

RAC Member Priorities Tracker

Using our road space differently

Cities around the world have been transforming their streets to create more space for people as part of the response to COVID-19, and to support economic recovery.

In May 2020, 584 of our members¹ took part in a survey telling us about their experiences in April during the COVID-19 restrictions and their views on how we could use our road space differently.

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Members were asked their level of support for temporary trials to improve community connection and support social distancing:

48%

support converting road space to provide additional seating space for cafes and restaurants



28% oppose this²

53% of regular peak hour motorists³ supported this

46%

support limiting access to residential streets to 'local and emergency traffic only' to make it easier and safer to walk, cycle and play



24% oppose this²

44%

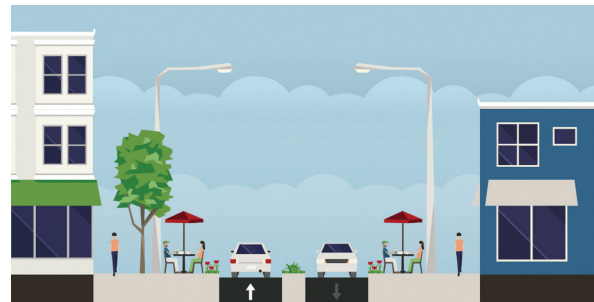
support converting road space to 'pop-up' bike lanes along popular routes



29% oppose this²



Typical street layout⁴



Additional seating space for cafes and restaurants⁴



Pop-up bike lanes⁴

¹ 444 from the Perth and Peel region and 140 from regional WA. Age, gender and location sampling quotas were applied, and data has been post-weighted to be representative of RAC's membership (which is broadly consistent with the WA population profile) - the margin of error at total sample level is +/-4% at the 95% confidence level.

² Remaining responses neither supported nor opposed the initiative.

³ Drove in peak hour 5 or more days a week during April. More than 1 in 5 respondents were regular peak hour motorists.

⁴ Street layouts created using online tool Streetmix, <streetmix.net>, <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/>>



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