

**Government  
Street  
Refresh.**



**Engagement Summary**

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# Government Street Refresh - Phase 1 Survey

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## SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

22 June 2021 - 14 July 2021

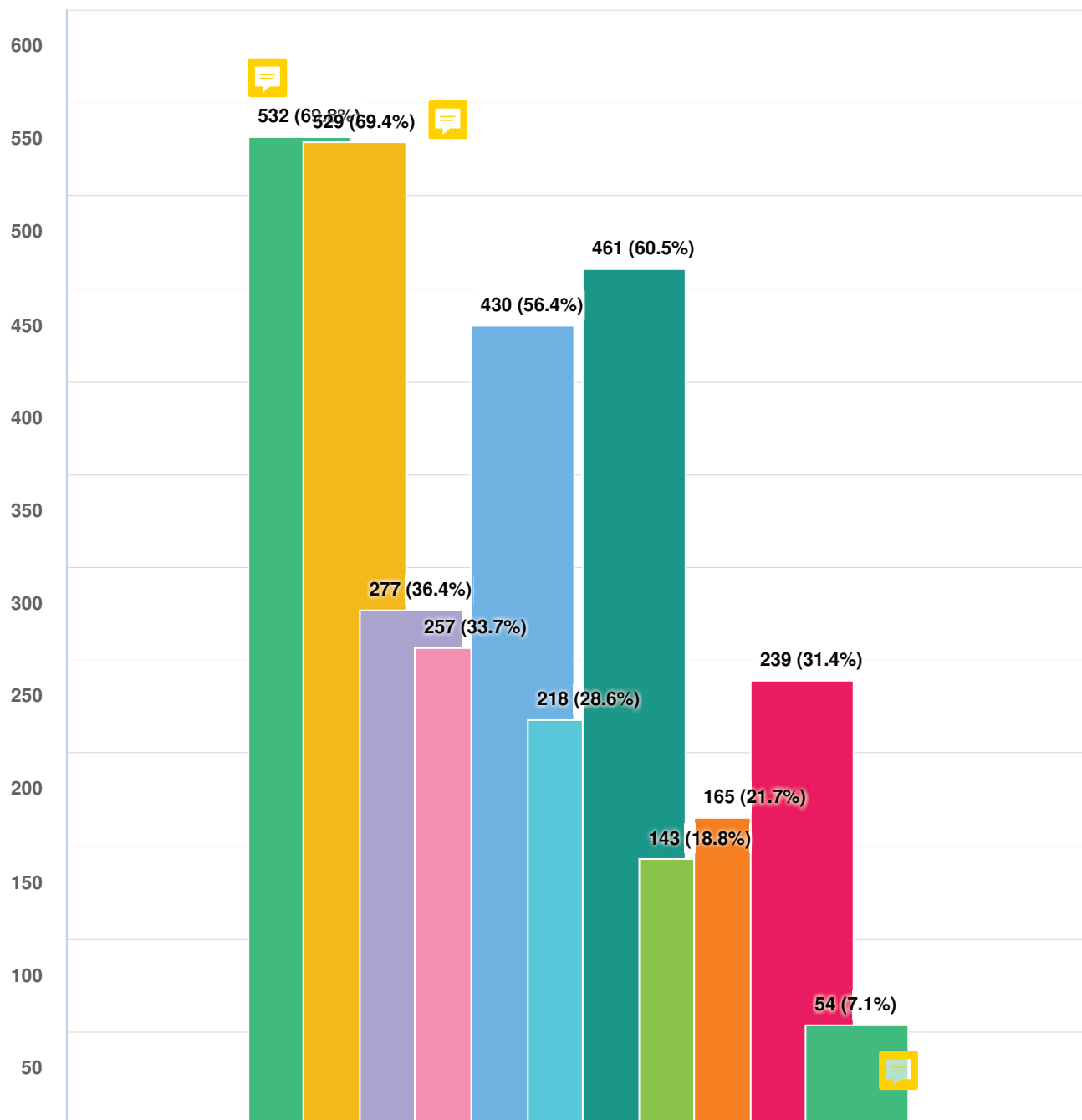
### PROJECT NAME:

Government Street Refresh



# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** Great streets play an important role in cities. Help us understand what Government Street means to you. Select your top five experiences below that best describe what you feel Government Street offers today. Today, Government Street is a place...



#### Question options

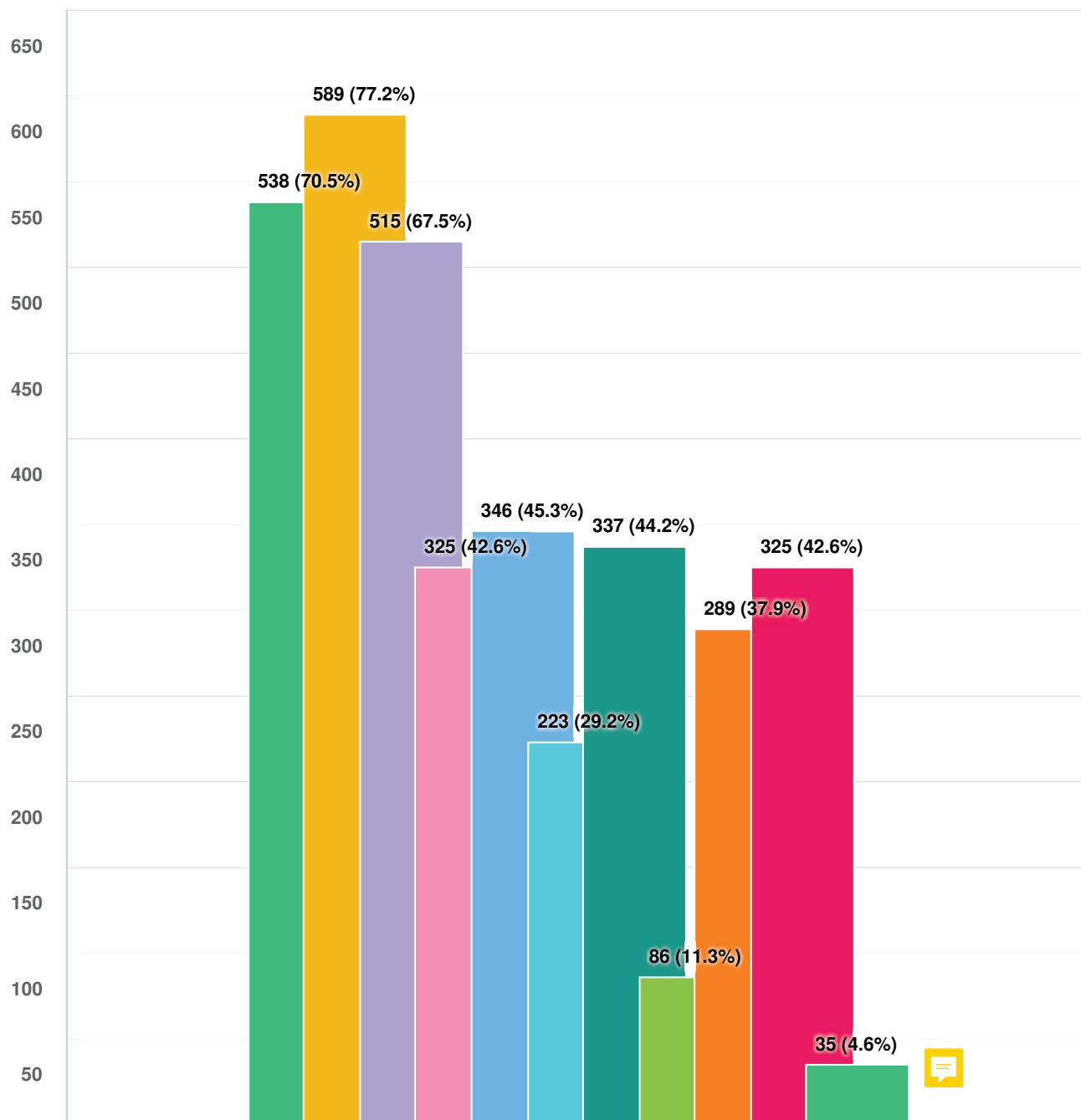
- to leisurely walk or stroll
- to dine indoors or outdoors on a patio
- for art and culture (live performances, public art)
- to hang out and meet up with friends and family
- to bring visitors
- to experience heritage
- to shop or access services
- to travel through downtown by car
- for everyone (welcoming and inclusive)
- to attend celebrations (festivals, special events, parades)
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (762 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



**Q2** Now tell us what you think Government Street could be in the future. Select five future experiences below that are most important to you. In the future, Government Street could be a place ...



#### Question options

- to leisurely stroll or walk
- to dine indoors or outdoors on a patio
- for art and culture (live performances, public art)
- to hang out and meet up with friends and family
- to bring visitors
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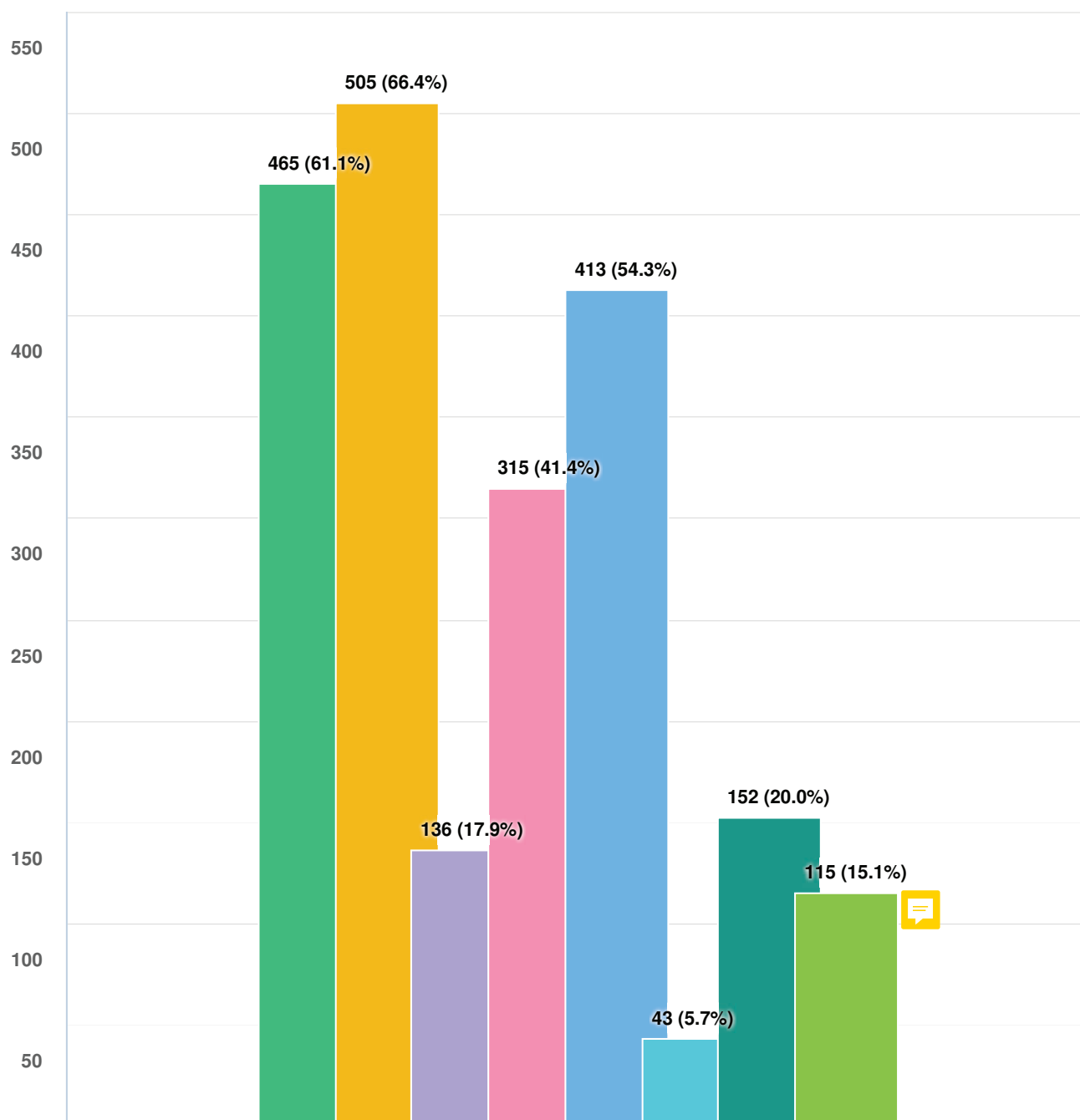
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**Q3** What are the top three experiences that would make you want to spend more time on Government Street in the spring and summer?



