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Leach Highway and Welshpool Road Intersection

MySay Transport

Online Survey Outcomes Report
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Introduction

In October 2020, we invited the Welshpool community to participate in a survey to help us to gauge support for the project and understand how often motorists use the intersection. The survey also allowed participants to provide some feedback and raise some concerns about the project.

The MySay Transport Leach Highway and Welshpool Road survey project page recorded more than 663 visits and 93 participants over a four-week period.

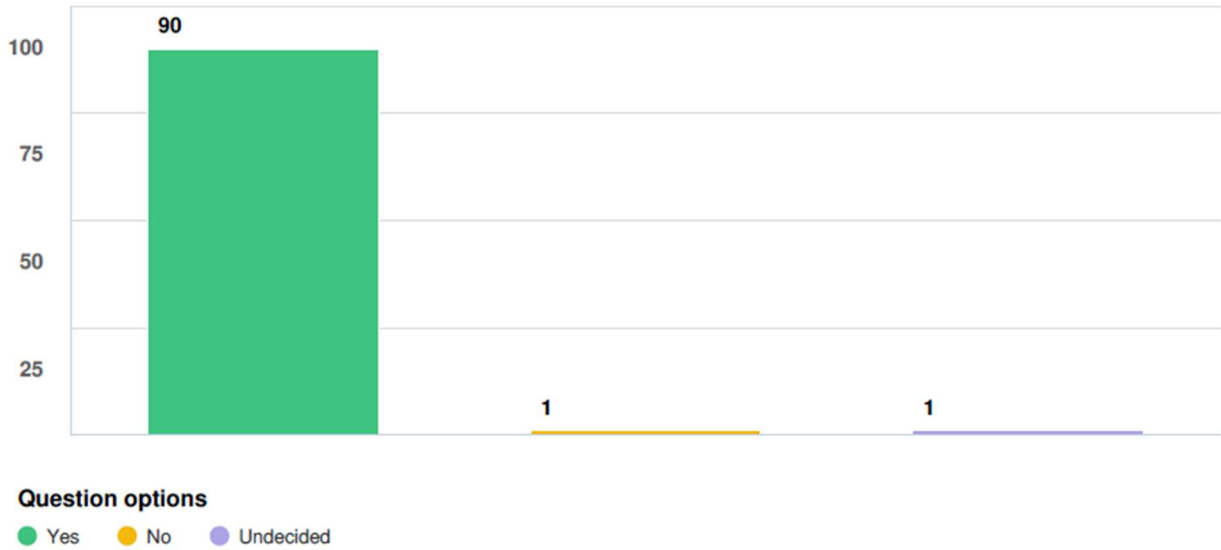
The survey was open to all members of the public and participants were invited to take part in the survey through Facebook advertising and Electronic direct mail to project subscribers.

Our stakeholders have also been engaged in recent years with activities including information sessions, distribution of newsletter project updates with the Welshpool business area through the mail and to email project subscribers and letters.

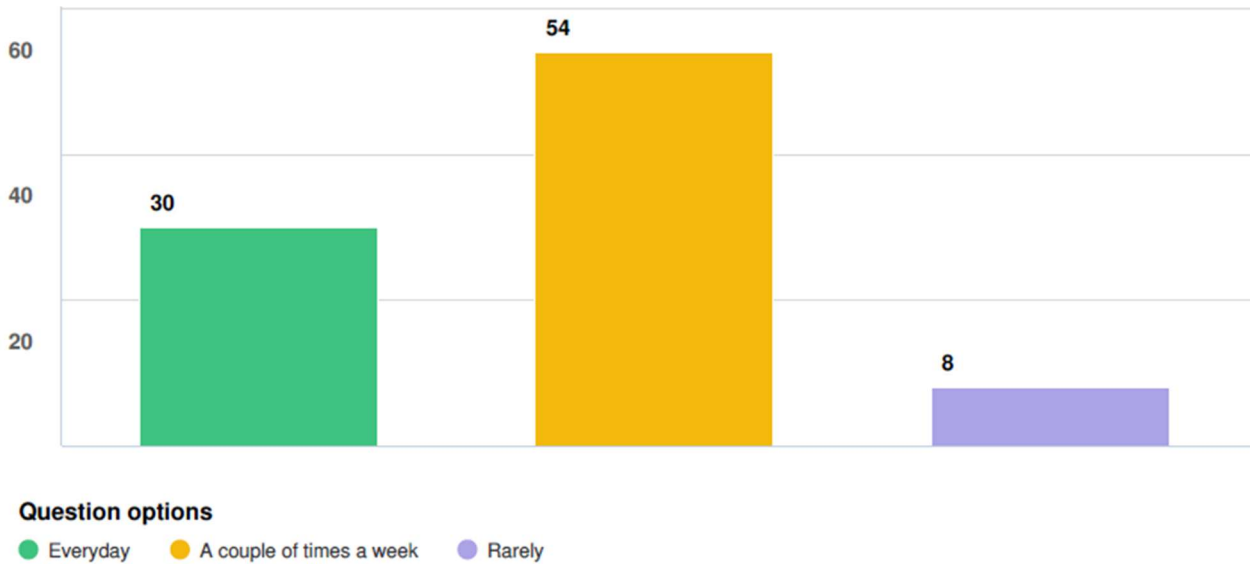
The key findings of the survey are examined in the following pages.

