and could be transformed into a lovely green, dining and shopping precinct or day destination.
16711	14 Preston Chambers Arcade, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better interface between the market and High st. Maybe a mall which leads straight into the central market axis.
16431	16b Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Going along with upgrading High Street, could the Mary Street Your Street Your Say project please be prioritised
16614	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Rocks from flower bed outside Red Rooster can create uneven surface at times
16581	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Increased time for pedestrian crossings
16522	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Rubbish generated from Red Rooster is often blighting the streetscape here.
16462	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Area feels 'dead'
16403	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improvements needed to footpath in front of Red Rooster which would not meet accessibility requirements (for discussion with state government?)
16389	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more trees, safer pedestrian crossing
16381	196-202 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing Bell Street is a big issue when cycling or walking. Not enough time to cross and far too much traffic. This slip lane also needs to be removed as it makes it unsafe.
16495	199 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Noise pollution enforcement for loud vehicles. Cars with non-stock exhausts, and Harley Davidson motorcycles frequently rev and speed during quiet times.
16783	2 Bruce Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve corner plantations
16767	2 Bruce Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A lack of surface differentiation encouraging vehicles to slow when approaching the raised pedestrian crossing.
16735	2 Bruce Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Make it easier and safer for cars and pedestrians to cross high street here
16728	2 Bruce Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	wider roads, especially turning lanes
16431	2 Bruce Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There is a VERY significant issue with graffiti in the laneways north and south of David Street. Council's response to budget submissions was to REDUCE the graffiti removal budget. PLEASE have a rapid response graffiti removal program in and around the Preston Central Activity Centre. It makes the centre present as unclean and unsafe.
16309	2 West Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would be great to have no cars through here, and instead make this a Playspace for kids.
16681	20 Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Save the Preston Market. Preserve its essence. Ensure it is accessible to all (including financially). Avoid knocking it down. Publicly acquire it like the Vic and Footscray Markets if possible. Connect it to High St. Leverage it. Integrate it with walkability and bike riding.
16668	20 Herbert Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Plant more trees inside this new playground near the Oval, PLEASE!!! Our kids are getting burnt!!!!
16784	204 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This section of High st feels a little depressing and soulless. Some of the buildings are rundown. And some of the newer corporate buildings feel depressing with their uninspiring architecture and heavily emblazoned with company logos etc (Aspire, RS Chase Lawyers, The right-hand side of 'Anytime Fitness'... the purple corporate signage they've added inside the nice heritage building on the left-hand side looks tacky too). VALS seems like an awesome service, but the building looks like a bummer. Red Rooster and the busyness of Bell st also feels unpleasant. I don't know what can be done to make all this feel nicer. More trees and nicer architecture I suppose.
16686	204 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More trees and wider footpaths
16579	204 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Empty lot should be use as park or community garden

16645	208-216 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Heaps of snails come out here on rainy days and it's a snail graveyard
16496	21 Clinch Avenue, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	How is there no footpath from residential streets to Woolies? Instead all we get is massive carparks and infrastructure for cars. Insane having to walk through a carpark just to get to the local supermarket.
16522	21 Dalgety Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Street surface is extremely bumpy and uneven
16403	21 Dalgety Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Paint other pedestrian crossings to be more prominent similar to as has occurred in front of council offices.
16389	21 Dalgety Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	reduce clutter on footpath - guideline for outdoor dining, remove too many poles
16767	21 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A lack of a *direct* pedestrian-attractive connection to High St. This area is car-centric and the connections aren't immediately obvious to someone inside the market.
16619	21 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This parking area desperately needs resurfacing and a designated area for cyclists that feeds into safe local bike paths.
16534	21 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More attractive and inviting connections between the market
16509	21 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Cleaner. New parking lines.
16377	21 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Last dip in the sideway to help people in wheelchairs and/or prams. No accessible access from Cramer St
16732	21 Regent Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	council to investigate upgrading regent st road as well, very bumpy.
16329	216 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This area is awful!
16691	218-220 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This feels like a dead zone
16560	220 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Reduce traffic volume Safer opportunities to cross the road Seating and meeting locations Landscaping with indigenous plants
16472	220 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing here would be good, in front of Bridge which has clients with accessibility needs
16396	220 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing in this area
16397	221 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Tree canopy covering all year
16732	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	lots of weeds. more trees are needed here as well
16722	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Develop this area into something vibrant and usable with greenery
16659	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better bike infrastructure to here from Murray road. Safer options.
16603	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Abandoned building that doesn't invite to explore the rest of high st.
16580	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I notice the building on the cnr of Bell and High is for sale. However it's in a disgusting state, full of birds and their droppings. It smells and is surely a health issue. Owners need to be held to account to clean it up.
16556	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This could be a nice gateway to the precinct
16371	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This building needs renovation. It doesn't look inviting at all. Especially it at the entrance of High Street Preston.
16320	229-241 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	From Bell Street to Murray Road; reduced on street parking spaces. Increased shade trees and public seating. Public toilets. Bike paths. traffic calming. Enforced alternative heavy vehicle routes. Electric bus service.
16668	22a Gertrude Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Add more benches near the train station (outdoor benches with trees planted behind)
16377	23 Bruce Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Wasted space. Tables were taken away for the cricket nets and almost 0 replaced them. Need more green space meeting spots.
16738	23 Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian Lights to allow safe crossings of bikes / pedestrians under the rail overpass
16715	230 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Very difficult section to ride a bike in - no bike lane, parallel car parking (potential car dooring) and feels uncomfortable to ride a bike.
16686	230 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more trees and wider footpaths
16537	230 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More shop fronts with good quality shops will increase safety.
16522	230 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Lack of building awnings means walking here in rain/afternoon sun is unpleasant.
16455	230 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This part of High Street feels unloved and less safe than north of Gower/Cramer. Needs more trees and street furniture, especially seats.
16680	232 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Parking
16653	232 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Numerous empty buildings attracting vermin, rubbish, graffiti, High St does not look inviting, or attractive and council should not spend ratepayers money till issues such as these are addressed.
16598	232 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Safety between David St and Bell St is poor - the whole district here feels run-down
16662	234 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The area from Bell St up to Bruce St is under-utilised. Too many big buildings sitting empty.
16686	234-238 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian zebra crossing with flashing lights (with wider footpaths) for walking safety

16519	234-238 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Seating area
16302	234-238 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More greenery and street trees to soften the concrete and pollution of bell street
16509	237 Earle Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Cleaner. Painted parking lines. Better use of the space.
16624	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Old building with open front (maybe an old parking space) is full of rats and rubbish. The owner should clean it up. Also boarded up shops on the opposite side.
16602	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Asthetics of this area is poor. Bike lane disappears after being there on the south side of Bell St.
16545	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is terrible to walk by. It smells like bird droppings, people drop pigeon food in there, it's just generally gross
16544	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Bike lanes are required the entire length of high street to improve safety and calm traffic
16534	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Use of building other than a graffiti wall
16503	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Green space
16403	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The "Preston Gateway" section of high street has poor public amenity in general. While it may be difficult to prioritise until such time as plans for the site are known. Priority should be given to increasing the attractiveness of this area once plans have progressed, through planter boxes/seating etc.
16403	237 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian prioritisation/shared use zones should be introduced along the whole strip to reduce the attractiveness of High Street as a viable route for heavy vehicles in particular.
16738	239 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	School Crossing for Preston High - across to the Library side of street
16615	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This intersection should be improved. Right turn bans during peak times would be appropriate to improve traffic flow.
16581	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Increased time for pedestrian crossing
16581	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Slow down traffic for pedestrian safety
16577	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is the most dangerous crossing for me and my family. Since they are no red light cameras or speeding cameras the cars do as they please, especially when the green man is on for crossing and cars are still turning right , it happens every time I get so furious how careless they are, I'm fearful for my 3 year old crossing that intersection.
16524	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Murray Rd Preston
16454	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better walking/pedestrian conditions
16454	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Cleaner streets and less dumping of waste. Better waste systems at businesses - it gets super smelly and gross.
16381	241a Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing this intersection walking is dangerous. Cars run red lights or turn against people crossing the road. Needs to be redesigned to slow down cars and force them to give way to people crossing.
16507	242 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Outdoor dining, less traffic and cars
16645	243 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This building/warehouse stinks when we walk past it everyday
16350	243 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Get rid of derelict, disgusting building
16306	243 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	It's ugly here and not much business activation which makes this area feel unsafe if walking at night.
16295	243 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	It would be great if the footpaths were concrete between high street and Murray road. Also, if the traditional verandas were reinstalled along here it would unify the look of the street, add character, respect our heritage and give appropriate shelter from the elements all year round.
16351	245 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Sell, or at least tidy up the derelict buildings on the corner. The abandoned opening/car port feels unsafe to walk past and smells of bird faeces.
16704	247 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Feel unsafe walking past this abandoned building at night & it's the most direct route for me from the train station.
16688	247 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The abandoned warehouses down here are really unsightly, and the Bell St end generally is a bit uninspiring (with the exception of Bridge Darebin and Moon Rabbit cafe). Would be great to do something with the space!
16640	247 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is kind of a dead spot with no shops or anything
16545	248 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	It's pretty hot to walk this section in summer as there is little awning cover
16519	248 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing
16396	251-253 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Stop putting stickers up every time they have a sale and leaving them up for months
16759	254 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Feels very industrial, cold around here, all concrete and not much greenery
16403	254 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	additional trees should be planted along footpath in front of warehouses on this side of the street.
16403	254 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Redundant driveway entries such as in front of 254 High Street should be removed as footpaths are repaired and upgraded.
16663	261 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Very ugly strip aesthetically. No greenery, not welcoming, high traffic
16308	263 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Loading bay on the Bell Street side of Gower and some seating.
16512	263 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve streetscape with greenery
16645	265 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More shops that are friendly needed along this stretch