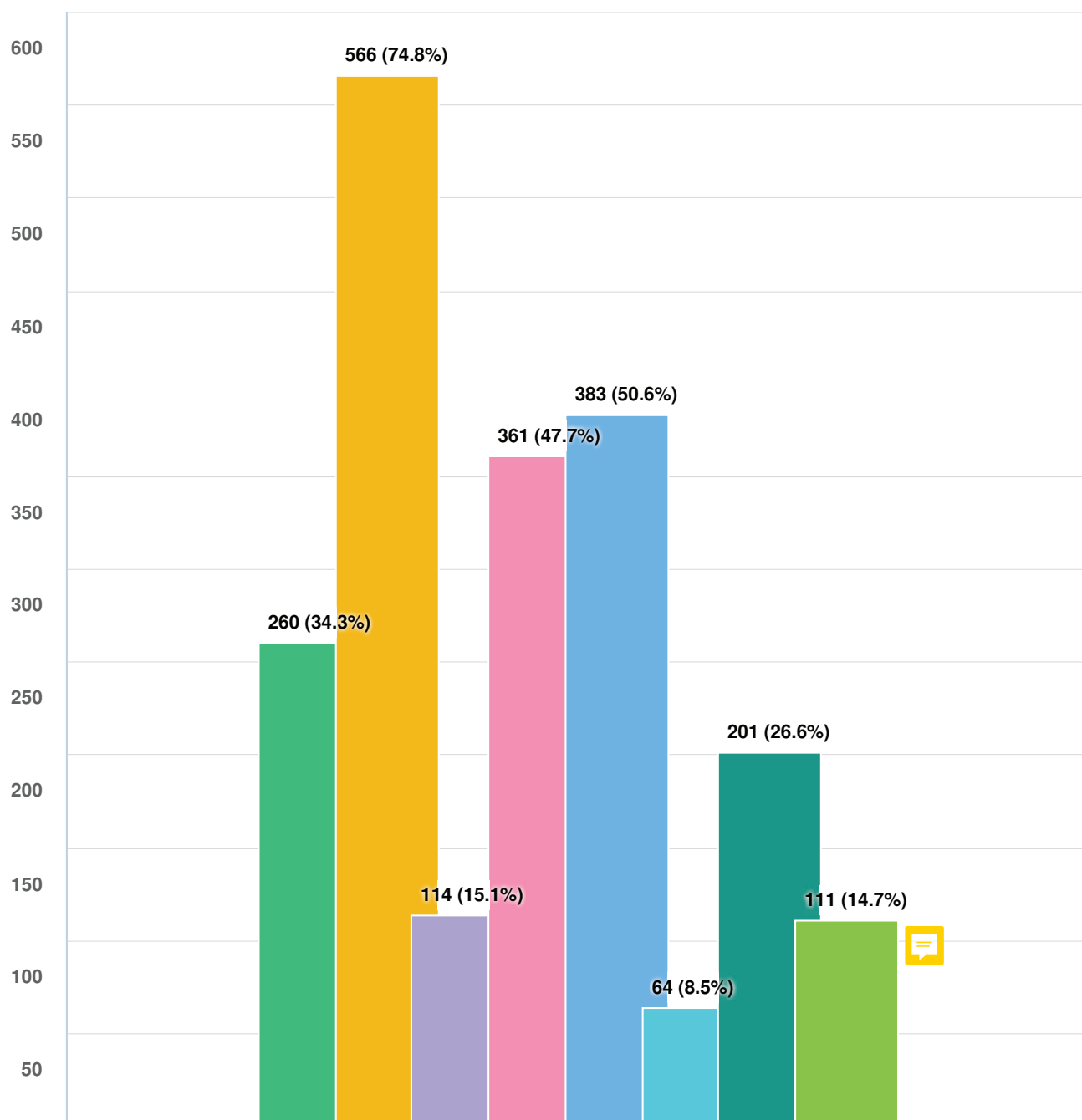
**Question options**

- More outdoor patios
- Comfortable areas with shade to linger and people watch
- Playful elements for children to interact with
- A shared street experience for people walking and rolling
- More public art, live performances, festivals and events
- More services to support tourism including buses and pedicabs
- More opportunities to learn about culture and heritage
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (761 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q4** What are the top three experiences that would make you want to spend more time on Government Street in the fall and winter?



**Question options**

- More outdoor patios
- Comfortable areas with wind and rain protection to linger and people watch
- Playful elements for children to interact with
- A shared street for people walking and rolling
- More public art, live performances, festivals and events
- More services to support tourism including tour buses and pedicabs
- More opportunities to learn about culture and heritage
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (757 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q5 Please rate the following statements:**



Optional question (762 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

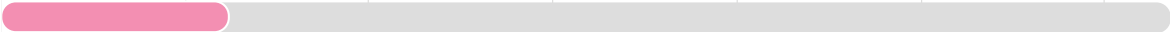
Q5 | Please rate the following statements:

When I visit Government Street I feel welcome.

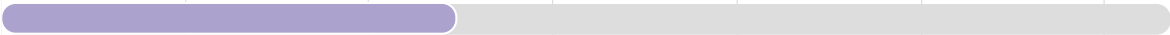
Definitely disagree : 29



Somewhat disagree : 62



Neither agree nor disagree : 124



Somewhat agree : 325



Definitely agree : 221



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### Government Street accommodates my accessibility needs.

Definitely disagree : 32



Somewhat disagree : 47



Neither agree nor disagree : 162



Somewhat agree : 184



Definitely agree : 333



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### When I visit Government Street I feel safe.

Definitely disagree : 45



Somewhat disagree : 111



Neither agree nor disagree : 68



Somewhat agree : 246



Definitely agree : 292



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**Q6** Is there anything else you would like to share with us about what you value and would like to see on Government Street?

Work done several years ago by DVBA. If Government St to be renewed, it needs to be relevant to people who live or work in Victoria. That means food and hopping - not buses or dedicated transport of any kind. Government form Pandora should be the people street - business deliveries before 10 am as is done in much of Europe.

Survey has completely avoided any questions related to the key issues that plague Government Street: Crime, vandalism, homelessness, panhandling, open drug use. Huge impacts on the viability of businesses and visitors

There are a couple of aspects that would commit to the pedestrian element downtown. First you need to lose the curbs, and make the entire sidewalk and street, one flat surface, with bricks or paving stones. Second you need to introduce bollards at Humboldt which go up and down according to the hours reserved for pedestrians. Let's make this a world class area.

The city needs just a few bisecting streets going north/south and east/west that are pedestrian/cyclist only. Government Street would be a perfect start. Ban cars. Give us somewhere to walk where we aren't choking on exhaust fumes.

I like the pedestrian only elements, but I think bicycles should be excluded as well. Let people spread out, and let the businesses push out. There is a bike network along wharf

and up Fort St., lots of places to cycle. This should be PEDESTRIAN ONLY; I saw a family have to pick their kid up to avoid a bike and I have to do that with my dog as well on some of the more narrow corridors where patios have pushed out and seating (red benches) are added. Also would be nice if it extended all the way to Yates.

Just get rid of the cars entirely please

Be bold! Make this one of the best public spaces in not just Victoria, but in Canada. It's a rare opportunity to have a centrally-located, deeply historic, popular space that isn't an essential traffic corridor. The tourism, culture, and community possibilities are immense! For businesses worried about reduced parking, create a space that everyone wants to visit and business will benefit!

I would feel more safe and welcome if the street was car-free

Would love Victoria to have a dedicated walking street like they have in Europe! Streetside cafes and restaurants on a walking street sounds like a great tourist destination

The temporary street closures have been excellent in providing an attractive place to visit downtown. Government Street connects well with the harbour/waterfront area and the Bay Centre. It feels much safer and more welcoming without traffic, much more pleasant to dine on the patios, and when I drive around the CBD I don't miss the road access. It would be nice to see the closures made permanent and the street developed to support



parades/festivals and events.

Less people camping in doorways

I strongly support prioritizing people over cars on Government St, so I think the steps taken towards this over the past year are wonderful. I would encourage more movement in this direction. The idea of more patios, areas for children to play, and further restricting car use, more art and events on Government St sounds amazing.

Pedestrian and bike only would be a boon. Most tourism-heavy cities have a pedestrian mall and if done well will boost business. Also, make sure to encourage buskers, don't make licensing too onerous and don't keep too high a bar. Buskers make a downtown more lively and engaging. And they do it for tips! They are underrated yet make up the essence of a city's vibe.

Less vehicles.

Last summer's pedestrianizing was great, please make that permanent and expand it!

No cars... There are enough drivable streets around downtown that closing Government Street to vehicles 100% of the time will not make a big difference.

Increase safety and cleanliness. I've been hassled by violent, homeless addicts and the experience is not pleasant. I can only imagine how tourists feel. Downtown in general absolutely has a safety issue.

Government Street would be more welcome if there were fewer tacky

souvenir stores.

I would love for it to be open to pedestrians only during the day after delivery times and definitely throughout the summer. More patios would be great.

Vehicle traffic is necessary on government street during the week. Closing the street for pedestrian use on the weekend makes sense but not during the week.

I love the street closed to vehicles. I have been for that for 30 years.

We love walking and rolling on Government Street, but as seniors, we sometimes feel unsafe (panhandlers, skateboarders, people with alcohol/drug/mental health challenges).

Keep it pedestrian oriented with accommodations for accessibility

Opening government Street to pedestrians year round is long overdue. It would help the tourism industry. It would help downtown. It would help make Victoria a desired destination.

I would like to see more of government street closed off so more people can enjoy what the downtown core has to offer

No matter what, we can't afford to let cars (other than essential deliveries for businesses) ever back onto the street! We are finally on verge of a European-style old town heritage "high street" that where residents can create culture and tourists will talk about when they go home!

Get rid of cars. Always looking over shoulder for cars. No need for them

in all of downtown. More bike lockers so can enjoy shopping. I don't bother anymore since just locking up is not safe. Do what Vegas does and have paid lockers for bikes.

fewer souvenir shops, more boutique shopping

Eliminate all vehicles

Anything but bike lanes

The city shouldn't go out of its way to accommodate tourism. Those tourist trap shops only sell overpriced crap and then vanish in winter. The vacancy rate in winter is largely responsible for killing life on Government St.

Please ensure that operators of patios maintain adequate space for pedestrians adjacent to their outdoor spaces: some make it very difficult to maintain adequate distance in sidewalks between establishments and patios, and their podiums for menus/seating add to the clutter. Thinking specifically here of the Bard and Banker and the sidewalk between the building and the patio on Government south of Fort. The patio plus the podium leave enough space for maybe one pedestrian at a time, safely.

For those of us with disabilities who need to drive, it can be impossible to find parking

I dont think all of government should be closed off. i think road closures really work for small streets like on View from government to broad or broad street from fort to broughten. the current government st is too long

and not animated enough. Also looking car traffic is a loss for business as some of the best shopper are the ones driving by.

Keep trees and parking. Still allow access for cars, especially in the fall and winter.

I value (currently) the absence of big buses that make me feel unsafe. I value the liveliness of patios and people gathering. I value the buskers, the sidewalk chalk art.

I would like to see Government as the main pedestrian only walking street in Victoria, closed to vehicles other than emergency response between 9 AM and 5 PM. It is done all over Europe with great success.

remove vehicles

As Esquimalt residents, we do almost all of our shopping downtown, and travel there by bus or bike. Making Government St. even better would encourage us to spend more time and money downtown on merchants.

drag like Waikiki does. Make it people centric with a defined look to attract people into the zone. Build it for locals not tourists. Tourists will come if it's cool.