Community support

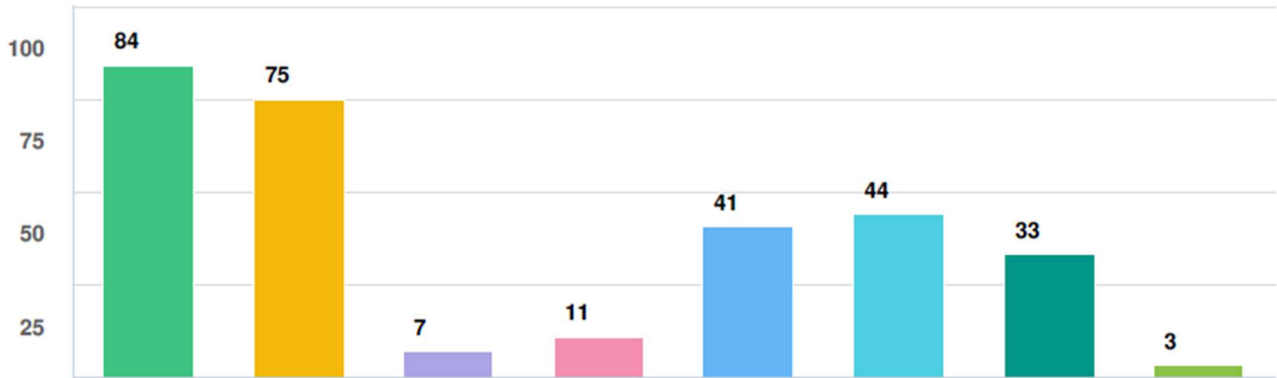
Are you supportive of plans to develop and construct the Leach Highway and Welshpool Road interchange?



How often do you plan on using the interchange?



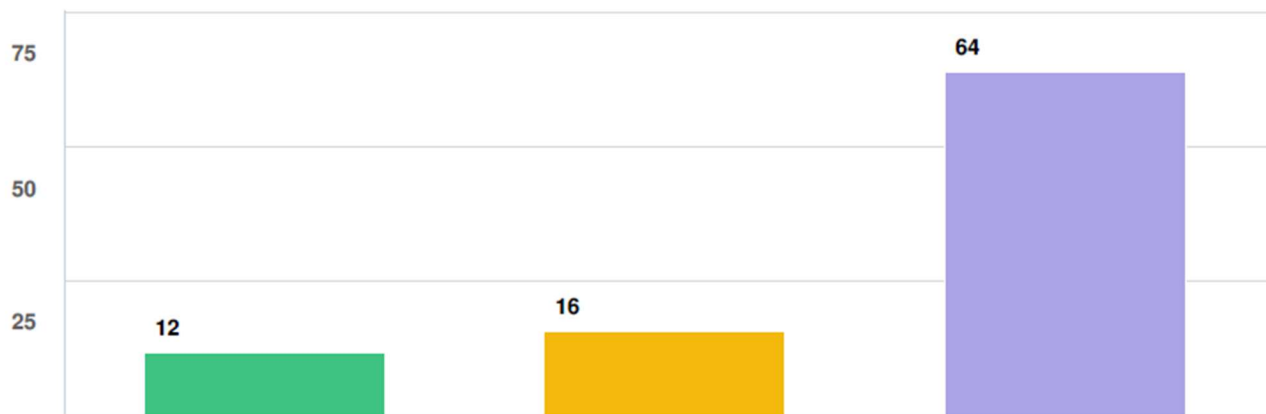
Which elements of the project are you most interested in? (multiple answers allowed)



Question options

- Better road safety and less congestion
- Travel time savings
- Construction implications for local businesses
- Enhanced access to residential areas
- Traffic management and impacts during construction
- Design
- Pedestrian and cyclist pathways and connections
- Other (please specify)

Which of the following best describes you and how you use the intersection?



Question options

- I live in an area best accessed by the intersection
- I work in an area best accessed by the intersection
- I use the intersection regularly as part of my travel patterns

Key themes

Respondents were encouraged to leave a comment, question or concern at the end of the survey. Many respondents expressed a keen desire for the project to get started to reduce congestion and improve safety. Several respondents were interested in the design for Principal Shared Paths (PSP) and overall design for the project.

A summary of key questions and responses are presented in the table below:

Comment	Response
Will there be grade separated bike paths passing over Welshpool Road and connecting from Manning Road to the Tonkin Highway paths?	Yes, there a principal shared path is to be constructed between Orrong Road and Railway Parade, connecting to existing and planned paths. The crossing of Welshpool Road will be via an at-grade signalised crossing point on the western side of the intersection. Future extension of the PSP from Railway Parade to Albany Highway, or Manning Road, is being reviewed by the Department of Transport.
The intersection is home to old growth trees.	Trees will be repurposed where possible for furniture, wildlife rehabilitation and community facilities. In addition, 1,000 trees will be planted to offset the removal of trees required to deliver the interchange.
I hope that roundabouts are used instead of traffic lights.	Yes, the design includes a large roundabout at Welshpool Road with a new bridge taking Leach Highway over Welshpool Road to create a grade-separated interchange.
Will the project be using recycled fill material for the works?	Yes, the project will utilise crushed recycled concrete and fill from the Perth metropolitan area.
My business will be directly impacted by the works, how will I be informed and what steps are planned to minimise the impact.	All business stakeholders have been identified and we will be in contact to discuss direct impacts. Please subscribe to stay informed and receive our electronic direct mail updates.
This should have been built some time ago.	Recent funding from the Australian and State Government's has allowed a long-term plan to be delivered.
Will this include the duplication of Leach Highway bridge over the Armadale line?	Yes, the bridge on Leach Highway over the rail will be duplicated.