16534	265 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	liven the bell street end of the street more.
16343	267 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This part feels very scary to ride on as a cyclist. The bike lane further down high street disappears and it becomes scary to navigate.
16648	27 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better bike links between the rail trail and high St along Murray road would be nice
16364	27 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Too much space for car parking
16783	27 Preston Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve corner plantations
16507	27 Preston Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Wider footpaths and more green spaces, seating
16403	27 Preston Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Work with business owners to try and support mural walls and public art (instead of the frequent tag graffiti that is currently occurring). Both sides of Preston street demonstrate a prime space that could be improved by supporting public murals
16302	27 Preston Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More pedestrian crossings here to connect the market precinct with stores and the council/library precinct
16359	270 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Remove the Palestinian flag. This will make the streets more inclusive and culturally safe for all residents
16359	270 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Remove the antisemitic stickers that say Jewish people are not welcome in Darebin
16471	273 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Safer bike lanes for E-W routes
16581	273-279 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Additional crossings
16389	273-279 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	need a pedestrian crossing, may wombat type halfway between bell st and bruce st
16351	273-279 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Encourage more high quality restaurants, cafes and clothes/homeware stores.
16323	273-279 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Add pedestrian crossing
16799	274 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	safer places to cross along high street
16717	274 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is the start of High street shops. It needs trees and plants - too look more inviting, rubbish needs to be picked up - including the side streets, more seating for businesses, removal of tagging!!
16625	274 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	From David Street to Murray Road make it one-way heading north. Add angled parking on one side to allow parking for shops. Like Station St Fairfield, but definitely only one way. Wider footpaths to encourage walking and outdoor dining. Should be made into a pedestrian plaza really but this will affect shops too much as Preston Market car park is already at capacity.. Unless a multi level public car park is built, say on the old Courthouse Police Station site.
16671	275 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This crossing visibility needs to be improved as I nearly got run over by a car turning here (I was walking with the pedestrian lights). The crossing could be moved further down to give cars time to see pedestrians
16671	275 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve quality of shops and restaurants by working with landlords- there are multiple empty or run down shops here
16574	275 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Bike path outside of council offices heading east can't possibly meet modern specs. Parking bays used by council trucks/officers are narrow, so vehicles are sitting in bike path. Would be nice to have safe east west bike paths to enable accessible active transport to High street
16309	275 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would be great to have more park/Playspace here.
16601	278 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Can we have a pedestrian crossing here?
16757	28 Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There's always so much rubbish along the train line area. I don't feel safe around here at night either.
16431	281 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The section of High Street between Bell and David streets lacks vibrancy. Public realm improvements should aim to stimulate private investment and activity on private land, as well as on-street activity.
16396	281 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	One-hour limit on parking is too short
16680	282 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Lighting
16527	283a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A crossing here would be helpful
16428	284 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Make in to mall remove traffic
16580	286 Gower Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Great space in front of the town hall for community meeting place. Offer seats and shade and flowers.
16454	286 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More, safer and better bike paths
16715	287 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	midblock pedestrian crossing needed
16804	288 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More pedestrian crossing are needed on high street
16796	288 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better parking
16389	288 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	maybe this can be a wombat crossing
16387	288 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Remove car parking and put in protected bike lanes on both sides. Create a modal filter to prevent rat running. St georges is a better street for through traffic.
16732	289 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	i think the bike hoops on high st are rather bland compared to areas like northcote where an artist has designed something cool and interesting

16403	289 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Trees in the road median are quite distressed and should be better cared for. Priority should also be given to increasing the planting of drought tolerant natives to support a better tree canopy developing along high street.
16369	291 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The median strip forms a barrier to crossing between formal crossing points. There is no dedicated room for cycling along high Street
16483	292 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This stretch of shops seems tired and the traffic is insane at peak hour. The road doesn't seem wide enough, and when you're walking on the footpath it feels like the traffic is too close (you're too exposed)
16503	293 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Green space
16798	294 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	cleaner, prettier street
16556	294 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More variety of shops
16435	294 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Road surface here is very bad, needs to be replaced
16801	294-296 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	make sure there is adequate parking
16722	2a Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Make this intersection safer. I see so many near misses here. I can't see any immediate problem with the intersection but drivers are incredibly reckless going around here.
16637	2a Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Left hand turn from High St (going north) onto Cramer St is a very tight corner. It's common to see cars turning this corner and almost running into cars on Cramer St that are turning right onto high street.
16544	2a Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Wider footpaths along this intersection as it is a major crossing for pedestrians.
16469	2a Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	bike transit east to west can become stronger
16298	30 Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	please have Parking area space for users to Preston Market
16715	300 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Very difficult section to ride a bike in - no bike lane, parallel car parking (potential car dooring) and feels uncomfortable to ride a bike.
16679	300 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Remove all on street parking on High St, but for a few service and blue badge spots, to improve the aesthetic of high street and encourage custom and dwell time for people.
16796	300-302 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better parking
16527	304 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A crossing here near the bank would also be helpful
16686	305 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more trees and wider footpaths
16534	306 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Less trucks and large vehicles. At least prevent the use of engine breaks as noisy
16389	306 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	hard to walk - busy
16441	307 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian bridge over Murray road - this crossing takes a very long time
16724	308 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Too many cars, not enough safe, separated Bike lanes. Limiting traffic and speeds would make this a much more attractive destination.
16581	308 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Widen footpath and create space for protected outdoor dining
16568	308 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Greener and Cleaner
16330	308 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	need separated bike lanes
16708	310 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is a bit of a dead area visually. More street planting, sculptures, seating, outdoor dining
16783	315 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve corner plantations
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16403	316 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Explore options for shrub planting along median strip in this section of high street
16732	317a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	outdoor seating are here?! similar to success council has had with oakover road / high st, seating area.
16432	317a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Install traffic lights on corner David/Bruce/High st. There are always car accidents here, and also broken glass and car parts left strewn over the footpath because of this
16403	317a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Existing garden beds/nature strips on the four corners of David and High Street should be better maintained and landscaped with additional planting
16617	318 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better separated bike lanes.
16431	318 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A pedestrian crossing is needed aligned with Preston Street, associated with movement of students from Preston High.
16728	32 The Centreway, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Parking bay consistency alongside the market. it's currently very inconsistently placed, leading to rash driving and people making mistakes in thinking what is a parking spot and what isn't.
16441	32 The Centreway, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Safer pedestrian access to the market from the station
16350	322 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Encourage more cafe's
16783	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Beautify this corner
16767	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	High-speed curve with pedestrian crossing. If kept, sharpen part of the curve to require cars to slow.

16648	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The bike lanes south of Bell St are really nice, but they should be extended north
16614	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Empty building has strong smell from the number of birds - possibly a health hazard? This has been the same for a number of years.
16553	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Develop this corner, it's an eyesore as you enter Preston.
16431	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This major intersection is hostile to pedestrians. Major development surrounding the intersection will make it more hostile. It needs humanising, beautifying and greening in the High Street upgrade.
16403	324-330 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian island need to better maintained/improved for accessibility (state government controlled portion?)
16701	327-329 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Similar comment for area between gower and bell street needs review of variety offered This is be becoming middle east and Indian background with limited opportunity for cafe/bars and and other cuisines dining Shop fronts need big cleanup and old signage above shops removed
16403	327-329 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Options should be investigated for how council can encourage maintenance/beautification of historic shop roofs such as at 327-329 High Street (reductions on rates/other incentives for repairing and maintaining these surfaces).
16613	328 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There is generally an issue with cars on this section of High St (Bell to Murray) Speeding, parking when restricted, dangerous turning, ignorance of pedestrian ROW. Not to mention the road surface is concerning particular when people are choosing to speed and weave through traffic.
16537	328 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	pedestrian areas
16708	330-336 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This Woolies is terribly ugly. Could the council work with Woolies to pay Darebin artists to paint the facade -similar to the art on buildings at Preston market: https://www.prestonmarket.com.au/preston-market-artists/ . Beautifying the area will go a long way for civic pride
16783	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Street furniture at crossings
16694	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Rather than grass or trees requiring maintenance, planting native grasses/flowers which will be cheaper and better for pollinators
16686	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more trees, pedestrian zebra crossing, remove some of the parking along High St and add protected bike lanes. This along with wider footpaths would help encourage active transport
16666	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Proper bike lanes so cyclists feel safer
16622	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Separated bike paths to enable kids and women to travel along high street by bike
16582	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More trees
16582	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More trees
16564	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Road surface is terrible for drivers. For pedestrians the footpath is incredibly dirty. Too many empty, damaged shops in this section of High Street. Big eyesores.
16310	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve footpaths along this entire section of High Street.
16310	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Fix the roads. Add greenery.
16732	331-333 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improved bus stop areas, esp when elderly and the young school kids catch the bus. There is limited seating etc
16732	334 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	bike lanes please!!
16441	334 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Build apartments on top of Woolies
16797	335 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Road needs attention - its uneven
16317	337 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Replace dingy fast food outlets with high quality restaurants cafes
16686	340 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more seating at the bus stop
16430	340 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	From Gower to Bell Street is unclear
16364	340 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Too much traffic
16598	341 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There is a good opportunity here to open up part of High St, and provide some seating areas for eating etc.
16455	342 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Too many vehicles speed and/or run the red light here. Traffic calming approaches would be good.
16715	347 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	midblock pedestrian crossing needed
16403	347 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Prioritise general landscaping (planter boxes/additional public seating) in areas such as in front of apartment blocks with limited ground level potentially conflicting commercial tenancies).
16351	347 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Quality street lighting
16544	348 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Traffic lights specifically for bicycles

16431	348 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Many Preston High students travel by bike along Cramer Street. A separated bike lane is needed for cyclist safety.
16381	348 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing at this intersection does not feel safe. Cars constantly run red lights or turn into people crossing
16380	348 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The High Street and Gower/ Cramer Intersecton needs to be upgraded, it is a poorly desinged intersection
16783	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Make this a green useable space, add more vegetation and street furniture
16759	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would be nice to have brick pavers on footpath and median strip.
16637	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Landscape out the front of the town hall could be upgraded to incorporate better meeting and social spaces. It's a pretty formal space at this time without very many people using it for the volume of people on high street.
16635	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Seating/Tables
16634	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Opportunity for better planting and seating/meeting areas outside beautiful council buildings. Currently very dry looking vegetation, not enough shade
16616	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This could have more seating and better landscaping
16603	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Public seating, food and beverage (cage style) = community engagement
16598	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The area outside the town-hall could be vitalized - perhaps a foot truck or something that would make it more attractive to hang-out here
16590	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Council offices and buildings on the corner of Gower and high streets are beautiful but feel very inaccessible. Can they or the area around them be used by the community or integrated into the landscape in some way?
16551	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Unsafe to cycle with current traffic volume
16534	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More shaded seating in the one area that is landscaped and inviting
16487	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The areas of grass here seem largely redundant, they're not big enough for any sports or other uses, they seem purely there for looks. Grass isn't serious nature. It should be trees or benches and tables and open 'plaza'
16471	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	So much opportunity to improve civic forecourt to create green resting and gathering spaces
16462	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	underutilised space
16443	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Covered seating
16435	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More cafes, outdoor dining along this area
16350	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Use the gardens as a gather point
16291	350 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Sitting spaces with shaded areas
16496	350 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The insane amount of space dedicated to surface car parks needs to go. This is prime location next to the station anf shops.
16746	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing halfway between Murray and Gower
16682	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Self cleaning toilets - Exeloo
16655	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More crossings between Murray and Gower
16568	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more food / dinning places / wine bars / out door seating
16507	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing
16443	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Try to purchase property and make a park area
16331	350a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The curbs and road junctions are not maintained, often full of weeds, garbage and and dry dead plantings. I want to see the green space valued as a green environment is a cooler environment. Corners of streets should be easily identified, feature planting of trees, and low shrubbery. Grasses and gravels to prevent weeds overtaking. The ornamental pear trees along high street right to Broadway need the suckers trimmed from the lower trunks. They prevent a healthy tree and encourage pest and disease. Suckers grow from roots and impact the pathways by obstructing pedestrian, they will no air driver's sight lines and are an eyesore. I've often thought to trim myself.
16652	351 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing
16463	351 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	street crossing
16395	352 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Large outdoor dining spaces for restaurants, planting and seating similar to High Street Northcote
16313	352 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	No crossing area between Gower st and Murray road makes it difficult to get across the road without walking a large distance
16313	352 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Cycling between Murray and Bell is dangerous due to no bike lanes and lane size too small for parked cars and traffic
16686	353 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	protected bike lanes / wider footpaths / parklets to help restaurants with outdoor dining, while still promoting accessibility.
16323	353 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Add pedestrian crossing
16617	354 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More trees and greenery
16537	354 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Trees
16534	354 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A pedestrian crossing somewhere here.
16518	354 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The addition of a zebra crossing somewhere between Murray Road and Gower Street.