I would like to see more of a police presence and less homeless people and crackheads peeing in doorways.

I would love to see Government Street as a lively pedestrian street like in Boulder, Co. This would need more restaurants and businesses to attract locals, as opposed to tacky tourist shops.

More bike parking! More music and

██████████ art activations! NO CARS!!! I really love what the City has done with Gov St this summer and last and would like to see more of the same year-round on a permanent basis.

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██████████ If the store fronts are empty because of the reduced number of customers in Old Town, no amount of newly animated streetscape will draw locals or tourists. Accessibly by ALL modes of transportation is the key to success in revitalizing any area of any city around the world. Its about carefully balancing all interests especially after the devastating affects of Covid for all small businesses.....and thats all Victoria has is small businesses.

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██████████ Government Street needs to be a destination, somewhere that attracts both visitors and residents, that is attractive, interesting and charming, that shows off it's historic building facades. A place where you can have a coffee, ice cream or meal and not have vehicles driving by inches away, where young families or elders can stroll without the risk of being hit by speeding cyclists. It should provide a contiguous link from the inner harbour to Bastion Square, Market Square and Chinatown. It needs a WOW factor so that it would feature in a Lonely Planet guide as a "must see" (Broad Street is getting close).

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██████████ Accommodate EVERYONE - walkers, bikes and cars (remember car lanes also accommodate horse & carriages and pedi-cabs as well as seniors and those with disabilities who can't walk or ride). Reduce it permanently to one vehicle lane open 24-7 all year long in the middle with traffic flowing in the direction from Humboldt to Chinatown with a

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very low speed limit. Move the bike lane off Wharf Street and on to Government Street (yes, I know money wasted, but that's where it should have gone in the first place). Expand the width of sidewalks in narrow areas and expand restaurant patio space. Love the existing trees for shade and ambiance, keep or replace with the same/similar and replace/add circle benches around the tree trunks. Add many more benches for sitting, particularly in the shade. Would love to see all patios a bright red for postcard pics! Add string of white lights above/across the street for evening glow. A Win-Win design for everyone.

Less cars, more patio space

I would like it to stay closed to cars and to have the road changed into an accessible walking / sitting area.

Overall, I would like to see Government street (and the downtown core in general) transition to becoming a pedestrian promenade without vehicle access. The many promenades I've visited throughout the world bring so much more culture and atmosphere to a city, and vastly improve tourism, traffic for local businesses, public space, events, and leisure. Thank you for your consideration!

Before investing any more time and money on this Government Street initiative, please first address the ongoing and traumatising crime, open drug use, and violence on Government Street and elsewhere downtown so that both perception of safety and actual safety is restored.

I feel less safe being downtown.

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There are so many people who seem more aggressive than in the past that has stopped me visiting downtown and government street. I feel this is a major issue that needs a better plan in place. In the meantime, I would value more security presence on government street.

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The sidewalks can be very busy in the summer with tourists - and with people driving on the street - closing the street to car traffic and making it more welcoming and interactive for pedestrians and cyclists would be great. More family/kid activities - a playground or things for kids to do!

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I was walking down government street with my dog yesterday and while it's closed at Humboldt it was still open at Courtenay street. Government (as well as the streets that run from East to West from Douglas to Government) should be closed to vehicle traffic from Humboldt to Yates year round aside from certain hours to allow for deliveries. After living in Europe and seeing this in action we do not have to live in such a vehicle centric community. The people driving through that area do not need to, it just creates a less welcoming environment for pedestrians.

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For government Street and ALL other Victoria neighbourhoods, I would like to have a City Council who will design the entire city in a consistent, safe, professional and accessible manner.

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More restaurants and non-tourist shops would mean a better, safer experience at night.

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Given diversity of community - more outdoor market opportunities in the summer and even include night

markets on certain evenings similar to what you might see in Asia - these are fun for tourists and residents alike. Patios that expand out further - it is very social and if there are good food options more will come. Avoid cars as much as possible. Music and artists who are working - that may be more an inner harbour event, but there is likely spaces that the downtown could think about. I am thinking about the laneways in Quebec City and the wonderful artisans you will see as you stroll through the city. Street art with meaning - similar to Seattle - this is interesting. Highly promote water tourism - similar to what you might see in Chicago on the river. Given the nature of the city and its moderate climate, Victoria should look to other great cities and incorporate the very best of what they offer. While new to the city, this is a great opportunity to make the most of the gains achieved through the pandemic in terms of more space for walking, running, fewer cars, etc. Victoria with its many bike paths and walking paths should continue to move towards alternate transportation methods and promote that component heavily elsewhere.

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Lose the cars. Government is a nightmare to drive on already. Model it off of whatever that street is in DT Ottawa, very similar feel already. More patios, pedestrian only, low speed bike, and for goodness sake, sweep the streets of the homeless. It's a disaster and giving them free everything isn't helping.... I'm the furthest from an expert that there could be but can we not better fund social services, St Vincent DePaul and other mental health initiatives instead of just buying them hotel



rooms and hoping they don't burn them down?

I would like to see a car-free, bike-free pedestrian mall

With an aging population, maintain long access and parking to all areas of Victoria needs to be a priority. Eliminating/reducing parking and vehicle access coupled with implementation of bike lanes is ostracizing our seniors and disabled to be able to safely and conveniently access all areas of our city.

Nothing at this time

Incentivize local businesses instead of tourist traps. A bolder approach to closing vehicle traffic with clear indications that you are safe to walk in the middle of the road. A day/night market during the summer/holiday months

it would be awesome to have it closed to vehicles (except deliveries) and have as a town square type of feel to it

I love the idea of this being a car-free zone.

I really love the pedestrian priority you started during the pandemic. Keep it please!

Government Street is no longer an area to walk through. I now walk around to avoid the patios, people eating and drinking and noise.

All great cities have areas that are pedestrian focused. Let's not squander the changes we've made to Government Street. Instead, let's amplify the pedestrian experience,

make it exclusively for people rather than cars, and create even more vibrancy and energy on this street. It's been such a pleasure to amble on Government over the past year.

Dog friendly patios and places walk and people watch! Charge for a special dog licence that permits calm, well trained pups to sit on shaded patios at designated restaurants with responsible owners.

I think Covid has helped City Hall bring out the better side of Government Street: more outdoor patios, fewer cars, and a slower pace. Please don't backtrack! Please continue to move in a more human direction.

Close Government street to motor vehicles of all types.

Less homeless and open drug use.

If you're going to allow vehicles in certain sections of Government Street, but not in others, there needs to be VERY clear signs and physical barriers to stop drivers from entering pedestrian only zones. It's terrifying to cycle or cross the road not knowing whether a driver will see the signs or come up the road in the wrong direction. I personally would prefer the whole street to be pedestrian only like Stephen Avenue in Calgary. There's enough parking downtown that people should be able to park and walk to their destinations on Government Street, with accessible parking and drop off zones for people with mobility limitations.

Full and permanent removal of motor vehicle traffic.

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I value the people-scale of the storefronts, the shopping, restaurants, pubs, bars with a cozy atmosphere that makes it a destination. To improve the experience, I would like to see Government Street, or at least a portion of it, as a shared-space street where the pedestrian experience is prioritized and events could be held. I think it is important to maintain the heritage facades with their beautiful details but that the new streetscape infrastructure (lighting, furnishings, plantings) should be a contemporary expression of our time (it is not a museum but a living street!). I would like to see more attention paid to the maintenance of the street and business awnings (including seagull mess) so that it looks well kept and clean for residents and visitors. (Perhaps a Business Improvement Area could be established?) I think it is important to use high quality materials for the pavement - stone would be beautiful - could even be a pattern like Strøget in Copenhagen. Accent lighting to make evenings feel special will be key. Overall, we should invest in this important piece of our City's public realm. Hopefully this will help to attract quality retail to improve the shopping experience and will become an updated expression of life in Victoria today.

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Yes - Gov't St is not 3 blocks - the City needs to expand its view to Chinatown so that Johnson St, Pandora and Fisgard ALL benefit - locals don't go to the 3 blocks that sell t-shirts and postcards. Extend it and encourage merchants and residents to do more - block parties, sidewalk sales - there used to be a lower Johnson event. Have a vision

that is expansive not limited to 2-3 blocks

more patios year round would be a bonus for everyone. Also please don't get rid of the paving stones on the sidewalks and anywhere else they are, they add so much more character than pavement

Amount of traffic on the street needs to decrease significantly. Look at the plazas and pedestrian areas in Europe - and even Stephen Avenue Mall in Calgary - to see what a busy vibrant place these streets can be. At the moment you never know if the street is open or closed to traffic.

Seeing more "parklets" as established by the City and local businesses during the pandemic would be welcome - some permanent place making would make Government a destination for more locals.

it would be nice to walk/ride through the street without feeling hassled by cars. also cars drive through sometimes blaring music, revving engines. just stop it.

would love to see more outdoor entertainment.

The elimination of cars should be a top priority.

Ban cars 24/7. More places for folks to hang out without having to spend money at business. More local food and beverage, art and culture; less souvenir shops.

Make the history of victoria more visible with like tunnels or murals showing what buildings used to be. Allow cars to drive at least during winter because it's a magical place to

drive through.

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We can not have people begging for money and loitering if we want people to come downtown and hang out. It needs to be safer.

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Like an Europe's street with patios and businesses spread onto street.

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At long last, Government st should be used as more of a square and less as a road. There is no reason for it to be open to traffic downtown. Let the locals enjoy this amazing street! It could be so so much more inviting and fun. Hopefully something good will come out of Covid 19!

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As restaurants spill out onto the street further, some thought to a cohesive and pleasing aesthetic to the look across restaurants.

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More cleaning

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We need more parking downtown.

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I strongly support the city's efforts to limit cars in downtown - we need more of this! (and I say this as a car owner).

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Don't close it off to cyclists. If you do, please make it easier to access Broad from the current cycling infrastructure.

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I value any aspects of heritage that remain and would like to see them taken into account with any changes/additions to the street. Since most of the rest of the downtown has almost completed it's tranformation into a dense forest of towers completely out of scale to the size of the city, it would be appreciated if it could remain an

oasis of scale and interest.

I love having a car free environment.

I understand the plight of the under-housed but laying on the street or dragging bags of cans about isn't very pleasant, also sometimes I feel a little unsafe

I'm originally from St. John's, NL.

That city has George Street, which is similar to what Victoria is considering and, as well as an amazing go-to place for locals, it is also a major tourist attraction. They have mostly pubs, but it is closed to traffic most of the day, great outdoor patios, and an amazing entertainment area. What they did has worked well there for at least 35 years, so I suggest maybe you research their model for ideas and to see what things they did would work here as well.

I like the horse carriages going up government street

A beat cop for the neighbourhood

Greater visibility and better sight lines of the existing heritage buildings from street level. Maintaining accessibility for all modes of transportation including CAR!

I love the wide sidewalks and I love street musicians in the summer.

Please make it accessible to everyone including people with disabilities who use MV ad do not give a contract to Aryze to do any of the work

What's really lacking is interesting, local commerce to draw locals and visitors. Munro's is a great example of what we need more of. I live in

James Bay and often to downtown on foot. Government Street is a natural route for me to take. For people coming from other parts of town, there needs to be more of a draw. Having public art would be important, but commerce is what really keeps things moving.

Completely closed to car traffic only buses like Granville on Vancouver

People taking a leisurely stroll without having to accommodate bicycles and other wheeled vehicles unrelated to accessibility needs.