16738	354 Murray Road, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improved timings of the pedestrian lights - not suitable at the moment
16534	356 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	wider footpaths for street dining at cafes.
16653	357 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	E bikes on footpaths need to be addressed .
16512	357 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve streetscape
16670	359 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Needs LEAFY trees (not dull scrawny ones like the rest of Preston) Needs updated facilities, benches, bins etc. Needs a council who CARES what it looks like. High end cafes
16664	360 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This part needs more trees
16652	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing
16635	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Wider foot paths between Roseberry and Gower to accommodate outdoor dining. (Get rid of the parking not the median strip on high st)
16556	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Make it feel more contemporary
16518	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more landscaping along footpaths (both sides of project area) or improved landscaping within the central road verges (larger landscaping beds/raised beds/native vegetation/rain gardens)
16463	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	street crossing
16395	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Connection through to Preston market from high street
16364	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Too much traffic
16351	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing
16350	362 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing
16801	363 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	keep market open
16759	364 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would be nice to add proper bike lanes though would be at expense of street parking. More pedestrian/bike friendly though to widen footpath, add more trees and add in safer separated bike lane.
16711	365 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Develop planning policies which permit and encourage the upgrade of retail stock, progressively enabling the replacement of the grunge factor.
16551	367 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More greenery would help a lot with keeping in the shade and making it prettier.
16512	368 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve footpaths
16396	369 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Too often the footpath is completely blocked by patrons of this store (and often their bikes), particularly after school
16731	370 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Same-y restaurants, dirty paths, gutters, and still low on greenery. Cramer St looks great, so I don't know why this can't be extended to the main strip.
16653	370 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Footpaths are dirty and not maintained along all of the project map (High -Murray to Bell), Graffiti needs to removed by council even on buildings not owned by them to make the area more presentable.
16568	370 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Greener and cleaner
16556	370 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Make this section less scummy
16431	370 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrians frequently cross High Street between cars along this main part of High Street. Consideration should be given to making High Street between Cramer Street and Murray Road, a substantially pedestrianised zone, with only very limited function for moving and parked cars.
16309	370 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would be great to have more crossings for people here.
16381	371 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Far too much traffic on High Street especially on weekend mornings and peak hour. The clearway should be removed - there are plenty of main roads very close by that people should be using instead. Introduce a pedestrian mall to High Street
16783	374 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve corner plantations
16756	374 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	In addition i might suggest a safe crossing area in front of the commonwealth bank area across high st for pedestrians, especially for the elderly would be welcomed as I have noticed it as a frequented crossing area.
16708	374 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More street trees and planting (planter boxes etc) along High St
16702	374 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Needs more bike parking spaces along the shopping strip

16691	374 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I live here and it is chaotic with cars ignoring no standing zones. This should be better policed, more clearly signed (e.g. road painted), demarcated loading zone etc
16551	374 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Need more crossings, people walk along looking for restaurants to walk in and regularly need to cross.
16443	377-385 Bell Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Needs a zebra crossing urgently
16784	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would love to see the beautiful old Fire Station building (previously "Ms Dangz") become a nice cafe/restaurant/something else nice again.
16759	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Not a suggestion for improvement, but I love the ex Ms Dangz building. Please don't let someone paint/plaster over this!
16579	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Footpath looks old and dirty
16539	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Needs better traffic flow, too often cars are just sitting idle waiting on poor over the top traffic management
16403	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Investigate options for encouraging owners to better support pop-ups/other short term re-use of well maintained commercial buildings. For instance the Old Fire Station should not be frequently vacant.
16381	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This part of High Street could be a great pedestrian mall
16332	378 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	road surface needs resurfacing
16503	379 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Green space
16759	380 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	It's sad that some of the nice old facades are covered up by business advertising, including for some businesses that no longer operate on high st. e.g. Above Bendigo Bank is beautiful old art deco building but chemist warehouse opposite has painted everything bright yellow w logo everywhere...
16403	381 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Consider options for beautifying street lights if other options less viable (for instance by painting in more vibrant colours and/or installing hanging pots with resilient colourful natives)
16503	384 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Green space
16403	385a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Options need to be pursued for dressing up long term vacant shop fronts and facades such as at 385 High Street.
16380	385a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	385 High Street. Buildings such as this should be immediatley rectified. They have been left derelict for many years and deter people away from the street. The council needs to start enforcing its amenity laws on commercial landlords who are not looking after their properties
16759	391 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	South of Cramer there are less trees and foliage - could plant more e.g. flowering gums, wattle, cherry blossoms?
16602	391 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing here is super hot in summer! Street scape is not attractive.
16581	391 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Increased time for pedestrian crossing
16556	391 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve pedestrian safety
16389	391 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	such a prime position for a shop. the bank has a sterile frontage, non inviting. i feel unsafe to wait on this ped crossing
16774	395 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Utilise the grassed area in front of town hall by creating an expansive seating area for shoppers and residents on a lovely sunny day.
16767	395 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	5 lanes of traffic is completely unnecessary.
16711	395 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	If High Street is to remain at the same level of traffic thoroughfare as it is at present, reduce the amount of on-street parking, funnelling car parking to places at the rear of the shops.
16615	395 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This intersection should be improved. Right turn bans during peak times would be appropriate to improve traffic flow.
16403	395 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Planter boxes and seats (similar to examples along the Northcote end of High Street) should be incorporated along the footpaths between David Street and Murray road) in front of non food and beverage retailers. Removal of on street parking in support of parklets should be encouraged for restaurants and supermarkets serving cooked food.
16292	395 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	We own this corner block, and we will be happy to work with council to do something to enhance and promote the Preston Market on High Street. That may be via some prominent signage on our property or even redeveloping our site to be part of the Market area. As currently there is not much exposure of the market on High Street
16534	400 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better connection with church courtyard as a nice shady spot to sit and rest
16534	400 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	shelter for waiting for the bus and more seating.
16403	400 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve activation of community or public spaces. For instance opportunities for small craft stalls/markets in spaces such as front of Anglican church and front of council offices.

16467	402 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There are a few lots north of Murray which could be repurposed into green space - they appear to be abandoned lots and would really increase the amenity of the area. Even north of Wood St there are some fire-affected lots that could be transformed into community areas to improve the general amenity and usability of High St. As a local I find that High St is busy with pedestrian traffic up to Wood St - adding in more crossings would make High St a lot safer. Also installing a red light/speed camera as people constantly speed and run lights.
16728	403 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	clearly marked parking spots along high street, to make reverse parallel parking easier along busy traffic roads
16359	403 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Remove the antisemitic stickers
16653	407 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Some of the suggested streetscape improvements appear irrelevant or unviable when considered with other related matters e.g. traffic flow (vehicles), no need to reduce lanes or speed - where and how would you extend footpaths. some of the suggested improvements appear to create less parking options What is the meant by 'high-quality outdoor dining' - user market would determine this!!
16617	407 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More prioritisation of pedestrians is needed and car parks should be removed to increase footpath width and greenery.
16343	407 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	As the road gets narrower traffic slows down and it feels a little more comfortable as a cyclist. It would be much better without on-street parking.
16381	411 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There are no bike lanes on High Street. It needs protected bike lanes to get people safely around the area
16686	415 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	upgrade the bus stop to be sheltered, or more seating with a water fountain
16462	415 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more wayfinding for preston market through arcade
16389	415 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	please incentivise business to declutter facades. its so busy. so hard to see what's inside. can this be cleaner and more easy to walk. just something from a psychological perspective. i feel so overwhelmed psychologically here. maybe provide guideline for businesses to improve public amenity
16686	417-419 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	pedestrian zebra crossing with yellow flashing lights here would be good, as many people cross the road here after coming off the bus, or to get to the town hall/ post office.
16496	417-419 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There is very few bike parking along high street and is too car centric. Consider pedestrianising a section of high street or side street off high street.
16756	419 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Clean up & Improve the look and feel of the walk way from the market to high street thorough fare
16759	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is a council building but would be a great connection to the market, as the gold leaf arcade closes at certain times and can't access the train station. Could make it a mini green space with native plants, communal herb garden?
16758	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Equal access car space to enable better access into the arcade would be good
16758	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Equal access carparks here would be good because I bring my mum here to yum cha, and I sometimes see other elderly asian people also brought here by their family for yum cha.
16751	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Walk through to market should be created as soon as possible. Already owned by council, but wasted for many years
16701	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This area is terrible All restaurants and shops have outdated frontage they are messy and dirty and stinky All shops are of asian background and has no mix use nor mix cuisine Area needs big uplift and council needs to put stricter measures with owners. There us no cafes for nice breakfast (other then one) and restaurants are of asian origin, does not cater for people who can not eat asian food. Rake a leaf from thornbury and northcote high street or Burgundy street in Heidelberg
16682	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Walk through to Preston Market
16594	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Improve the connection through to the market and make this a food hub
16397	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Move beggars along
16381	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	No crossing over High Street to get to the arcade through to the Market
16318	421 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	reopen the arcade/walkway at 421 high street as an entrance to prezzo market from high street.
16602	422 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Businesses have been closed for YEARS. Vacant shops gives an errie feel to the area
16784	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Access to Preston Market from High Street is convenient but isn't available 24/7. It would be good if some sort of nice passageway was still available to use after all the shops that allow access close.
16702	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Traffic congestion and tight roads
16616	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A raised pedestrian crossing is vitally needed here. It should connect into the Council-owned property at 421 High, which should be converted to a publicly accessible link to the market as part of this project
16581	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Removing on-street parking makes it easier for pedestrians to see
16471	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Formal mid-point pedestrian crossing a must!