I would like to see an incentive program to encourage locally owned and operated businesses. Currently, the rent/lease situation on Government Street is so untenable it does not allow for smaller businesses to operate. The economic focus on the street should not be to promote a few cruise ship reliant businesses. If the current economic focus remains on cruise ships, the street will become less and less appealing to locals (and visitors seeking authentic experiences) and eventually become a ghost town when ships do not return in the numbers we saw pre-COVID. I would also like to see vehicles banned permanently from Belleville St to Johnston St (with an exception in the early hours for delivery vehicles). The street has the potential to draw in residents and visitors to walk, cycle, and enjoy the historic heart of the city. The space should feel warm, welcoming, and inviting to people of all races, genders, abilities, etc. Consideration should be made to incorporate local Indigenous voices, design the space for all accessibility needs, and consider the safety of those walking

at night. As Victoria is the "Garden City," I think it would be nice to incorporate more permanent garden beds on Government Street instead of relying solely on expensive flower baskets - an emphasis on local plants and foliage would be great (especially if they incorporated Indigenous names and histories).

I love how it is cut off from traffic right now. It feels so nice to stroll along and see all the outdoor patios.

More patio space for restaurants it is too cramped at the moment.

I would like to see functional seating/shade elements added for people to hang out on Government Street without having to spend money.

If you are going to close the street permanently, please provide opening hours for non commercial vehicles for curbside pick up that overlap when businesses are open. Please provide many more, well designated accessible parking spaces near by (room to swing doors open to unload walking aids, not on a steep hill, no obstruction from lamp and sign posts, curb cutouts etc). Provide unobstructed level pathways and sitting areas that can accommodate a range of mobility devices. Drop off zones are inadequate and deny independence access and use of the space..

I love having Gov. Street closed to car traffic this summer and seeing how vibrant it is, with so many people enjoying sitting on benches, talking, eating lunch or drinking coffee, reading, sitting at patios with friends, laughing, enjoying fine dining, and strolling along in the



middle of the road with ice cream and little ones. (I think bike and skateboard traffic should still be OK too, as long as they are yielding to pedestrians, not sure if they are currently allowed.) It would be great to see more street vendors here, food trucks, local artisans, and live musical / theatrical / magical / comedy performances. The vibe could continue down the lower blocks to Wharf Street where there could be music festivals and special events down by the water, maybe even a seaside boardwalk ferris wheel / carnival, that would be awesome.

It's currently a wasted opportunity to add culture to the city. Cars don't stop there; they just pass through. Close it to traffic and put in retractable bollards that allow commercial vehicles to access it. Otherwise, 100% pedestrian zone with food trucks lining the street.

In the interests of traffic efficiency, transit efficiency, and fuel-saving: Government St should be made into a three-lane road (two car lanes and a bus lane) with a separate bike lane, all one-way southbound, over the entire stretch from Hillside to Belleville. At the same time, Douglas St should be made one-way northbound (including a one-way bike lane) over the same Belleville-Hillside stretch. Anything else is a waste of time and money.

I'm sorry to bang on about this, but I believe that Government Street would be an excellent pedestrian thoroughfare. Permanently close it to traffic from Humboldt to Johnson or Pandora :)

I would love to see Government street and more of downtown in

general become inaccessible for cars. The great part about so many European cities are the city centers that are reserved for people, not built for vehicles.

I would like to see a pedestrian high street like Carnaby in London, or Liverpool One in Liverpool or other cool engaging pedestrian only areas.

Any pedestrian friendly street that I have been to has services and amenities at all hours. Government street needs to be seen as a 24hr space and also needs to have the ability to accommodate food trucks and pop up shops.

A pedestrian oriented Government Street, with a focus on patios, diverse local business and events would be a draw into downtown. There is a fantastic opportunity to make this historic corridor lively and local, so that tourists and full-time residents alike can enjoy it.

I would like to see Victoria City ,nice welcoming ,the Government Street with Trees and Flowers, Google other city's and you will learn what is possible !

I access Govt Street usually on foot, but also by recumbent trike and taxi. I have a disability, so these methods of access work really well for me (I don't drive or need parking specifically because of the disability). So yes there still needs to be access for those with disabilities who come by vehicle, but not all people with disabilities do or can drive (most of my disabled friends use recumbent trikes or taxis if it's too far to walk

with a walker, etc).

More patios and less traffic!

A vibrant retail community that offers a fun alternative to a shopping mall.

Please close it to cars and open the street for people.

I welcome an upgrade and "facelift" to the area. I am however, vehemently opposed to changing the current footprint. There has been limited vehicular access for many years and it has worked well with the extra wide sidewalks that line both sides of the street. There should be no diminishing of access for the myriad of tourist vehicles (buses, pedicabs, horse carriages) in addition to the folks who would like to drive through slowly and admire the beautiful old buildings. The closing of vehicle access would not only take away from the enjoyment of the area, it would force traffic onto already overburdened narrow streets. Also, dear mayor, please go fuck yourself.

A year-round pedestrian only section would be a great way to attract pedestrians to shops/restaurants and host events, festivals, social gatherings!

No cars, more police walking the area

I do not believe that any change that does not complementary eliminate automobiles from the street (except for legitimate deliveries early morning) will make such changes an expensive boondoggle.

I'm very much in favour of a primary closure to vehicles like a European

town centre.

I most value those aspects that resemble the great pedestrian promenades in Europe, and I would like the street limited to pedestrian traffic as much as possible.

I would like to see it become a pedestrian street full time.

It is a good idea to make it pedestrian.

Highlight the heritage (as we are losing buildings and homes in James Bay and other areas at an alarming rate) to keep the "old" historic feel of a bygone age... if we mess this up, we can never regain it.

I think the city's progress towards closing Government Street to vehicle traffic is a step in the right direction. It has plenty of opportunity to become a world class street in the heart of Victoria. I would lend my support for removing the large trees that block sightlines and take up extra potential space on the street between Humboldt and Pandora on both sides of Government. These trees take up valuable walking and outdoor recreation space. When I ride up Government street now with the portions closed to vehicle traffic, it appears to me that the ideal location for patios is on the brick walkways (not the street). but until the trees are removed, it doesn't allow that possibility. I would like to say I'm a huge supporter of creating an urban canopy with more nature and trees/foilage in the city's core.. however, I feel like the actual road on Government Street - is ideal addition for pedestrians to walk up and down the street, or those on

wheeled devices, wheelchairs, bikes etc. By keeping patios off of the actual road (or limited to specific locations) it would provide more room for arts and culture opportunities and general space for people to roam. The trees really limit the space on this stretch in my opinion.

Early morning mechanical street washing in Spring and Summer.

I understand the need for service vehicle access early in the day; however, it is so much better without vehicles. This should have been done long ago.

Vehicle traffic is unneeded on government as well as several other streets downtown. If we want a lively corridor that focuses on people first, traffic needs to be removed year round. This would also be nice for areas like upper fort where there is a large collection of delicious restaurants. Another aspect that can be improved is the number of restaurants on Government. There are very few and it would be nice if they were encouraged to move in.

I admire the City's initiative (with businesses) to limit vehicle traffic. Would be nice to have one day a week with no vehicle traffic and a chance to fill the street with entertainers. One of the worst things of Government Street is the noise (and pollution) of the tour buses.

The restricted vehicle traffic on Government Street that's been in effect during COVID is great, and I hope that the future of Government Street moves away from a focus on vehicles and transportation and towards pedestrian access.

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No vehicle traffic from Humboldt to  
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I have long said that Government Street should be a year-round Urban Pedestrian Park (foot, bicycle, skateboards, hoverboards and mobility scooters only). Accordingly, I would like to see the elimination of curbs and sidewalks, which would not only fully facilitate people with mobility issues, but also invite people to swarm throughout the street. Trees and garden beds need not be planted in lines along the curbs, which again is a visual clue to stick to the edges of the road, but may be clustered in some places and spaced out in others, their locations coordinated to enhance public art, but also to slow bicycle traffic. Perhaps placed with regard to undulating designs in the cobblestones. This should be a place for meandering, not speeding through in a straight line. Accordingly, restaurant patios should expand into the street, to designated but not squared-off limits (think misshapen bubbles, perhaps designated by the cobblestones design), and without physical barriers fencing them off, thus allowing on foot pedestrians to wander between tables, and thus inviting a greater ambience of inclusivity. I have envisioned this Urban Pedestrian Park extending from Yates to Humboldt, because then only one through street would be necessary, thus eliminating the need for traffic signals within the park except at Broughton, which I choose as the through-road because of the carpark located between Wharf and Government. Obviously, it can extend as far as Pandora, but Yates and Johnson will have to remain through streets, which will interrupt

the ambience of the park. The park will feel like it has ended at Johnson, so that the block to Pandora will feel like an appendage. View Street would dead end at Government, since traffic cannot turn on to the street, and I would extend the park up to the entrance to the Bay Centre Parkade. Fort Street between Broad and Government, and between Langley and Government, would become part of the pedestrian park, offering opportunity for stage performances during community events like Canada Day, Jazz Festival and during Pride. Offsetting through traffic to Humboldt should encourage most drivers to find other routes through downtown (Humboldt, Yates, Johnson, Pandora, the last three all with carparks), but still allow access for deliveries along Langley. But there is more to envisioning a new Government Street than streetscaping. I appreciate the variety of unique and mostly locally owned and operated shops that already occupy the entire lower downtown area. This local flavour must be preserved (along with the heritage of the buildings in place). I do not want mall stores, like Eddie Bauer, Birks and Lush, to dominate (And neither do tourists who can visit such stores at home if they like). We have enough shopping malls. I think the current ratio of local and chain stores is acceptable now, so keep it there, please. Nor do I want the street to become essentially a food court lined with endless coffee shops, pubs, ice-cream and chocolate vendors, and cafés and restaurants of various styles. There are enough of these already, and plenty more in the surrounding area, and their variety is great. We should do more to

advertise the culinary richness of our downtown, but that's another topic. What I would like to see is quality local artisans filling up empty storefronts, such as W.J. Wilsons, with their wares: local clothiers, local jewellers, purveyors of preserves and condiments, and whatever else Victorians are creating: an year-round exhibition of what Victorians are doing, imagining, and being.

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This is an incredible opportunity to bring out the best of downtown Victoria. A car-free and vibrant street-level landscape on Government that extends to Pandora would foster more of the vibrancy that exists in places on Government already, as well as on Fort Street between Douglas and Blanchard, and on lower Johnson, Pandora and increasingly Herald st. These locations are what draw people of all ages and backgrounds to downtown which makes it feel welcoming and safe, not to mention fun and exciting.

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Keep in mind that not all the homeless is from here ... why are we spending money on hotels for them .... Clean drugs and a cell phone????? We all know other provinces are sending them here for the winter..... someone needs to talk to make a phone call these city's / towns and take them back . Maybe at least they can send us money with them so we can put them up on the other towns dime and NOT OURS!!!!!!!

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Completely closed to vehicles. Why do they even need to drive up government street there is no parking and the traffic gets so congested by pedestrians.

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Government street is meant for



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tourists...if you want people who live here to go there then the store mix has to change

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I would like the street, especially the awnings to be cleaned, and the litter picked up each day. It's looked pretty grubby in the last few years. Maybe students could be hired from a fund created for the purpose or maybe the vendors could contribute to a fund for the purpose.

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Please do not touch the Bricks with family names on them surrounding old Fort Victoria

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Allow only one lane of car traffic. Make Government two-way for bicycles. Some access for vehicles is necessary, but the fewer the better.

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No traffic would be excellent

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Fewer cars More events/ culture that make Victoria interesting and unique

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Please keep it as a space for pedestrians, at least between Humboldt and Yates. Keep or replace the trees, allow stores to have stalls and/or extend Bastion Square market during the summer. Have an outdoor Christmas market.

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I would strongly support making Government Street pedestrian and pedicab/cycle only. Douglas and Blanchard are streets with heavy traffic, and therefore aren't pleasant or accessible or conducive to lingering/strolling. The feel of Government street is different, and much more human-centered. Recent car-free experiments have only highlighted the lovely change in character that results.