16378	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I'd really love to see Darebin knock down the shop they own and create a new entrance to the market that includes landscaping and opportunities for food trucks and other pop-up businesses
16330	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	need more pedestrian crossing points
16309	423 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Would be great to 'beautify' both sides of high st here, with more trees and outdoor furniture where people can socialise.
16648	425 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The street parking in this stretch especially slows down traffic and busses, is almost impossible to find anyway, and makes it difficult to cross the road on foot. There can't be more than 20 spaces each side of the road, dropping the number of car spaces down by even 20% would allow extra room for amenities and not change the parking availability situation all that much.
16551	425 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Not enough bike parking outside restaurants
16454	429 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More large canopy street trees. Less concrete!
16495	43 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Parking requirements for construction workers. Currently, side streets are full 6 days a week and locals are unable to park.
16767	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	No safe crossing for those passing through from the market.
16662	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I would never cycle on this strip of road, between the narrow lane, parking, people opening car doors, delivery drivers zipping up the outside edge, and pedestrians walking out from between the cars, it seems like a disaster waiting to happen.
16590	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Cycle lanes are completely absent for this whole area. I avoid cycling along high st as it is dangerous with chaotic parked cars, pedestrians, market traffic and not much respect for cyclists.
16551	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Speed limit is too high. Should be 30km/h. Feels unsafe sitting outside next to cars flying by
16545	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A crossing here to go from post office through to market via the walkway
16544	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing required here to connect to Preston market and calm traffic
16441	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Crossing here
16343	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Another pedestrian crossing here for people to access the market.
16331	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	These shops have lost their aesthetic as they have layers of constant change, none ever resolved properly. Old signage, dirty facades and exclusive language signs make it less accessible to all in the community. A foundation of English Signage should be reinstated alongside the cultural vendors.
16323	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Add pedestrian crossing
16302	431 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	same comment as below re crossings and street trees - add in here more seating and outdoor dining opportunities
16728	431-433 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	bright and cheerful walkway from high street into the market
16469	431-433 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	current arcade is tired- improve connection to Preston market
16581	435 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Widen footpath and create protected outdoor dining space
16635	437 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pedestrian crossing
16512	437 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More public art
16431	437 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Council owns a site at 421 High Street to provide a future pedestrian connection between Preston Station and High Street, through the Preston Market. This pedestrian connection should be delivered as part of the High Street upgrade.
16381	437 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Remove all of the on-street car parking along this section of High Street. You could then plant trees, have outdoor dining, bike lanes and wider footpaths. There are literally thousands of parking spots all around here for people to use instead and we could have such a much nicer place on High Street.
16695	439 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Add a pedestrian crossing here
16443	441 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Car parking on one side only
16536	444 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	More green space, more area to gather, support for current business to upgrade facilities
16377	44-46 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Lots of trees taken out and not many replaced
16634	445 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Pathways are narrow and street prioritises parking over pedestrian amenity and outdoor dining. Stretch of high st between Bell st and Murray Road is busy, old and dirty.
16471	445 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Reduce on street car parking to take back public land for people instead of cars - more kerb outstands for landscaping, seating, bike parking and on street dining
16686	447 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	pedestrian zebra crossing with yellow flashing lights
16662	447 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I think there should be more pedestrian crossings in the area south of Murray Road. Many people walk across the road here because there's no crossing nearby.
16691	449 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A walkthrough to the market would be good up this end
16581	449 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Additional crossings
16396	449 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	A pedestrian crossing around here would be good

16530	453 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The Asian grocery shops are a bit dirty and could do with shop fronts cleaned
16503	456 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Green Space
16637	459 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	High street between Murray and Cramer St has no easy pedestrian crossings with most people having to 'time' when to cross in between traffic rather than use a pedestrian crossing.
16534	461 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	a possible crossing location here too.
16397	461 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Cleaner streets
16774	465 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Widening of footpath to facilitate more outdoor seating, without impeding foot traffic along the footpath. Planting of street trees and landscaping to give the entry point a welcoming feel.
16686	469 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more trees and outdoor dining areas and wider footpaths, less car parking which is wasted space with all the public transport around
16648	469 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I see so many busses stopped by merging traffic around parked cars. There must be some way to give busses priority here. It makes it easier to catch the bus, and speeds up general traffic.
16537	469 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	High Quality Street Furniture
16580	473 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The footpath and road from Bell to Murray road need to be swept/cleaned more often. A street beautification with trees and colourful flowers. Keeping the street in a clean state will help encourage business owners and users to do the same.
16493	473a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This intersection acts as a main entry point to High St for pedestrians from both train and tram. With the bus stops in the vicinity, it also serves a bus interchange. At the moment the footpaths and crossings are all too narrow for amount of people using them, its also not welcoming as an entry point to High St. It needs wider crossing and footpath, with greater prominence of the crossing for pedestrians, as well as prioritised improvements to the street scape in this spot.
16397	473a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	School crossings supervisor
16389	473a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	same here, more trees? better lighting. clearer ped crossing. i feel so exposed crossing here. better bus stop
16329	473a High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Can some traffic management be installed, cars fly across/through the intersection- not pedestrian friendly at all
16711	48 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Reclamation of the oval for public open space and parking. This space is exclusively for the sports-minded, not the entire community.
16348	48 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	What about adding more entertainment amenities like an art house cinema nova or open air cinema in summer. The Yarraville cinema creates a lovely community feel.
16732	509 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	although outside of scope this area could use with more trees and plants !
16377	52-56 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There is always a tonne of rubbish here from the market. Bins are overflowing. Always.
16348	52-56 Mary Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Could this be opened up so it's more connected to everything. It's doesn't feel accessible.
16773	535 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	I noticed that the purchased pizzas and other food items are found at Takeaway Pizza in Preston as well.
16586	557 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Better footpath surfaces and furniture for enhanced shopping experience
16496	567b High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The business here arrogantly parks over the entire footpath daily. When confronted, extremely defensive. There's no room for footpath parking for whatever reason.
16732	6 Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	turning right on bike here is very dangerous!!
16530	6 Preston Chambers Arcade, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	The walk way through the Arcade is very gritty and could do with some sprucing up
16668	60 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Add more benches along High street all the way from Corner of Dundas Street to Corner of Murray Road (outdoor benches with trees planted behind).
16318	628 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	more trees along high street all the way up through the activity zone please
16495	67 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Noise pollution requirements for construction sites. Grinding, heavy vehicles, and crane sirens 6 days a week for 10+ hours a day on high-rise buildings. It is unpleasant to be outside during the day.
16495	70 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Deciduous trees mean a lot of cleanup during autumn. Please consider evergreens for the future.
16495	84 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Zebra crossings in this area. There are crossing points, but vehicles do not have to give way, and there are local shops around here.
		Encourage the landlord of old fire station to lease the premises to an organisation that would consider using the premises as an art

16757	8a Clinch Avenue, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	There are so many abandoned businesses and vacant blocks. Yet we have a housing shortage. They are also an eyesore.
16396	8a Cramer Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Nearly been hit here several times by cars speeding out of this market car park exit and not looking for pedestrians
16759	90 Roseberry Avenue, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This is a congestion point for pedestrians crossing, cars turning, bikes etc. Could this be a keep clear and maybe add pedestrian crossing? Could also have zebra crossings further down High St in the major retail/dining areas.
16403	90 Roseberry Avenue, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	Tree planting/upgrade ro nature strip on this corner
16329	90 Roseberry Avenue, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	This intersection is chaos! Can it be left turn exit only? The atm etc causes a lot of illegal parking and aggression
16579	94 High Street, Preston Victoria 3072, Australia	That are feel a bit empty

7.3 APPENDIX 3 - Other comments about High Street

Is there anything else we need to consider to make High Street Preston an accessible and inclusive meeting place for the community?

Parking spaces have gone.

Our businesses focus on wholesale bread to restaurants so very busy.

Need loading zone

need public toilets - too much demand on the restaurants

Large Trucks does affect the traffic.

Need more parking.

Loading zones would be good.

more bins - there is lots of rubbish

wider footpath

bike racks for food delivery.

high street can be rough - drunk and drugged people

Add more crossings

better parking is needed.

Compensation if the shop has to close or is disrupted by the works.

footpath on high street was installed 22 years ago. Outside my shop the pavers are in good, strong condition.

Bell street end needs more trees

More zebra crossings are needed

high street needs attention at night (regarding safety)

Its a pedestrian street - its not for sitting

need cctv cameras to catch drug dealers

parking for business.

Cars can the verandah and makes the street look ugly.

A centre / community meeting space

Cheaper rates please

vibrant as it is.

I value aesthetically attractive environments and appreciate the existing brick, Art Deco, and historic architecture. I think it's important that any upgrades or developments take this into account, and avoid using cheap or tacky-looking materials – especially large plastic/concrete panels or rendering in 'kiddy' primary colours and stuff like that, which can feel out of place.

I also appreciate the existing trees on High street, and wouldn't be opposed to any more trees/plants :)

I've recently had a few encounters with mentally unwell individuals on this section of High Street who were quite confrontational—one person started following me home down Roseberry Ave and was yelling violent, nonsensical things, and I genuinely braced to be punched in the back of the head as I was attempting to walk away as calmly as possible (thankfully, that didn't happen). Since then, I've felt a bit uneasy on this part of High Street after dark. I'm not sure what the solution is—I'm actually happy with the current level of lighting (the warm tones are nice too). Just mentioning

More self cycling rubbish and recycling bins

More street cleaning - when the street is dirty, people care less

More trees in planter boxes

More street furniture that encourages people to connect

make them more attractive and also to make them more accessible for everyone including people with vision impairment and sensory issues. Similarly all the random junk on the footpath is terribly inaccessible, ugly and unsafe.

Remove graffiti
Replace current lights and Preston banners they are very worn
Organise street cleanups with community
Lease out the old fire station to a community store that serves residents

Remove rubbish and clean street more regularly
More lighting
More grocery shops
More small businesses
Bookshops
Remove vaping store
More art in windows
More public seating areas
More trees

Ensure maintained private vehicle thoroughfare, optimized developable areas for more residents and clean up/restore the back blocks which are urban blight.

Gower St

More street lighting so people feel safe.

Against bike lanes as they are a hazard.

People need to feel safe in their surroundings.

Longer parking areas

No bike lanes

More outdoor dining

Street lighting needs to be better so I can feel safe

Keep car parks, no bike lanes, more outdoor dining and better lighting so I'm scared.

to visit the shops and restaurants more often.

pedestrians.

Eateries and bars along the strip would provide diversity and be most welcome to enable the younger residents who are the future of the area to meet close to home, I notice on High Street, Thornbury, between Dundas and Hutton Streets is a very lively area, which creates a nice vibe and comfortable feel to the area, this is what High Street Preston definitely needs between Bell St and We will have the disability parking to be improved in the car park at these op-shops around High Street Preston, such as Sacred Heart Mission Op Shop Preston.