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Warm restaurants and being able to

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██████ ██████████	Please more area with no cars for the main part of the day. Lets celebrate!
██████ ██████████	Government Street is already iconic, but it could be so much more. Make it a showcase for the entire region: a place where local farmers and producers come to sell their products, a place where local and international talent comes to perform and entertain, a place where the best of the island and the world can be seen, eaten, and learned about. A shared conduit that is open to all who walk or roll to enjoy true theatre: the theatre of a vibrant and confident city. Weather protection and more benches would be nice too!
██████ ██████████	More police presence and continued or improved vehicle access
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██████ ██████████	I find it the height of hypocrisy that your stated goal is that you "want to support downtown businesses impacted by the pandemic". You were brazenly disrespectful of both businesses and your residents by allowing the homeless/addicted/mentally ill situation get so out of hand; exacerbated by the misguided policies of SOME on council. A small handful of dysfunctional people, many criminal and violent in nature, were allowed to take over our city parks (f*#King essential in a pandemic and with restrictions!) and

our city streets, including residential neighbourhoods, that impacted the 99.9% of the rest of our City! My neighbourhood (James Bay) was terrorized at night! Many do not want to visit downtown, at all. Likewise, hugely hypocritical for your stated goal, "encourage age-friendly public spaces to support children, youth and seniors". You HAD age-friendly spaces to support those people, namely our city parks and our downtown, which you carelessly mismanaged, and opened the door to ever-increasing dysfunction and social problems from across Canada. With regard to Government Street itself, the measures that have been taken so far have been luke-warm at best. Why can Canada not seem to learn how to do pedestrian public spaces well? Government St has looked like a blocks-long construction zone, with concrete and cheap wood barriers, and not 100% car-free (guess what? with the possibility of a vehicle coming up behind me I'm not going to walk straight down the paved roadway no matter how many 'pedestrian priority' signs you put up), so I end up walking on the sidewalk anyway....like before. I would be wary what Government Street would be like if permanently pedestrianized. I think that it would become a place to 'hang out' for the street people, much like Centennial Square became. And of course, they couldn't be 'moved along' because it would infringe on their 'rights'. Better, therefore, to keep the trucks and cars rolling. (Sadly, no mention of the populace's right to walk the same street without feeling threatened.) Amsterdam, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Barcelona, London, Vienna, Melbourne, Brisbane.....and

multitudes of small and medium towns, have 'figured it out'. And guess what....those beacons of oppression (Scandi-countries included; left-leaning progressive countries....) don't have any drug-addicted, mentally ill people lounging around threatening the public and shoplifting from local shops with IMPUNITY ('survival crimes', what a joke). Perhaps best to keep your hands off changing anything more to do with Victoria, as you have demonstrated that you cannot be trusted to manage the City or any its public spaces.

Two things: 1) There is no good reason to have motor vehicles on Government Street, and many good reasons to not have motor vehicles on Government Street. Please make Government Street pedestrian-only. 2) I like being able to dine at restaurants' outdoor patios, but those restaurants that are using public space - sidewalks and roads - should have to pay rent.

Government street is always in the shade and is a cold wind tunnel it is not a warm and sunny place at anytime of the year. Douglas Street has way more sun, is wider to accommodate out door patios and is less of a wind tunnel

Please make changes to Government Street that serve the local community first, then businesses, then tourists. Place making around community members' needs, wants, and wishes for safety, comfort, accessibility, enjoyment, and community enrichment will only enhance the impact and benefits for all users. Also, please think about environment impacts and local indigenous needs and wants when

planning and executing plans, as well as in terms of change aesthetics, content, functioning, and materials used. Thinking about the dynamic and memorable urban places I've visited around the world, they are often they are the ones that radiate and showcase the uniqueness of the community and local culture, feel welcoming and inclusive, have a verge no matter what the weather or time of day, and invite unexpected and special moments, learning, dining, shopping and entertainment. Feeling so lucky to have world class hometown...thank you!

It would be nice to see it closed to vehicle traffic in the summer and limited to one lane in the winter (or closed completely).

I use a mobility scooter & the curbs on Govt. St. cause a spine cracking thump if you try to go down (as well as damaging my scooter); having to go to the end of the block to cross the street and then go back to me my friends when they can just step down causes a separation & an unwillingness to include me in activities.

Would love to see more pedestrian only sections, create more of a European promenade/plaza environment and culture.

I checked on the COV accessibility parking for people with disabilities - there is none on Gov't st between Pandora and Humboldt. This is why I no longer come to Gov't st. And if I do, I'd have to park and pay in a parkade which is far from Gov't st. Futile for a PWD.

I would like it to be accessible for people who can't walk very far/are on walkers, canes etc. This means

nearby parking has to be available!!  
And preferably, cars can drop people off

I don't understand why we need cars on Government (apart from obviously deliveries early morning/late at night. Banning cars would pretty much fix everything organically.

I visualize a lively car-free urban area with year round greenery, food, art, exhibits of indigenous art, serving as a magnet for locals and visitors alike.

None

I LOVE in the summer when it's closed for cars and pedestrians can linger in the street, visit friends, patio hop, and shop all day. In the winter it is less inviting and lacklustre in the ability to gather with friends and enjoy a walk. Downtown lacks spaces where people can get food or drink and gather if the weather is inclement - this became especially hard during Covid.

Beauty. Stores carrying quality local products, not t-shirts and cheap souvenirs, and convenience stores.

I would like to see more permanent outdoor patios and indigenous plants/green spaces.

affordable parking for those that have no choice but to work downtown. We eat/shop/park/visit for events and contribute a lot of \$ to downtown, which was noticeably absent when people started working from home. Not everyone is able to bus to work for physical or locational reasons and bus scheduling. Keep that in mind. Also the lights from the side streets like Broughton and Fort only allow for one car to get through

onto Douglas during busy times, which makes for frustrated and angry drivers. Plus Pandora has now become one of the longest useless lights and not timed with the rest of the Gov't /Douglas lights making for a lot of backed up traffic. Downtown is for EVERYONE, seniors, disabled, those that need a car to work/shop/dine. So make it friendly for all, not just cyclists, and bus riders.

Close off more of government street to vehicle traffic.

By closing Government to traffic you back up traffic trying to navigate through the city. You have scaled down parking. I would like to see W.J. Wilson back and keep businesses other than junk trinkets. There will be no tax payers left in the city to support it.

More year-round patio infrastructure to longer and enjoy government St

I'd like to see more police downtown 'walking a beat' to support retailers, shoppers and people who live downtown feel safer on their streets.

Gov st has so much potential - I would love to see it modelled after European cities; shut down to traffic, with patios and life spilling into the streets. That would make for such a vibrant downtown. We need to make this city a cultural mecca.

At the moment, as a long-term resident of Victoria, I don't feel like Government Street is a place for me. It's filled with tourist shops and empty storefronts, slow-moving groups of tourists, and nowhere to stop or meet people. I've always felt like Government Street is a place for

tourists and transactional visits, not for locals. For years, I worked downtown and lived in James Bay and would actively avoid Government Street as a route to and from work because it was so crowded, slow moving, and frustrating to navigate. I'd love to see the street transition to become a place that both locals and tourists alike can visit. Making Government Street less of a walkway and more of an experience would really help with that.

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The only viable time to make Government Street a downtown pedestrian only area is in the summer. In other seasons it will appear barren. It has a role as a viable option for vehicle and cycling traffic all year round in order to support downtown visitors. This is what will help make sustainable local businesses and will provide urban services for those who live downtown and in the nearby areas.

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I don't go down town because of crime and poor traffic flow and parking is to expensive. I go to malls.

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Make it car-free 24/7.

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Love this initiative to make Government Street a SAFE people place for all ages and to create a vibrant all-season outdoor hub. Uptown Boulevard has some good examples during Covid including street furniture and seasonal planters and human scale lighting. Let's try to attract suburbanites and people with money to spend to support downtown business.

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Make sure to involve businesses on gov street. Perhaps a way to have short term pickup parking but not a



fully through street? Thinking of elderly folks picking up books at Munros etc.

I would like to see Government st to be like Granville st in Vancouver with only bus or parade access for part of it and i would like to see a portion blocked off as a pedestrian only open market with a stage for performers. Like city hall park used to have when i was young.

Nope, I know whatever is come up with.. it will beautiful and will benefit the community and everyone down there. ^^ I can't wait to see it in person when I move back to Victoria/back the island later in life

I'd like to see more shops that are not strictly tourist traps - more interesting, individual, unique.

At the moment, I do find it kind of junky when I'm walking down government. There are people selling dope on street corners, city workers teasing the crows during breeding season and a lot of empty store fronts. So, if rents were lower I think you would have a more diverse variety of shops. I do like walking down that road and listening to the buskers. I wish there were more spaces for sitting so I could read a book and relax. Thanks for making a difference.

Less motorized vehicles and bikes between Yates and Humboldt

Government Street is dark, gloomy and dirty right now. It is a dark tunnel between tall buildings. It is not a welcoming space for people to linger unless everywhere else is worse (as it is now). It needs light and greenery and a sense of space. The ideal

"people space" is a piazza or city square. It will be challenging but Government Street needs an urban redesign to become a space that people can enjoy and want to spend time in. If you can only afford a half hearted attempt (a few planters and benches) then you may as well leave it as a traffic corridor, which it is now.

No need for vehicle traffic other than commercial during specific times. Make a pedestrian centric street.

Blocking traffic and increasing patio space has been one of the few positives to come out of the pandemic for downtown. I hope we keep that and continue to make downtown more pedestrian friendly.

Support pedestrian mall (no cars) between Fort Street and Yates Street.

less cars

No more cars or even bike lanes. Make this Street a pedestrian haven. Find a way to encourage more diversity in retail, instead of identical tourist shops

I would love to see the street pedestrian only (except for delivery vehicles and cross street intersections). Like Sparks Street in Ottawa. The current state is a big improvement but a little confusing who has right of way where. Cobblestones, public art and a water feature accessible to kids to splash would make it perfect!

Pedestrian only

More diverse shopping for locals and visitors...less t-shirt stores etc

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I strongly believe this street should be a pedestrian mall like many in Europe all year long.

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A fun and inclusive destination for Victorians of different ages! Changing throughout the day (kids stuff in the daytime, dining in the evening). Something like pearl st mall in Boulder but more diverse and urbane. A showcase of culture and history for locals and visitors with inclusion of Indigenous heritage and economic opportunity. Music and the like. For visitors, a draw because locals love it, not a place to buy kitsch.

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Keep the outdoor seating areas. There's more reason to go down there and it's more of a people friendly feel to it.

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Step on /off Mixed walking Electric replica Cable car or Trolley only, similar to San Francisco or original Victoria early 1900 traveling straight along Government to the inner harbour to Dallas rd with Return trips. Tourist driver

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I think a pedestrian only street will be fantastic

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- Zero tolerance for loitering and panhandling - entice quality unique specialty shops (non touristy looking)
- emphasis on heritage, arts and culture

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There is a crying need for accuracy when describing the "age" of the current configuration. Perhaps it is approaching 50 years, but I clearly recall being able to drive DOWN Govt St and park outside Spencers Stores, where a school chum was working after we graduated. Also, my

first-ever MVA was in the southbound lane of Govt at Fort when the police car in front of me did not proceed on the green light. It's probably still on records somewhere at VCP. I was 18, so it had to be after October 1972. Again, less than 50 years ago. More seriously- Govt St needs to remain open to vehicles, at least partially. There are simply not enough ways out of James Bay to support the ever-growing population. Should the worst happen (Tsunami or other) how would they be able to retreat up town? Vancouver is done, Cook is already greatly reduced, leaving only Douglas, Blanshard and perhaps Quadra as ways out of the Precinct area.

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Replanting dying plants with native species where possible. More greenery! Integrating renewable energy options for lightening and other energy needs. Cycling infrastructure integrated.

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Pedestrian priority- no cars at all would be ideal, save perhaps for some kind of exception for deliveries etc. More lights, more markets, more community !

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LOTS of trees and greenery. A public fountain

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I want to see more car free time. I'd like to see music festivals where you can leave the pub with your drink and enjoy live music on the closed roadway. I'd also like to see more public washrooms.

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I think it's pretty terrific as it is, the biggest improvement would be to remove the through traffic and give more peace to people walking, shopping, and relaxing.

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Please eliminate all motor vehicles at all times.

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I would like to look at Government St being completely closed to vehicles including intersections from Humboldt to Johnson but not including those two intersections. I would also like it closed to bicycle traffic as a lot of bike riders don't watch out for pedestrians at all. (See Galloping Goose)

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Not have any people begging along the sidewalks- homelessness is an issue, but the safety of the area should be a top priority

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I honestly see no reason that cars should be able to cruise up Government street. It's a busy pedestrian thoroughfare and people don't drive on Government to go anywhere in particular. Access for bicycles as well as pedestrians is important. A government street market (farmer / artisan) would be amazing, and of course more events would be great as well. Thank you for all you do!

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I usually don't even go to the bottom of government street because it is too touristy and chaotic. And it being the connection point to the inner harbour, it means I don't really spend any time down there either. It doesn't feel like it's for the locals.

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The slower pace (and less traffic noise), the heritage, and the 'happening place' vibe make the street.

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I would really love to see Government st become car free at least Humboldt to Pandora I would love for it to remain cyclist accessible It would be cool to have some

recognition of how big China town used to be Please just allow for space for people who need to utilize the space to actively transport themselves through the space. If there is lots of places to lounge and hang around, please make sure that these spaces still allow movement and active transport through them I love all of the local businesses being able to have street patios. This is the best and should be continued. I love having a pint on the patios

I would love to see more prominent signage about lekwungen peoples, culture, and history- for example that their reserve used to be across the inner harbour at songhees point

I love the quiet and how welcoming it is now. Please extend the car-free zone!

Children's play area with fountains, art installations and interactive history installations. More of a police presence on bicycles or horses would be great as there are some very scary street people who need an incentive to stop screaming and threatening people.

Removing vehicles has been a good thing. It would be nice to keep biking option here but I could see that being a challenge if there are a lot of pedestrians.

No vehicle access, except early morning to supply businesses

I would love to see Government Street become Victoria's Ramblas, from the causeway to Chinatown. It is halfway there and transforming the street into a pedestrian promenade with street kiosks, restaurant and bar terraces, art and performance

building face to building face at least from 10 AM to Midnight during the summer months and the Christmas season and on weekends the rest of the year, would pull the energy from the causeway all the way along the street. Beautiful paving, street furniture and permanent patio/terrace structures would greatly enhance the pedestrian experience and become an attraction in itself. With any luck, Victoria could have a street with the energy of Rue St. Jean in Quebec City, a dynamic pedestrian street in the heart of the old city of Quebec.

More trees.....

I would like to see access for bi-directional slow cycling, clear but minimal signage, and 24/7 ban on cars. There is no reason deliveries MUST happen immediately in front of a business, especially with so many adjacent side streets. The current timed closure means an entire lane still remains empty without furniture/activation from 12-10pm and few people use this lane as they are conditioned to still see it as a place for cars. I also appreciate that the new Government Street is more aesthetically pleasing than it was last year. However, I still feel like the greenery in the black planters is a bit lame. Some larger shrubbery would really add to this space.

Parking close by. Maintain heritage buildings. Make retaining heritage buildings a viable choice for businesses. The downtown is currently being destroyed with out of control development.

Add more benches on the street beyond Yates. There are great shops

all the way down but my mother has mobility issues and she has to rest along the block. There are lots of places to rest between Humboldt and Yates - and then \*nothing\*. It's great to focus on those key blocks but let's not forget about the rest of it

Less traffic

I'm very excited to see new public art and pedestrian space on Government Street. I would also love to see a cycling connection between Humboldt and Pandora. A bi-directional cycling path, with lots of signage to yield to pedestrians, would provide safe access to the heart of Victoria for cyclists of all ages, especially where Government Street may continue to have regular vehicle traffic.

Replicate European car-less streets. Madrid, Barcelona, Amsterdam.

More police presence on Government Street and all over downtown Victoria. I avoid going there due to homeless, violence reports, drug addicts.

I thought there was already a plan in place. Wasn't a mock up vision board already shared? It was great, so please take ideas from that!! More ideas: take away sidewalk/curb to make surface all one level for strolling. Use interesting pavers to offer sense of continuity when needed, with a change of material to delineate another use, ie play area, performance zone, etc... Make comfortable and aesthetically pleasing street furniture available like along Dallas Road. Just get on with project!!! It is sorely needed!!!



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Re-creating Government Street between Humboldt and Pandora as a pedestrian and tourist friendly mall, without vehicles, is a transformative project that is about 30 years overdue. It will extend the fun & interesting Inner Harbour vibe directly into the heart of the city. It is the perfect vehicle to re-acquaint not only tourists to the charms of Victoria , but most importantly, to all of our own citizens.

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Buskers that change No fixed buskers as musicians in front of Munroes never change and be nice to share opportunity Say a one month moving music venture so artists can share their skills and workers hear a change in venue too

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I would like to see more non-restaurant places to sit and people-watch. I am attracted to the people more than just commerce. I also would like not to have to feel like I have to dodge the car traffic and some cyclist traffic too.

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Better traffic flow meaning less pedicabs, tour buses, and horse drawn carts (which should be phased out anyways). If you restrict the flow of traffic and available parking on the street you AREN'T helping businesses recover, you are actively disincentivizing the public from being able to access them.

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I prefer natural surroundings and do not care for crowds, artificial festivals and entertainment, so it's mainly the shopping that brings me to Government Street.

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I've really been enjoying the changes on government street! The seating, the closed road on the weekend, the patios...it's great. While I know tourism is important for our economy,

I've enjoyed having government street for ourselves!

more patios and outdoor space; no cars; pedestrian district that is still accessible via handicap parking in nearby parkades and side streets.

No obvious sidewalk. Make the whole right of way pedestrian-friendly. Like a long plaza with lots of greenery, public art and heritage.

severely limit, or remove cars at peak times, but keep the bustle and flow of a street that isn't completely impeded by furniture or stuff in the middle - so people can walk/ride. Kensington market (TO), pedestrian zones in Europe a great; Sparks st. in Ottawa is awful.

No more cars between Yates and Humbolt!

It should be a year round pedestrian street.

I value car free lively places where citizens can mingle, stroll, interact, enjoy art, performances, shops, etc. Like the old city centers in many European cities that are closed to traffic. I want to be able to stop and have some food and a beer on one of many patios - meet friends, people watch, enjoy the sun. It should be the best place in the city. Market square has some of that vibe now

I think making pedestrian-only in the summer with street festivals, etc (like Rue Saint Catherine in Montreal or Bank Street in Ottawa) would be great. I do work on Government in an office space though and the sound travels due to the old buildings. I want a vibrant street, but also balancing the noise pollution.

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There was this development or design company based out of Victoria that proposed an incredibly neat-looking rendering for how the government street main strip if you will, could be reimaged. It was fascinating and had lots of bright colours and canopies that help block sunlight or maybe wind. It was totally shut down to vehicle traffic but open to pedestrian access, bike, e-bikes, skateboarding, etc. I love this idea, and to expand on busking and outdoor events in the summer would be really cool. Obviously, while incorporating a great shopping and dining experience.

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I love the pedestrianization of Government st in the summer, eliminating vehicle traffic to me is the single biggest improvement that can be made. It allows for more activations on the street from patios to public art and performance. Great cities around the world have leaned into walkable streets that are a destination in and of themselves, Government can be that too.

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please please stop running cars through this space - plenty of ways to accommodate deliveries etc - just look at Europe

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public bathrooms (for family outings with little kids....)

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Get rid of the cars during daytime. There are plenty of other streets for cars. Create a pedestrian square with large areas where restaurants can set up dining, pubs can serve drinks. Set up public areas for children to linger and people to perform.

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Government St is just fine. Stop trying to turn it into a tourist attraction and make it work for people in this

city.

Closing down the street poses issues for small businesses needing access for delivery drivers. How will you support small businesses with this?

More inclusion of biophilic design features to enhance biodiversity. More space for crafters and makers including spaces that blend teaching, making and resale.

Beer garden/October fest events.

When tourists are here in full swing, the sidewalks are too narrow to walk comfortably, especially if they are walking in large groups. Keeping government street pedestrian-only will allow more space for locals and tourists to share the space together. I love walking down government street, but it's always been too busy with vehicles and tourists. PLEASE make it pedestrian-only. It would be awesome for events, in that case.

I would like to see fewer stores with the same touristy stuff in them. We need more diversity in what is being offered downtown.

Restore heritage buildings, do NOT ban cars, and get rid of the bike lanes and signals downtown, I've driven as far as Naniamo to avoid going downtown since Helps destroyed it.

My wife has MS and needs a walker/wheelchair to get around, Recent bicycle lanes and closures on Government though nice for others have made downtown in general and government street in specific far less accessible. 5 years ago, we traveled downtown regularly (more than twice a week), now 1 or twice per season

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Street vendors and food trucks would also be a welcome addition.

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More variety in businesses, less geared to tourists. Secure bicycle parking.

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I think Government Street should be set up as pedestrian only. There are bike lanes elsewhere to accommodate "rollers" who are essentially wheeled traffic.

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If it is to be truly accessible bikes need to be walked only in this area. Bikes cause a great risk to those of us with disabilities especially when they are celebrating a space without cars. If you are truly doing this no bikes allowed, they have a million other bike specific routes to use.

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If Victoria is going to put culture and heritage on display we need to include a lot more Indigenous history. I'd love to see more street food vendors allowed as well as night Markets for food, music, and art.

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Fewer tacky souvenir shops, no cars or buses, more secure bike parking

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If you want to attract locals the shops have to sell to locals. Lose the t shirt shops.

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It would be amazing if Government Street could become one of the great gathering and walking ("rambling") places of the world. For that it needs reasons to visit that go beyond tourist storefronts. Encourage food carts and trucks. Support musicians, buskers, and artists. Patios, patios, patios, but also comfortable places for people who don't have money to spend. Please include the Spirit (Centennial) Square in this vision - that space should be crowded the

seven or eight months of the year of great weather, but there's no reason to go or to stay. Storefronts alone do not make for a vibrant social area - but a vibrant social area will support the storefronts.

Keep vehicles out so that pedestrians can walk freely.

It just needs to be blocked off from Pandora to Humboldt from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. for commercial traffic only to restock.

I have always thought that Government should be closed to traffic and have a more European feel. Even in the fall/winter/spring there could be outdoor seating and people watching.

Focus less on activities for tourists and more on people who live here

I've lived in Europe for many years and the best cities have stopped all vehicle traffic in main areas of downtown. They have created large open squares and spaces as well as pedestrian only streets. For example in Brussels, Vienna and Venice. These spaces attract locals and tourists and create a sense of vibrancy. Many also have set 'walks' that you can pick up a guide from the tourist booth that lead you to heritage sites, popular eat/drink establishments and shopping areas. Victoria is very well suited to such a strategy as there are many such locations and opportunities in a close radius. I strongly support closing Government and other streets to all vehicle traffic. There will be strong resistance likely from commuters and the inertia of the status quo but the eventual result will be well worth the

fight ahead.

With all the high density building going on, traffic is going to get worse. We need this street to help move traffic along.

Would love to see replication of European models of walkable cities

I appreciate that it is currently limited to cars. I like being able to walk along it and seeing new patios pop up is great.

We need a bylaw which prohibits excessive tacky t-shirt shops and multiple store ownership selling the same merchandise.

I would prefer only pedestrian access to the main part of Govt. st. This would allow patios to spread out across the road, making it less crowded. Less crowded makes it more enjoyable. Good and varied seating is also useful.

Permanent patios and street performances

I can't believe you didn't just ask if we want to close it to cars. Do it.. you know you want to

More trees and flowers to enhance the pedestrian mall that is proposed. Also, if this is going to be a long-term project please ensure that it's "done right". No ugly concrete barriers /planters, no "homemade" restaurant patios, no "cheap and nasty" modifications to this historic and, potentially, beautiful street.

Keep expanding the limited traffic lanes and amenities along Government and use this model to ban or restrict vehicle traffic on other streets and transform them into safe,

attractive and green public spaces  
for pedestrians and rollers to gather  
and relax,

Turn it completely into a pedestrian  
street like they have in downtown  
areas all over Europe, for cafes, bars  
shops and art & culture. Keep the  
cars out!