There needs to be different stores - there are too many Asian grocery and bakeries on the one block.

Many years ago when we moved to Preston there were many different shops - bakery / shoes / dress / jewellery etc

Remove or massively reduce the presence of vehicles and parking. Obviously keep access available and accessible parking. High street should be a destination not a through-road. There's state roads parallel that should be used by through-traffic. The reduction of traffic here should also be considered a tool to improve intersections further up the street like Broadway/High/Cheddar.

Speeds should be lowered to reduce noise and increase safety. Outdoor dining and seating is only attractive when it's quiet and you're not boxed-in by parked cars. This is why the attractive destinations are on side streets or the entirely pedestrianised market.

Speeds should not only be lowered by signage, preferably the road should wind across the excess space, and the road surface should become brick or something that appropriately signifies this is a pedestrian-first space, crossings could be removed entirely if the space was pedestrianised. If that's not done, then it's a requirement that pedestrian crossings are raised across the street to further calm traffic and make crossings visible from a distance for both vehicles and pedestrians. If the median is maintained it should be widened, as the current width is an isolating island to stand on.

If enough is done you can avoid separated bike lanes, but again if that's not done space should to be extended to bikes alone, preferably with pedestrian-level separated lanes.

I think the pedestrian connections between the market and High St should be made clearly visible and attractive, instead of through car parks, narrow footpaths, or buildings around corners. Proper pedestrian-integration of the market would encourage people to visit the street instead of making it a one-stop shop.

It may also be worth trialling some options like a no-through entirely-pedestrianised strip with temporary bollards and paint/turf. Not sure how buses would work, but if Gower to Murray was completely pedestrianised that would *rule*.

The raised pedestrian crossings down the street should have clear texture and height differentiation on the side streets, encouraging cars to slow before they stop on or enter the crossing to exit onto the street.

Reduce car speeds to 30km/h and remove more parking to make it an attractive place to sit outside.

Slow traffic, ban large trucks, laneways on side streets to High St need speed humps for pedestrian safety (eg Roseberry Ave- laneway behind Commonwealth Bank and laneway across the road next to the old fire station, cars often just fly out over pedestrian walkways

Make more parking

Better street trees in Darebin is important - plant now, or 20 years ago, because trees take time to grow, and trees make the neighbourhood attractive. Please also choose pleasant trees, not Snow-In-Summer which leaves don't seem to flutter or sway with the wind.

important for all of us. Please consider how you can make the area more bike friendly and safer. As a mother and a woman I don't feel safe here at night. That doesn't feel very inclusive. Perhaps enhanced street lighting would help? Or activating the area at night. A night market at Preston would be unreal. Also please think of our older people. There is a lack of toilets and spaces for them to sit. They are often overlooked in terms of inclusively discussions.

I have lived in darebin for forty plus years and have noticed that High street,Preston has changed a lot over that time.

Back in the day, there were a variety of shops on the strip ie French bakehouse,the local pie shop, the fire station cafe to name a few.

I have noticed that the strip is in much need of a revamp and should include a variety of shops to appeal to the demographic of the community.

Also, notably there has been an increase in the area of thai/chinese massage businesses in the darebin area but particularly high street.

I have counted 4 on high street from bells street to Murray road, 3 of which are on the same side of the street within a block of each other, not to mention the side streets.

In my opinion,In the future to ensure high street regains its appeal as a family friendly shopping area, the street should be providing a safe and welcoming area. For example, a diverse variety of eateries ..cool cafes, bakeries, gift shops, book shop and more including welcoming outdoor dinning areas.

A village and community haven for shopping and dinning

An example of this, which i frequent is station street Fairfield with its diverse shops/ businesses and a welcoming community feel. I often make a special trip frequently there even though we live in preston only a 15 min walk from high street.

Also the high street streetscape should be improved with greenery, seating, artwork to make it all visually appealing, and adequate lighting for evening and parking to accomodate. Further, to provide a family friendly environment, and a safe gathering place for the community to frequent.

In my opinion, the thai/ Chinese massage businesses are not suitable at all for the area.

In addition i might suggest a safe crossing area in front of the commonwealth bank area across high st for pedestrians, especially for the elderly would be welcomed as I have noticed it as a

All of High Street needs doing streets need to be clean. The shop windows need to be clean outside needs to be clean. We need more rubbish bins.

Lots of good dining options but limited opportunity to visit and walk around as free parking is hard to come by. Roads need to be re-asphalted in some areas.

Remove graffiti

Bus stop seating

More places to shop eat and drink.

Add more parking

alleyway (which can be smelly and dirty) rather, this should be a main and obvious entrance celebrating the preston markets history. maybe some pictures of polish migrants and founders Leon and Lola Jolson.

Find a way to to encourage diversification of businesses in the area. To me, the markets are actually the suburb's 'town centre'/meeting place.

A safe and accessible meeting space for people with disabilities and various age groups, including young children the elderly, so variety of social spaces to cater for varied demographic.

Separated bike lanes so that there are safe active transport options to travel.

Increased Water Sensitive Urban Design and rain gardens to filter particulate/rubbish pollution and slow water run-off from entering waterways and causing Urban Stream Syndrome. Planting more Canopy trees to improve Urban Heat Syndrome, planting streetscape to assist in natural transpiration and keeping public spaces cool and attractive.

between High Street and the Preston Market

I've lived here for 15 years on Mary st, right behind high St. I am on high St every day. My main gripe is it's filthy. There is always rubbish everywhere. There are lots of little recessed areas that fill up with trash and smell like piss and vomit. So many shops are vacant and/ or derelict. I don't want the place to be generic and shiny. I appreciate the charm. But it's just too much. The poverty, hardship, grime and rubbish wears me down and is depressing to live among.

We need;

- more trees and planting in middle on High street
- Better lighting - it's dangerous at night as a women
- pick up rubbish on high and streets off high street - it's shocking how much rubbish is on the streets
- remove tagging
- More outdoor seating for business

It's our community. We need to be proud and safe in our environment!!!

Potentially more greenery, green spaces and more inviting places to sit. The section south of David Street down to Bell Street could benefit from increased activation. community spaces.

The footpaths are pretty grotty looking.

The street needs to be move inviting and brighter

Future population increase in the area will make traffic worse on High Street. Capacity of high street needs to be considered.

Mix use

Consider retail, food, medical, fashion (if possible)

Wider footpaths with more outdoor dining

Lots of trees I hope we don't lose the existing ones they just started growing

Traffic congestion needs to be reduced to make the street more appealing as a community space

I think you should close High St to all traffic between Gower and Murray Rd.

There are large roads either side of High St to allow vehicle traffic to divert around the area so it would not inconvenience drivers. That will provide a person and bike friendly zone around the shops and market and enable that area to be safer for everyone using it.

I often ride my bike up High St and always feel unsafe when passing through that area.

You could also remove one side of the road parking between Bell and Gower and add a bike lane both sides so it becomes safer

Free, increased parking,

A bit less traffic would help.

professionals.

I think that making high street more pedestrian friendly and able to accommodate more pedestrians is crucial for the future of high street.

I do believe that Hight street is perfect in many ways. The store owners have been here in some cases for generations and the gentrification of the neighbourhood can greatly impact them and long term residents unless very closely managed. Specifically the new Preston market development by the state government has the potential to make high street unrecognisable.

~~It is a frequent visitor, and even though high street, it remains a welcoming place really help with making the area more attractive, more safe and more green.~~

- wider footpaths along the length of the proposed upgrade area, this would encourage more engagement with local businesses, reduce noise and air pollution, and create a safer area to walk along.

- adding protected bike lanes along the street by removing some car parking would help encourage active transport, reduce traffic congestion, air pollution would go down and it would help the Lighting needs to be improved, it is very dark and unsafe at night/early morning.

Drainage needs to be a priority, as the street does flood with heavy rain.

We have an opportunity to really beautify this Precinct with the works being undertaken.

Footpaths need to look good.

I would love that there were more and fairer spaces for more people to enjoy in the same way. I would love for it to be way more walkable and rideable.

make it look clean, some times it has like a getto feel to it

Once on street parking provision is removed, add in more outdoor seating and trees to make the area more attractive and encourage people to dwell

there is so much traffic on High St. Make it safer for bike riders so people will come by bike rather than car.

More drinking taps and public toilets! It's really hard to fill a water bottle or pee when you're out on high street.

High street Preston between bell and Murray needs significant improvement and investment but I'm not sure how council can create a place that quality shops, cafes and restaurants want to be.

Most of the shops are run down or poor quality in this area.

You could listen to the community when they request action on something.

Like when we asked for intervention for the squatters living in a shop 422 high st. The council doesn't actually seem to care at all and it is now completely COVERED IN GARBAGE.

It's disgusting.

We desperately need bike lanes along this part of high street. It makes no sense for riders to have to cycle along to the rail trail and then fight along unsafe roads to access high street. It should be how the southern end of high street is with separated bike paths and wider footpaths. This consultation does not include enough about bike path infrastructure, suggesting this is not something you are considering. I would ride to restaurants on high street if I could but it's not safe so we drive.

- More shade/trees planting on High Street. Trees are the souls of a suburb. There has been lots of improvement in recent years but we still need more to catch up with the radiply increasing population in this area.

- Introduce the mandatory shade roof policy for any new development on High st. Also encourage/subsidise all shop fronts on High st to install shady roofs. This would significantly improve the walkability of pedestrians.

- Upgrade all the playgrounds in Preston/Thornnbury area with more trees providing shade in the middle of the playgrounds.

- Make the front garden of Preston Town Hall and Preston Library a welcoming green hub for people to sit and hang out. There was an upgrade at the Town Hall recently, but sadly that was a lost opportunity to make it more comfortable and inviting for residents to meet/rest/migle. Lots of young families hang out, walk to market and library/immunisation at this spot, it would be very nice to More greenery and tree canopy. And more communal open spaces.

Riding your bike seems like a great way to get there from Thornbury, but in reality it can be a bit stressful trying to navigate High Street on your bike - avoiding people parking or opening their car doors -so I don't do it. I would like to be able to navigate it more confidently as a bike rider.

This area is unbelievably hot in summer, so more shade and green canopy would be needed go encourage people to spend time on the street and walk or ride.

important. I don't want my car stolen like my neighbours, I don't want my child to see a drug addict being violent on high street, or grown men sleeping in the children's play area outside the library. I would not go to high street late at night by myself.

Make it accessible but don't over-sanitize it. I think City of Yarra's subtle upgrades along Smith Street Collingwood is a good working model to base improvements on.

More street trees and public art; more outdoor dining; remove as many car spaces as possible.