Pedestrian only

Allow delivery and service trucks but  
no cars. Help quiet the street with  
vegetation and trees to encourage  
people to linger and talk to each  
other without needing to shout.  
Create attractions for all age groups,  
from children to elderly — Don't  
focus only on patios and shopping or  
else it will become a "party" street  
frequented by young people and  
tourists only. Make Government an  
attractive destination for all residents.

Open businesses that are accessible

Very excited for this change!

I would love to see it be pedestrian  
only (and bikes in specific areas).  
Have more greenery (trees, flowers).  
And encourage more outdoor dining.

- No motorized vehicles

I value the street musicians and  
performers, and proximity to the  
outdoor patios. The pandemic made  
us be more creative about using the  
outside spaces in winter. I would like  
to see activity all year round.

I value a vibrant retail core. If there  
are only tourist shops then myself



and many others will not come downtown. We need to offer incentives to attract anchor tenants to downtown Victoria and in particular Government Street. The bigger name stores help to prop up the smaller local businesses all of which keeps our downtown alive and thriving. If the Government Street stores continue to become vacant, no amount of play structures or art will keep the public coming because many vacancies draws crime and other issues.....If you look to other cities and their efforts to pedestrianise their streets- cutting off cars, building up interest through art and family activities- it failed. The streets became ghost towns with vagrants and drug users. (Granville Street in Vancouver, 8th Street Outdoor Mall in Calgary, Sparks Street in Ottawa) We must have the backbone of the retail stores first if we want Government Street to survive. The city could market to the anchors using leasehold improvement incentives to draw them to the street. Go after and land the key Store names that bring traffic. Thanks for listening!

Make it a people place. That will serve wellness and the economy.

More people, no cars

Victoria seems to be more vibrant with pedestrian street and outdoor patios. Keep it going. We don't need cars on that street. Ever again. Just do it.

I used to value the beauty of government street but as of the last few years it has become dirty , smelly and a general feeling of hold

in to your purse you might get mugged. I would love to see it return to it former glory but with no cars , loads of walking space and seating for restaurants. Give it the feel of a European city. Somewhere you love to spend time

Government Street needs to look like a walkway, not like a street . No parking, no driving through it except delivery trucks before 10am. Lots of seating, restaurant and pub patios, stores and open-air events

Set standards for outdoor patio construction -

Love taking tourists to shop on Government Street; hope all those small businesses can continue to thrive there.

Police officers walking the beat.

if the street is too focused on tourism there is less of a draw for locals. I dont shop on govt because most stores are either very expensive or frivolous. bars and restaurants and places to hang out are for everyone.

I think delivery trucks should still have access to the street during set hours perhaps until 10am each morning.

I recently had an accident that forced me to use a wheelchair then a walker. Some street to sidewalk access was very difficult and some slopes store to street were super challenging. Take a look and try to fix these, maybe using volunteers in manual wheelchairs to help determine where some modifications are necessary

In the pandemic, the new patio

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spaces have been a huge success and could remain a huge success afterwards. When certain areas are closed to vehicle traffic, more pedestrians enjoy the space. I think that the municipality should extend the area that is closed to vehicle traffic. I also think that the municipality should extend the period that government street is closed to vehicle traffic for more than just the summer.

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The tour busses for the hopeful return of cruise ships need access. With the construction at customs house, Government St is very tacky and concerning and loud. We need more high end shops and less tourist shops as they come off as cheap.

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Cars, there is no reason to limit them, the street and sidewalks are big enough for both. Travelling in and out of James bay is becoming a real challenge with all of the street closures and/or one way streets.

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LOVING the new outdoor seating. If we don't keep that during the summer I would be so very sad. Gives a great option for tourists and locals, and lots of great business for the restaurants in the area.

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I think vehicle traffic should be phased out - right now it seems like a pedestrian street to pedestrians so they're not that aware of cars coming. I think this is unsafe.

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Having a Permanent no car zone would make Victoria on par with other livable and tourist friendly cities.

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Many more trees!

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Please I hope you reach out to the

██████████ organizers who produce Wicked Victoria (7 yrs); The largest night time parade in Canada the Santa Claus parade (39 yrs) and the St Patrick's Day festival (3 yrs). They should be included in your discussions as they have produced and developed events that engage tens of thousands of people, community and businesses.

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I really appreciate the accessibility to both walking and cycling as well as a variety of shops and services not only designed for the tourist dollar. It's important to keep in mind the resident of victoria and their needs and not to design it simply for the tourist dollar. I really like the expansion of outdoor patios which helps keep the are pedestrian friendly.

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I think having police walking up and down government street and interacting with the general public would make people feel at ease. There are to many homeless and drug addicts taking over downtown.

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Make government street pedestrian only! It is such a silly and unsafe street to have vehicle traffic on as tourists don't use cross walks anyways, and the street is so narrow. I would visit 10x as often if I didn't have to fight cars on the street there!

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I would like to see electronic RETRACTABLE car barriers set up on the side streets at the Government Street intersection so that from 9 am to 6 pm Government Street is only for pedestrians and cyclists. Businesses can set up on the side walks and food trucks can go down the middle of the road if needed. If you are going to rip up the road to fix the sewer, you can make

the barriers RETRACTABLE. I would also like to see the street parking next to these barriers between 9 am to 6 pm to have one or two handicap spots at each intersection. This will allow businesses to get their goods shipped and free flow of traffic during non peak hours of pedestrians This could be done daily or from May-September . With diverting more traffic from this proposal, I would like to see Rockland Street reopened between Quadra and Vancouver to help with the flow of cars. Between closing roads, one way streets, bike lanes, paid parking on Sundays, it is getting less and less attractive to go downtown so I have stopped going unless I absolutely have to. I know that I am not the only one as many small businesses have felt the impact of Greater Victoria residents getting their services outside of downtown. I have found other businesses that have free parking lots and easy drives in other municipalities and I would rather go there then come downtown. Which is a shame because I used to love to shop in all the small local businesses and bring my guests there.

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A high standard for the aesthetic of elements/buildings introduced

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Have pedestrian zone all year round and have outdoor patios all summer!! There is no need to have car traffic on Govt St, except for folks with disabilities.

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1. Recent efforts to reduce traffic have improved Government Street but even more restrictions would be welcome (e.g. reduce speed limit and enforce "unnecessary noise" section of noise bylaw). 2. Street performers are nice but they should be vetted for

talent and their volume should be controlled (e.g. no amplifiers). 3. Enhance amenities and services for the homeless so they can be more a part of the community.

It is an important corridor to cross Victoria by car. Both Douglas and Blanshard are already clogged. We need to keep this corridor open to car traffic. My workplace is behind the Royal BC Museum and on my lunch hour when I need to get to a store or access professional services, and I need to be able to get there and back within that time. Walking takes too long (I'm a short person, not a lot of length to my stride).

Pedestrian only

I would like to see Government Street completely blocked at least between Fort and View but preferably more. I lived in Europe for many years where the central core of many towns and cities is completely pedestrianized. The only traffic is for deliveries to business which was always restricted to the early morning. They have managed to make this work for many years. It is a model we can easily replicate in Victoria.

Government Street should be pedestrian only with more public bathrooms. See Toronto's King Street initiative for a good example.

I wholeheartedly support a vision of a car-free government street!

Encourage cycling access

About accessibility question, not sure if that meant just if you have a

disability there was no not applicable answer to choose. Affordable, local stores and restaurants. Late night coffee shop!! Safe, clean and normal public toilets for all. There's not enough public toilets around.

Government Street is so white colonial patriarchal. Can we **\*\*meaningfully\*\*** and carefully consider the Indigenous history and current context of the area?

I appreciate the brick sidewalks and the greenery. I would be in favour of maintaining or increasing the greenery because it helps make the area less hot in the summer (and therefore more inviting).

Yes Government Should be Turned into a Promenade from The Visitor Centre to Chinatown. The Road Surface could Change to the Same Surface as the Sidewalk. This Will Completely Revitalize Government St. All The Best Shops & Restaurants & Hotels Will want to be on Government St. A New Hotel at The Corner of Government & Pandora. ?? This will Greatly increase Tourism in Victoria.

I think Government Street has the potential to be a core attraction of downtown if it is made pedestrian only. I appreciate the current system where it is open to vehicles during specific times to allow for deliveries, etc. and then pedestrian only for the remainder of the day/evening (please block off the street better). I would prefer that it remain pedestrian only all year. There are great opportunities to bring in people during the winter especially for winter/Christmas shopping or for an outdoor holiday market. As a driver and cyclist, I generally avoid Government Street

now and usually go around either on Douglas or Wharf. The closed street and increased patio space has transformed this area to a welcoming civic space. I hope that the City will make this a permanent feature. Many people have been waiting a long time for the opportunity to have a European-like strolling atmosphere here in beautiful Victoria. Thank you!

The images in the survey take too long to load and provide no value

Pedestrian only area with shops and restaurants like the piazzas of Europe. No cyclists allowed

Fewer cars, period. Sort of related: turn the remaining car-dedicated road space on Warf into a hop on/off trolley line that runs back & forth from chinatown to the ferry.

A greater diversity of shops. Reduce the number of repetitive souvenir shops in favour of a greater array of types of shops that appeal to both locals and experienced travellers who are looking for things and experiences that are not already available everywhere else in BC. Build on the great local quality that distinguishes downtown Victoria with newer local enterprises of equal quality and potential.

Unique street vendors not competing with brick and mortar shops.

Go full time pedestrian/walking mall on Government street. It's tourist friendly, and allows businesses to create more outdoor patio space (including covered space for Fall). If there were a way to include cycling in the plans, I wouldn't be opposed, but I'm also happy to use Wharf, Fort, and Humboldt to get where I



need.

I love when government is closed to traffic. Busking and live music creates a positive, lively experience. I'd like to see more art and comfortable patios or places to sit and linger with a cup of coffee.

You mention something about trees in the introduction. I have been on Gov St in the evening when a chorus of birds are twittering in them. I also love their shape and their twinkling lights. They are one of the things that make Gov St what it is. They also make it feel like Christmas when they are lit up for the season. They are the most valuable asset on Gov St. Keep them, please. Plant more where you can.

I would like to see Gov St closed off to cars and made exclusively pedestrian friendly with outdoor seating for cafes, pubs and restaurants, similarly to a European experience. I feel both locals and tourists of all age groups will embrace the experience to enjoy a walking, gawking, shopping, eating experience without having to breathe in the exhaust, and talk over the noise created by cars.

More places for street art would be nice. For example areas for kids to do chalk drawings or artists to set up temporary exhibits. Also, more walk space in at the south end of the streets because the cruise ship passengers crowd the sidewalks and make walking difficult.

Closed to vehicles from 11 am to 11 pm.

Pedestrian only street, with very limited access by vehicles

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I would like to see the panhandlers gone. It would be great to extend the patios have more of a European feel. No cars and pedestrians only. Bring shopping back downtown!