As a resident/ratepayer I welcome the opportunity to comment and provide feedback, however consideration to what is not currently working or is not attractive needs to be addressed first.

This is not a 'once in a generation' opportunity as High Street has seen many changes and improvements over the years.

As the feedback only allows for specific addresses I have added markers that are to read/considered as generic comments for the length of High St. They include a number of issues that I feel, if not addressed will impact detrimentally on all of the proposed/ suggested changes.

I believe active pedestrian access and more on street dining would increase pedestrian engagement and the more pedestrians attracted to an area the greater it's vitality.

More trees and green space, more focus put on pedestrians and active transport, stop people hooning and driving dangerously.

The Cramer to Murray Street end is busy and vibrant, yet the Bell to Cramer Street end is dead, and uninviting. Concerted effort needs to be made in the Bell - Cramer street end to attract businesses and shoppers, and give those visiting the gym a reason to hang around and stay.

Not all businesses run in Preston are shops. I run a national business with 18 staff from home, and there seems to be very little recognition that a business like mine might need some consideration or assistance from the Council (such as local meeting rooms where I can meet with clients). Currently there are no places I'd like to meet with a client locally to "impress" them, and I don't always want There are so many things about high St that are great, like the market and the small traders in and around it. I support new mid rise and high rise development, but this shouldn't be at the expense of the communities, families, and businesses that make Preston high St great. Priority bus and bike lanes, pedestrianising side streets/mixed use traffic/30km/hr speed limits are all ways to make this a place that people go to rather than just drive through. Spring St and st Georges road can accommodate through traffic, High St should be for people who want to stop there.

Accessible curb sides, and road sides.

Better footpath services, ramps checked, braille friendly signage

Cleaning derelict store frontage.

More landscaping and vegetation.

In the future this street will continue to grow as a main thoroughfare in the north. I would say be mindful of the way the urban centre is pushing out as part of your planning - and try not to end up putting infrastructure that will be outgrown or create issues in 10 years' time

A space for food trucks and outdoor dining would be great.

Improving the ability to have outdoor seating for cafes and restaurants between Cramer and Murray road may improve the vibrancy of the street as well as improve the feeling of safety after dark. been done in Northcote south of Separation St and the great success there. Remove the street parking and open the footpaths. Open the huge Kelvin Grove carpark to the public in exchange (you could even charge for it).

Pleeease clean the shop windows between Murray and Cramer, its a disgrace. Show pride in appearance. This should be a no-brainer

More street trees is desperately needed! More opportunities for planting. More areas for outdoor dining including removing some parked areas to accomodate this.

More natural elements such as trees and plants, ideally less cars lol

Remove car access, but provide adequate parking nearby. Preston Market Car Park is already at capacity and it privately owned anyway.

There is too much on-street parking. Council should operate (paid) off-street parking facilities nearby and substantially remove parking on High St.

It's the basic structures that seems to be missing. The area is tired and worn, bins are overfull and it generally feels neglected.

Remove car parks to prioritise active transport such as walking and cycling. Give pedestrians the right of way and reduce car speeds.

Reduce the traffic! Trucks should not be allowed to use the street.

Bike lanes are desperately needed.

Reduce to a single lane of traffic either way and extend curbs out.

Council's property at 421 should be turned into a pedestrian link to the market as part of this project and connect to a new pedestrian crossing at that part of High Street.

Traffic flow on St Georges Rd should also be considered as many cars use High Street when St Georges Rd is conjested, especially during peek times. Perhaps some P turns or right turn bans during peek times would help as well as extra lanes at the Bell St intersection.

and it is a concern for pedestrians. Not to mention no repercussions for anyone parking during restricted hours - this strip constantly has many people parked when it is a clearway and I have never seen a ticket.

More trees, wider footpaths, better bike infrastructure, less parking.

less concrete more greenery

Better monitoring and fines of illegal parking. Lots of times when taking the bus, the bus driver is unable to stop at the designated stop because someone has parked their car in the bus "X" spot. Even when the bus driver tells them to move the people do not. This makes it difficult for those with mobility issues to get on and off the bus. I welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed upgrades to High Street, Preston. While the planned road reconstruction is a positive step, I believe a broader approach is needed to truly revitalise the precinct and create a more attractive, diverse, and well-maintained shopping and community hub. Here are my key concerns and recommendations:

- 1.Green Spaces and Shade – More trees, seating areas, and greenery would improve the aesthetic and comfort of the street, making it a more inviting place to shop, dine, and gather. This is particularly important in light of rising temperatures and urban heat island effects.
- 2.Holding Commercial Property Owners Accountable – A significant issue on High Street is the number of neglected and vacant commercial properties. Landlords should be required to maintain their shopfronts, ensure buildings are in good repair, and contribute to the cleanliness of the precinct. The council should explore policies or incentives that encourage property owners to lease vacant spaces, improve facades, and actively participate in the upkeep of the area to support a vibrant and thriving community.
- 3.Addressing Vacant and Neglected Shops – Many commercial properties are in disrepair, with vacant storefronts contributing to a sense of neglect. Incentives should be explored to encourage landlords to maintain their properties, activate empty shops, and attract a broader mix of businesses.
- 4.General Maintenance and Cleanliness – The area suffers from a lack of upkeep, with frequent graffiti, poorly maintained footpaths, and an overall untidy appearance. A more proactive approach to graffiti removal, regular cleaning, and street furniture upkeep is essential to instil pride in the area.
- 5.Revitalising the Retail Mix – The shopping strip currently lacks diversity, with an over-concentration of eateries, particularly those catering to Asian cuisines. While these businesses contribute to the area's character, a more balanced mix—such as bookshops, bars, gift stores, and clothing retailers—would enhance High Street's appeal. Council should explore initiatives to attract and support a wider range of businesses.
- 6.Creating a More Vibrant, Inviting Space – In comparison to well-maintained and thriving shopping precincts in Malvern, Hawthorn, and Brighton, Preston's High Street feels neglected. More greenery, seating, improved lighting, and attractive shopfronts would go a long way in making the area feel more welcoming and enjoyable for locals and visitors alike.
- 7.Taking Pride in Preston – High Street should reflect the identity and aspirations of the community, but currently, it lacks the sense of care and pride seen in other shopping strips across Melbourne. The proposed upgrade should not just be about roadworks but about fostering a precinct that people want to spend time in—a place that feels safe, engaging, and well looked after.

I urge the council to take a holistic approach to this redevelopment, ensuring that it goes beyond infrastructure to genuinely uplift the character and appeal of High Street. I appreciate the chance to I would love to see pedestrians and bikes (and public transport to support) prioritised in this area. People in cars do not stop and pop into businesses. They do not make a street feel lived in and lively. High street has the potential to be such a wonderful hub

Less traffic

I think more diversity in shop offerings and ethnic restaurants should be encouraged. Too many similar eateries.

Shop fronts should also be cleaned up and better maintained. Less clutter along sidewalks. Generally looking rundown due to the points above not being undertaken.

Safety between David St and Bell St needs to be improved - it is very run-down there.

I would like to see more green areas with a range of native plants, grasses and trees.

Place durable planting in. An issue at the moment is the trees in the middle are struggling to survive. If there was established planting it would change the feel of the street. Similarly if a couple of carparks were removed to expand the footpath width and include outdoor dining or seating areas it would improve the feel on the street.

High Street is a sad looking dump that doesn't offer any inspiration to visit. Please bring some quality design finish to the street to encourage more stylish developments with higher design standards than the current slap em up cheap bollocks.

and better bike parking please.

More greenery and landscaping and trees

Suggestions for Gower to Murray-

- a friendly police presence to make people feel safe. I've recently witnessed street fights and people with mental health issues yelling.
- support services for people experiencing vulnerability and homelessness.
- In general the street needs cleaning, the derelict buildings, graffiti, the shop windows, the paths, the gutters...

Clean, add colour with trees/flowers, outdoor eating space (if possible). Then a wish list of fairy lights, street buskers/entertainers on weekends.

I've already said it

204/204 High Street

High Street needs footpath and road upgrades, more trees and cycle paths lanes. I think keeping the cyclists and motorists separate to avoid accidents is the future. If they were more beautiful safe cycle paths , there would be more cyclists and less traffic congestion.

There is nothing 'high' about that stretch of high street.

First thing that needs to be done is fixing ALL the facades of buildings on that street. Remove useless awnings that cut character buildings in half, remove ugly fake facade additions over heritage facades, remove all large advertising signs (this has been proven not to attract new businesses) remodel facade building to either what they looked like before or similar architecture and design, paint facade of buildings all a similar colour.

Vacant/ abandoned shops that are literally falling down either need to be taken over by council or community organisations or covered up completely and owners sued for neglect.

LARGE trees already matured need to be planted every 5 metres, not tiny shrubs that never grow. Preston has too much asphalt and concrete we need more trees and shade. Give local businesses on that street free outdoor dining to attract new customers and also improve street scape. The Indian restaurants and tax accounting businesses which are open but never have any customers need to be closed as are clearly just a front for something else.

Council needs to give free rent to new business ideas to fill those empty shop fronts, ie second hand furniture stores or homewares stores.

Landlords or properties along street scape should have to pay half of costs of repairing back to a suitable condition of their own building if not they can sell it to someone who will. However council walking down a tunnel of apartments. I'm all for more apartments, but ones that are considered, not just mass built ones. Apartments with a design element. Consider Street art, places for people to sit and catchup.

Make property owners responsible for keeping their shopfronts tidy. All the empty shopfronts are a terrible blight in the area and make it feel neglected and unsafe.

The space outside the council offices seems underutilized. The paths are inaccessible and don't allow for easy access between the library and post office.

Lots of people wait for buses along High Street. At points in the day the footpath can become really cramped because of all the people waiting for buses.

It'd be great to have better pedestrian access into Aldi. At the moment it prioritizes vehicular access and the path of direction for pedestrians isn't clear.

be terrific to create an improved look and feel

Less beggars

A meeting area with seating for locals to gather that is safe and well lit and well cared for.

If this is a once in a 30 year opportunity look at best practice aka Netherlands so whatever is done is as good as it can be. They have the studies and publicly share design standards. It would be nice if this wasn't a major thoroughfare. If you can't get traffic volume down this won't work.

251 Wood St

no

Bike lanes are required along high St to improve safety and connectivity. Parking should be deprioritised.

Longer parking options so meals/shopping not rushed and easier to access

Just to make sure that council is protecting Preston market, without it people and gatherings will die off and it will become just another boring suburb.

I haven't marked the above map, generally traffic should be redirected along Plenty or St George's Rd

There is plenty in and around Preston such as the Townhall gardens, Library and it's gardens. Traffic is too slow, needs to be lifted to 50km/h NOT reduced to 30 or NOT less!

Keep it clean, whole and safe. Invite women friendly businesses. I am often the only woman on the street at night and that does not feel okay.

Ban electric scooters whether private or food delivery from riding on the footpath and enforce this rule.

Keep the street parking.

Just more seating throughout Darebin streets and parks.

A few disabled parking spots on High St

Proper parking recessed parking bays so cars not on street . Makes it hard sometimes driving along high street cars opening doors not parked close enough to curb .

bank.

Good

lacking and should be high in the councils priorities.

A separated bike lane would be a better use of space than the current volume of street parking.

Given there are two high capacity roads nearby (Plenty Rd & St George's Rd), it makes sense to prioritise pedestrian/cyclist experience near retail and hospitality businesses.

Areas that staff in the local business' can have all day parking since restrictions have been imposed in all directions, even if business' were issued with parking permits for their staff. We lose a lot of productivity with staff having to always leave work to move their cars

Improve footpaths of high foot traffic areas

Street art and signage with inclusive signalling

Removal of vandalism

The High street section in scope of this change is not a safe or open area for cycling.

There is clear bike infrastructure south of bell st but as soon as you cross bell this disappears and cars are prioritised. Given the opportunity for improvement I would recommend reduction in public space dedicated to car parking and improving cycling and walking access on the street. Including dedicated bike lane marking or separated lanes if in scope. Raised pedestrian crossing and threshold treatments. Reduction of speed limit to 30km/hr, to match the speed efforts in the city of Yarra.

There seems to be sufficient off street parking around the market to manage the car requirements for the area and ensure accessible access, with improved active transport the car dependencies would reduce the reliance on parking even with the increase to the resident population.

Generally cleaner, wider and better walking paths. Incentivise/force the owners of the empty shops to rent them out and clean the frontages up.
Divert traffic to make it more pedestrian friendly
Less big trucks using high street as it is already very congested with traffic.
High Street is the centre of Darebin and should look and feel like a place the city takes pride in.

The new public spaces under the Bell to Preston railway have lots of greenery, seating areas and use high quality materials. It has become a popular place to take walks and spend time in.

In contrast, Preston High Street has narrow footpaths, a lack of trees or shrub/garden areas and where there is outdoor dining it narrows the available space for walking even further. There is too much on-street car parking on High Street and it causes there to be a lack of space for walkers/shoppers/diners so people avoid spending time on High Street.

The new design should create a beautiful pedestrian-focused space that makes it a pleasure to visit High Street.

Street lighting needs to be a priority. When shops are closed it can be very dark under the awnings as street lighting only lights open spaces. Street lighting also needs to be maintained - several lights were simultaneously not working on the intersection of High St and Gower St at one time, making it feel less safe.

suburbs is very poor and dangerous. Reduce car density on high street in favour of wider footpaths, pedestrianising the area, and increasing bike parking. There is a significant number of vacant commercial property, which in turn brings vandalism and graffiti. Mandate or tax commercial property owners to maintain shopfronts, and that includes litter around the shops. Adopt policies to significantly reduce surface car park lots around the suburb, we should not be dedicating prime land, private or otherwise, to massive car parks.

Also, noise pollution from construction is out of hand right now. It will reduce as buildings are completed, but there is clearly no consideration for noise reduction. Please consider the same for when the road is re-done!

More non commercial space to meet and socialise

As I've mentioned previously, High Street needs to remain culturally diverse.

speed limits and better active transport infrastructure will make it more accessible to more people, safer, and has been proven in other municipalities to increase revenue for local businesses. We desperately need more bike parking too.

more places like Moon Rabbit

It's unreasonable to ask the community whether Councils version of improvements are acceptable. The character of Preston High St is about retaining and celebrating the industries and activities and personalities that made Preston and its working class past!

I would like to see a combination of quality materials of bluestone and rock walls in some selected areas for landscaping. I don't think that the whole length of the prescribed part of High St should be replaced, particularly if car parking on High St will be dramatically reduced.

Finally, activation of High St would be increased with more quality shops that are open for business, not necessarily upgrading amenity on High St. An idea might be to invite food trucks and others to set up as a night market in the Preston Market carpark or at least on Mary St behind the High St shops!

If Preston High St is to become an activity centre I feel that High Street needs to be developed to complement this plan.

Safer bike lanes along Gower Street - currently the loading zone is dangerous for cyclists as trucks park in it and take over the bike lane

which would still improve the general usability to the community. Our area really lacks usable green space at present. Playgrounds with accessible equipment or green shaded areas would be very beneficial.

The Preston markets!

Street parking should be removed from High Street. It seriously impedes the visibility of pedestrians and causes unpredictable driving patterns that make it unsafe.
wellbeing.

I know it's expensive but replacing the concrete footpath with pavers, combined with some aesthetic public lighting and seating, would transform High Street.

Council should have a council-wide engagement plan with its businesses (that are current and not outdated) to ensure businesses along this street meets the needs of the community

More places to sit down where you don't have to buy something to do so - and more green space would be nice. I love Preston Market, but reckon it'd be nice to have some more trees there.

The markers didn't work but I think we need more tree cover between Bell and Cramer, wider footpaths on the sidewalks north of Cramer, public toilets somewhere along the stretch and more seating along the whole stretch (we have a large elderly population who need adequate seating to stop and rest)

Can council please do something about improving the facades of high street? Cash converters was a prime example - this building is completely run down and looks terrible. It's unacceptable for an ASX listed company with such a prominent facade to let it fester the way they did. It devalues the whole suburb. Hot bargains is another. In general the shabbiness and complete lack of maintenance is holding the whole of high street back and there really should be a minimum level of upkeep for landowners on high St.

Also, we desperately need at least one pedestrian crossing between Murray road and Wood St. So many residents live here and there is nowhere safe to cross busy high St.

Reduce car parking

New apartments need to be good quality and safe - there need to be strong minimum standards and also larger apartments for families - not all 1-2 bedrooms.

High Street is only a small part of the central Preston precinct. The market, Preston City Oval and the town hall all need to interact
some independent bookstore in

Places for Community to sit and eat lunch, play chess, or just relax under shade of trees with access to water. Spaces for buskers to play.

High Street is Preston's publicly owned heart. The vision for this project should be for High Street between Bell Street and Murray Road to be a place for people, with moving and parked cars significantly deprioritised, in favour of improved amenity for pedestrians, activity on footpaths, safety for cyclists and greening for amenity and urban heat mitigation.

At present traffic crawls along High Street for much of the day, on all days of the week. As a result, a significant number of cars use the local street of Mary Street as an alternative route to drive between Bell Street and Cramer Street and the market precinct. This is aided by navigation apps which direct cars along local streets when main roads move slowly. Traffic counts from expert evidence in the Preston Market Precinct Standing Advisory Committee indicate that on average one car drives past my home on Mary Street, every 20 seconds, for all hours of the day, on all days of the week. It is at its worst on Friday afternoon/evening and all day on Saturday. it is dangerous to cross the street in front of my home to get to our car parked on the street, as so many cars exceed the speed limit.

Increasing pedestrian and cyclist priority on High Street and deprioritising vehicular movement will further exacerbate the current rat running issues on Mary Street. Going along with upgrading High Street, the Mary Street Your Street, Your Say project, adopted by Council on 2.5 years ago on 26 September 2022, should be prioritised for delivery so that existing rat running is not further exacerbated.

YSYS projects are currently prioritised through a traffic engineering lens only. How many accidents have been reported? How many pedestrians have been hit? Whilst these things are clearly

I wish High street had more shops, like clothes, shoes. More bins and seats. Some parts of High street is untidy and a lot of graffiti.

Stopping high rise development. Fighting to reduce the destruction of the current amenity by strongly opposing rapid population growth.

Make it in to a mall remove the traffic

Needs a good clean up - looks old, dirty and unattractive.

Opportunities for off street parking eg old police station

Remove on street parking in order to widen footpaths and better cycling lanes

Trees and/or shading structures are needed in areas that don't have overhangs from store fronts. Summers will continue to get hotter and hotter and the sun and heat are a health hazard for many people unfortunately.

Better shading is needed at bus and tram stops too. Some have none at all. All stops need adequate shading throughout the entirety of Darebin. There shouldn't be a single one without it given the extreme heat we experience every year. Plus it's not fun standing in the rain either. Especially since buses are always delayed and never come when they're meant to.

Shading is what I care about most. I don't really care about anything else if it means shading is not going to be addressed.

It already is accessible & inclusive except for your interference in everything.

Keep traffic congestion in mind, side streets & parking limitations, possibly affecting home owners from parking out front of their own property. CCTV cameras for safety perfumed

More trees would be great, more bins, and a regular maintenance schedule for cleaning sidewalks etc.

Consistent protection from rain and sun is really the main thing. Just look after the people who use it.

Nicer/ more appealing shopfronts required

seating and staying.

- Install protected bike lanes

- Remove the on-street car parking on High Street to make space for everything else

- All of the major intersections are badly designed and need to be rebuilt to give priority and safety to people walking and cycling

- A pedestrian mall on all or part of High Street would be a game changer and really attract people to the street given how awful the rest of the area is for anyone not in a car

I generally avoid High street due to it being dirty, cleaning up the street and shops would be a great start

tied somewhat in terms of empty properties for sale, but that end is such a wasted opportunity. There are a lot of empty shops along the strip which I have no doubt are being land banked by greedy owners. I'd love to see them forced to use them.

Thinking how we create areas where people can meet that are green and inclusive - the oval is not sufficient

More dog off lead options. Most of the dog off lead options in Preston have sport on the weekends. Dog owners have very limited options

Wider paths

Needs bike lane infrastructure. There is none. It's very dangerous for cyclists
one example of traffic that has no business anywhere in Darebin. Of course, this is not illegal per se, it just goes to say that it is too attractive to drive through what should be the civil heart of Darebin.
then plastered on our streets as much of the hate is unfortunately linked to this issue as flying the flags endorses and allows this. Our streets should be inclusive and safe for all residents. No resident or visitor more important than another.

Once this is done and you make nicer outdoor dining it should be a splendid place to hangout. At the moment I avoid it as it is filthy and full of graffiti so not pleasant for dining time encouraged by an attractive environment
It would be great to have a general face lift. Clean and brought up to date. It has such great restaurants but could be such a wonderful environment with some work.
Ensure private/household bins are collected and emptied carefully. Every week, a huge amount of litter is left/spilled on the street, and blows to the high street, making it look very untidy. The bins are also not placed back on the nature strip after collection, blocking driveways and reducing the number of accessible car-parking spots.
Please clean up Preston and make it green — it needs more trees! It's a fantastic suburb with everything you could want but it feels a bit neglected.
I really think safety is an issue around here. It's hard to feel safe walking around this area. Even during the day. Not sure how we can solve this.
please add large tree canopies
Wider footpaths and/or physically separated bike lanes would make it feel so much more comfortable to navigate as a vulnerable road user.
A block either side of town hall should be a proud walk of green space, but then development and community inclusion. Shared spaces that can be traversed easily and discourages anti social behaviour. Graffiti in darebin has to be the worst I've seen. Our council does nothing to deter or hold to account people caught defacing public and private property. The abandoned strips of hops with graffiti is disgusting and I'm ashamed to drive through it.
Lighting up this block is key, cameras if necessary more police presence and dedicated council or community members dedicated to upkeep and reporting these unsightly or unsafe issues.
drop speeds on roads - and conduct enforcement
Pedestrian focus! Get rid of street parking, make it single lane with a dedicated bike lane (like south of bell st)
The key is traffic calming. I would like to suggest that, like Lyon in France the street is fully blocked to traffic and shops are able to put wares and tables on the road after say 7 pm to midnight.
Drinking fountains and seating along the shopping strips on High Street would be helpful for older and disabled pedestrians and Mums with small children
Yes. Do not introduce anything that would favour one group over another. Accessible and inclusive means that all members of the community have a right to use the roads and footpaths, by car, public transport or by foot, all modes of transport should be included!
Too many businesses are closed.
Too much graffiti
More parking in Preston on or around High St.
We have a 100 year old Aunty living independently in Grtrude street and need to make welfare and social visits but parking is severely limited.
dining or community meeting places. A radical reduction motor vehicle traffic would encourage the use of alternatives such as cycling, walking and public transport. I believe this would reduce the need for on street parking and increase the overall quality of life for the people that live, work and shop in the district. Many businesses would benefit also as the district would be a more attractive place to visit.
Beautify streetscape with deciduous trees & leafy shrubs
potential to create setbacks along some of undeveloped/to be redeveloped sites along section between Bell st and Crawley rd ie. more appealing to outdoor dining than sitting next to traffic.

semi trailers use High st to access Woolworths - seems too large.

I like links and the one arcade through to market carpark - can these be given some attention.
Honestly, there is not much to value at the moment. The Asian eateries are good, but there are too many smoke marts, not enough casual eateries, poor quality footpath surfaces, horrible road streetscape, lack of trees and greenery. It's not a great place to walk along.
Some treatment on the footpaths to discourage bicycles, e-scooters and disability vehicles SPEEDING along pavements. Cigarette butt disposal, rubbish bins and updated signage. A cleaner and more inviting environment devoid of graffiti. Maintenance of street trees. Incentive for building owners to maintain the buildings.
Clearly marked parking bays and a mixture of parking times eg 1, 2 or 3 hours. Safety even during the day is an issue - not sure how this can be solved through transformation of High Street!
Close down all the alleged massage shops that are a front for illegal brothels. There seems to be at least one on every block, causing unease and undesirable behaviour in the community.
Install protected bike lanes on High St and surrounding streets.
Wider footpaths, community artworks, signage for the library on the west side of High St, more bike parking (but not for dangerous e scooters).
It's just a bit dirty and dingy mostly. Outdoor dining would be nice but is non-existent
Parking is nightmare, please build more free parking.

It would be great if the traditional verandas could be added because it's unpleasant in the scorching summer having the sun on you and it is miserable in the winter when it's raining. Being properly sheltered is important, particularly for our elderly citizens. It would also respect our heritage and the old verandas are uniquely Australian and if all the buildings had the verandas running the full length of the street would be unique to Preston. I'm sure there could be a cost effective solution with modern day materials.

I own the corner block of High/Cramer St, and we will be happy to work with council and the market to do something to enhance and promote the Preston Market on High Street. That may be via some prominent signage on our property or even redeveloping our site to be part of the Market area. As currently there is not much exposure of the market on High Street think about accessibility and designing for neurodiverse people.

Honestly, it pains me to say this, but I feel a great amount of the danger and trouble springs from some of the large old apartment buildings on Cooma St.

I live around there so I'm frequently walking home at night and it feels INCREDIBLY unsafe. I've been followed, yelled at, intimidated - all while simply walking home.

I don't expect this is in your power but I would really want these apartment buildings to all be redeveloped and made into safer buildings. You may already know but there is constant rubbish and all sorts of things been thrown on Cooma St lawns. The streets around them are also very, very dark.

Cooma St, Dalgety St and Preston St could all benefit from better street lights.

7.4 APPENDIX 4 - Pop-up sessions outcomes

What to you value about High Street	What could be improved on High Street	What does a Future High Street look like?
I love the Market	Northern Section:- More cameras + CCTV, Less cars, more walkways, more bike lanes, clean it up,	Get ride of parked cars on High Street
Median Strip	think about upgrades from a womens safety perspective	Increase Public Transport
Diversity of businesses	Southern Section - More attention is neede here to safety. Have a lot of traffiss, less shps, feels more isolated.	More greenery
Diversity of Shops and people	More trees and better trees	More community spaces (bring the community together)
it is a well services centre - it has everything here!		Seating that doesn't allow for people sleeping rough on the seats
Variety of community	More trees	Wider footpaths for walking
it's the people that live here	Bike facilties	better seating
The Walking experience of the street, shops, footpath and trees	prioritising pedestrian egress	Get ride of parked cars on High Street
Vibrancy of the Street		Public toilet on high street
Lots of Dogs	More greenery	Bikes lanes
Intertesting shops	More appropriate open spaces	Better and wider footptahs
Preston City Oval	Add zebra crossings	Better street lighting
Old buildings	Need more green spaces	More trees
Food	More carparks	Better footpaths
VALS	It needs nore seats and trees	More trees
Preston Market	Get rid of beggars.	more seating
Station redevelopment		I like it how it is.
Great Food		Clean -more art and less graffiti
Love the market		Add more zebra crossings!
Love the diversity of people		Less Cars
The Preston Market		More places for people to sit.
Food! X2		Improvements to the shops fronts
Love the market - plenty of food and fresh groceries		Host festivals and Events on the street
Diveristy of shops		Shop front beautification is needed
places to eat		Better Christmas Decorations
Vietenamese resturants		More spaces for parents, kids and activities
Good asians resturants		Add more services for disdvantages people
Multiculturims		Keep the street character
Great food and coffee and bars		Big Wildlife Sancatury
Going for a walk along high street .		No big art sculptures without a clear purpose
		Inserted speakers into the public space to provide activatio and sounds
		shop front maintenance
		improve variety of shopping places
		create communals areas

		connect different laneways / develop a network of laneways
		Safer pedestrian crossing for all people (seniors in mind)
		Get rid of big trucks on High Street
		Telstra phone boxes don't work
		Cleaner streets, new everything, new footpaths, bins, seats,
		Shops from investment - it all needs a clean
		More trees and Vegetation
		Be innovative with Streetscape design
		Closed the road to cars
		More shade to cover people from Rain and Sun
		Remove median strip
		Add another lane for cars
		Long benches
		public instruments to play in public spaces
		Public chess games
Heritage Buildings on High Street	Continue the awnings along High Street	Relieve heat island effect through nature
Good Mix of Shops	More Green Spaces	More businesses are open at the Bell Street end of the centre
Like the community space at the Bridge	Graffiti Prevention (programs and mapping)	First Nations inclusion
Like the Preston Market	Graffiti reduction - Council need to follow up with vacant properties regarding graffiti clean up	Less Graffiti
Loves the seating on High Street	Clean up graffiti quickly	More Greenery + Trees
Love the Trees on High Street	Street poles need a clean	Seating spaces with trees and shade
Pedestrian crossing at David/Dalegty is great	Plant more trees and shrubs on High Street	A new footpath to cater to people with different needs
	More diversity of shops	Places where people can meet
	Access to toilets if difficult at times	More trees and green spaces
Likes the median strip - It helps with crossing.	More trees to provide shade	More community spaces
Feels safe on High Street - it's well lit with lots of restaurants and quite lively.	more greenery	More services for old people (over 60)
	Show case the area for community events and exhibitions	on the ground activities.
heritage buildings	Environmentally friendly practices in business	More accessible parking
multicultural nature of the area	Carparking linemarking to be shown	Add Street Art (visual and sculptures) to the street
Bric - a-brac- shops		Better maintained spaces
		Better DDA tactiles
		reduction of thermal mass (put in more bio mass)
		New footpaths need to comply with the AS standards
		More deciduous trees

		Add another pedestrian crossing near Rosebery Ave
		Wider Footpaths
		More pedestrian crossings over High Street
		More seating spaces and grassy spaces (like outside the Townhall Space and the Bridge)
		Make it more accessible.
		More shops
		Add more street art + use local artists
		More seatings
		Add bins near Bus Stops Run buses on High Street, but not cars
		Have many pockets of open space along High Street
vibrancy. Feels pretty safe.	Would like more outdoor dining opportunities. Café barriers are a hindrance to helping elderly people out of the car. Must be addressed as part of the upgrade. More concerned about Preston Market – what impact will the increased levels do to High Street?	Thinks a pedestrian crossing is needed btw Murray and Gower – helps people cross to access drawcards such as the library and Council offices.
Access onto buses (elderly/disabled/parents with prams) is very important.	Keen to see parking decreased – there is too much. Will mean more space for other activities. Could there just be parking on one side of the street? The narrow footpath means they can't feel safe. Translators very important to share the project's aims/possible outcomes etc.	With improved amenity, people will feel happier, safer and more comfortable, meaning they will likely spend more time and \$ on High Street. Why don't we have greater canopy trees like other suburbs/areas?
Loves the community, facilities, shops. Travels this way to get to Preston High School.	Need more gardens/seating areas, need to make more pleasant for pedestrians. Wouldn't ride along High St – wouldn't feel safe.	
	Greater access through to the market needed – to provide a more open feeling. Older buildings should be spruced up. Reveal the façade by removing hoarding – offer incentive for businesses. Footpaths need more separation for traffic – St Kilda does it well. Need to slow down traffic more. Pedestrian crossing at Preston High School/childcare should be prioritised. Need to prioritise kids' safety. Why is there only one crossing supervisor at Murray Rd/St Georges Rd?	Supports outstands with clearway removal. Post office could be smaller, allowing for the development of a community area. Street could be colourful/green. Be good to have more diversity of shops along High Street.
Likes the food, the good quality food on offer, and the ability to get together, up and coming restaurants, ability to sit/relax/talk.	Footpaths are claustrophobic, and the road is dangerous for cyclists.	Would like more clothes shop. Supports wider footpaths – remove on-street parking – on-street parking doesn't bring more business. Would like the street to be more like a European city with a nice ambiance.
Loves the variety of shops. Footpath is good.	Too much traffic, hard to find a car park. Very hard to drive on Cramer and Murray. Clean up awnings/facades. Who's is responsible for dripping from verandas onto footpaths?	No brothels, more seats, supports existing clearway, but also ok to move traffic elsewhere.

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