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I enjoy looking at the heritage buildings on Government St. from Humbolt all the way to China Town. I hope they are preserved and maintained if not by the owners then by the city as heritage buildings. There are a few homely building along Government that could use dressing up in some way. (Perhaps historical murals of the area, especially First Nations). Government St. should maintain its heritage ambiance to attract locals. Some patios look good, some don't, some look temporary. Maybe more flowers and benches for people watching. I am a Victoria born young senior so I prefer jazz music and not loud abrasive music as heard in some areas in town. I may be wrong but when people are strolling, eating, shopping with family and people-watching I presume they enjoy calming music that adds to the ambiance and culture of the area. A few more benches could be added although I understand there's not lots of space and the intention is not to create a theatre on Government St. It's wonderful to hear good music when strolling along but not absolutely necessary. A solo, duo or trio may be enough in one day. Could Hermann's Jazz club provide musicians and be involved with Government St. as a way of promoting their club and musicians? Also, highschoools with music programs and the Victoria Conservatory of Music have musicians. I believe musicians should be paid by the city. Donations

from the public are extra. The pre-covid weekly summer market on Government St. (next to China Town) had items not locally made. I would choose to see and purchase more locally made curated items for consumers that reflect art, culture, organic (or green, conscious, ethic) island made items that also reflect the diversity, ingenuity and creativity of local manufacturing and artisans using ethically sourced materials that don't impact the environment and do not end up as land-fill. The market in Bastion Square although local hand-made items it's more tourist oriented and not as much for local buyers. Basically there was no reason for me to re-visit the Bastion Market to shop. (not just my opinion as my family talk often about downtown). Aside from the curated market items I would appreciate a flourishing changing market with local bread, organics, items that we need to go back for...maybe culinary delights. I guess that's a tough one, but it may bring move locals into town if it was done right. Do we really need more tourist items? Unless they are culturally appropriate as in First Nations jewellery and art which I also support when I can. There are many shops who make beautiful locally made products. I wonder if they could have a co-op booth to showcase their products? Victoria is a beautiful city and more walking and biking has been encouraged which is great; we also need to make our main streets part of the plan to encourage people to walk up to shop especially Fort St (which is loosing it's shine to development and empty spaces) and hopefully someday Pandora and Douglas St. can also be cleaned up and beautified. Good Luck and

Thank you.

Art galleries and culture-related storefronts; pedestrianized and closed to vehicle traffic between 9am and 12am.

I support the no cars initiative

Value? Less souvenir shops and more unique retail outlets.

We need to make sure the cruise buses can drop off passengers in the heart of Government street 800-1000 block. Need to improve feeling of safety with less homeless especially those traveling with grocery shopping carts full of belongings

Promotion of more restaurants on the street. The outdoor dining experience will be the anchor that brings people to the area.

I'm a driver and am fully on board with making Government Street pedestrian only.

Improvements that would make it a safer place to go and enjoy.

I would love to be able to pass through by bike, but failing that, clarity on whether bikes are allowed would be appreciated.

I would love if that section was closed to cars completely. When only partially closed it can be confusing with cars trying to drive into you. Also if there was less homelessness in general it would be cleaner and safer.

It would be wonderful to have no cars on Gov't Street (as many other cities boast, esp. in the Netherlands) although bicycles would be alright.

Add more colour with awnings, umbrellas, window displays and outdoor art installations. Allow busker musicians to play although no more than one per block so not too noisy.

Makes me enjoy going downtown.

Public safety on all streets, not just Government Street. Go check out Pandora Street.....another Vancouver downtown eastside in the making. Handing out free housing, free food, free camping in publicly funded parks by monies provided by contributing members of society (AKA taxpayers) does not make for a pleasant city. Certainly all the 'talking heads' from the government, local and provincial as well as social service and mental health and policing can come up with a better solution to these social issues. The taxpayers are fed up with all the freeloaders that are on the streets daily causing chaos.

When I look at plazas and shared spaces in European cities, I wish that our Gov't street was more like this. Right now, it's focused primarily on tourism and doesn't contain any amenities that I need as a downtown worker. When I look at our "best" street, I think of Johnson St. If Johnson St was all of Government St, without cars, a place to drink an espresso in the sun, this would be most ideal. Prioritizing walking traffic and less tourism-tacky shops would make sense to me.

I love the atmosphere on Government street and would like to see it stay car-free long-term. It's quieter and more welcoming for

everyone to enjoy, whether they are walking, shopping, eating, or people-watching.

I would like to have shops that are intended for both locals and tourists, which showcase locally designed and handcrafted goods - i.e., remove current souvenir shops. Replace souvenir shops with local artisan shops (check out MadeHere PDX) and establish an indoor market space. Include art installations and usable public seating. Expand and make patios a permanent fixture. No car traffic. Government St has huge potential to become a cultural heart of Victoria. As someone who lives on Government St I hope for art installations and green space that compliments the heritage buildings.

A pedestrian mall

Please make Government street from Humboldt Street to View Street Pedestrian ONLY

Keep the current ambiance and remove tacky patios if they don't live up to a basic standard and design.

I think the city should make use of the whole street (not just part) to allow more permanent expanded patios, beer gardens in the summer, food trucks. Live music, including maybe the possibility for bands to play ala the car free day stages etc. Public art would be really cool, and some sort of way to tie it all in. This will really be a defining feature of Victoria moving forward and an absolute gem. If there are ways to also tie in Bastion Square to this design that would be really cool.

I strongly support a permanent

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closing to vehicles to allow for a more beautiful space that could feature seating areas, performance areas, market stalls, food vendors, street performances and more. Temporary always looks temporary, stop with the traffic cones and sandwich boards, and move towards plantings and curved, welcoming pathways. This will increase tourist visits and locals alike. Think Berlin's plaza, people enjoying a beer, kids on bikes, music, a truly dynamic feature attraction for Victoria.

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I would like to see more shops that cater to locals and affordable instead of high end and geared to tourism. Less traffic. More green space and seating. No dropping off of tourists in busses from cruise ships. More food or food trucks.

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It is important to retain calm vehicle traffic as it is a main artery for tour buses, cruise ship shuttle buses and tourist vehicles to sight see and bring customers to the heart of Government St.

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I feel cars should not be on Government St... pedestrian only

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Generally I like Government. I don't think we need to take the road out, but in the end I don't care. The biggest drawback is that some of the people I have (rarely) encountered on government have been potentially dangerous - e.g. drugged out, loud, and belligerent. Some of the people with mental issues need actual help, not platitudes.

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It should be a pedestrian zone most of the time, with hydraulic bollards that raise and lower to allow delivery trucks in the morning. A designated cruiseship bus drop off area, bike

parking, pet friendly areas

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A welcoming, traffic free zone

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I would like to see no motor vehicles  
and a street for residents of the city,  
i.e., not geared towards tourists.

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It would be nice to have food trucks,  
activities, entertainment, street art,  
street performers...basically things to  
engage people and bring them to the  
street.

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Making Government Street traffic  
free in the downtown core would  
make it an attractive place to visit,  
eat, and bring friends.

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I find some of the tourist souvenir  
shops to be a bit off-putting. The  
goods they sell don't represent what  
is culturally strong about Victoria,  
and instead just feels like gross  
consumerism for unthinking visitors.  
As a local, an artist and an  
environmentalist, it makes that part  
of Government street feel like it's not  
meant for me -- nor is it somewhere I  
bring my own friends when they are  
visiting from out of town. Murchies,  
Munro's, and Silk Road, on the other  
hand, seem to be the type of  
businesses that delight and serve  
tourists AND locals equally! I love  
those places, and encourage more  
businesses like these that serve both  
demographics.

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Pre-pandemic, the tourist trade on  
the south end chases locals away.  
Many businesses have been  
unfriendly to local pedestrian usage.  
The focus needs to be on year-round  
attractiveness that truly welcomes  
local visitors (tourists will come too!)  
rather than giving noisy, smelly  
buses the priority in summer and



leaving it deserted in winter.

More car free areas

Changes made to downtown traffic flow both on government and wharf st mean that I often detour around the area. As a result, I shop and dine less in the area because it isn't top of mind.

I am very impressed by the efforts to make Government street pedestrian friendly. I don't believe cars need the use of that street at all.

I am loving the temporary pedestrian zone during the pandemic and would love to see it become a pedestrian space long term with places to sit and read or people watch, food carts, etc. When I visited Denver and walked around the 16th Street Mall, my immediate reaction was "I wish Government Street was more like this!"

Buskers and street entertainers need to be monitored and supported in a way that is safe and respectful for all

Keep up the good work :)

I love the street so much more during the pandemic, and would be so happy to see it evolve into a pedestrian-focused space with greater patio, store front, and bicycle access. It's such a beautiful space, and I don't miss driving through it at all.

Having a car free street for patios and pedestrians is critical to making downtown an urban and welcoming space

I love the lower rise heritage

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buildings that give the area a welcoming human-scale feeling and that is missing from too many downtowns these days.

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Please keep Government Street car free! I have loved this change!

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I fully support making it a pedestrian only zone or a walk/bike zone without cars.

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I like the noon to 10 PM with no cars. As a walker along Government Street throughout the day, I would like to see no bicycle/skateboarding etc. to make it more safe for pedestrians. Plus I would like to see this continue all year.

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I love the direction of where the city is taking Government Street. For too long, it has been a place of tacky tourist t-shirt shops and the like, catering to cruise ship tourists rather than a vibrant, localized, and permanent base of people. I intensely value the role that Government Street could bring in fostering a lively cultural scene filled with arts, culture, and festivities. Live music, especially, should be paramount, if I was designing this space. Indeed, I'd want it to feel like a neighbourhood space, as the Participatory Budgeting 2021 project defines it. I think the focus on foot traffic, patios spilling out onto sidewalks, and more interactive, cultural elements will help ensure that this space feels like everyone can meaningfully belong there. Make Government Street cool!

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Close the street after 6:00PM every day to enhance the experience. We still are a city that is getting bigger and traveling from James Bay for work from Esquimalt and View Royal

is already too busy on Wharf Street,  
No left hand turns on Douglas or  
Banchard to easily access the two  
bridges to Esquimalt. Improve the  
flow of traffic downtown and then  
think about closing Government  
street to vehicles. One will not work  
without the other.

Make it a pedestrian place. No cars,  
no bikes.

This survey is bogus. You do not  
address the mess that Government  
St. has become. The fact that that  
we are being accosted and verbally  
assaulted by people living on the  
street. You don't ask about the  
aesthetics - it looks HORRIBLE. The  
ad hoc, hap-hazard methods used to  
cordon off eating/sitting areas and  
block vehicle traffic are terrible both  
from a safety and appearance  
perspective. You do not ask about  
the fact that you are proposing to do  
all of this at a time when quite  
possibly the businesses who have  
suffered through the pandemic, may  
have a chance of bouncing back.  
Timing is everything. You can't plan  
major construction in the first year of  
pandemic recovery. More businesses  
will not make it through this second  
bleak summer without tourists and  
international boarders/cruise ships  
open and operating. Your vision is  
short sighted and messy. This city is  
a major destination for travel and  
now it looks terrible and is an unsafe  
place to be. Go back to the drawing  
board.

More variety in the type of stores...  
not all to attract tourists

I have felt for years, that government  
street should be a pedestrian zone. It  
is such a beautiful street and almost

any city in Europe has a pedestrian zone in the inner city. Even as an avid cyclist, I would have no problem pushing my bike for a few blocks. I like, what is happening this summer. Open to cars until noon and then closed. However, it should only be for cars with deliveries. There is no parking on the lower part of Government Street anyways and any shops can easily be accessed from the side streets.

Keep the bigger patios, such a great addition. Bring in more scheduled entertainment and buskers, bring back the seasonal lights on the trees.

A water feature, bylaw officers, patios, patios, patios. Less tacky stores.

Keep the trees! Do not remove the trees!

The pedestrianisation of Government St has made it a destination in and of itself, rather than a place to go to achieve something else (e.g. to go shop). The live music, people milling around and general vibe of the street was transformed for the better and I hope we're going to get to enjoy that for many years to come.

More local businesses and less cruise ship owned shitty gift shops

Keep it closed to cars. It feels much more expansive and welcoming without cars.

No cars, more patios. Some public use picnic tables not used by restaurants perhaps.

I appreciated it being closed to most traffic during the pandemic. I would like to see this approach expanded on. Let it be known as a walking

street first

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Take a good look at European pedestrian precincts. The best ones have a wise variety of elements that pedestrians find welcoming; seating, cafes, bars restaurants, patios, parks, play areas for kids, gardens, performance spaces and so on.

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Let's make auto access (necessary for business) a decidedly 2nd priority. Eg. Limited to emergencies, and deliveries in morning only.

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More fun popup stores and vendors to offer more diverse products and services there, community patrols or beat cops walking the area to make people feel safe and ensure that visitors get any assistance needed, when needed, more live music and better lighting to give people a sense of culture and community when they are there

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remove all vehicle traffic for downtown core

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an area with permanent, i e small concrete tables and benches for adults to play board games like chess

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No cars - perhaps a way for shops to deliver in the morning but beyond that there is no reason to have cars there. Downtown is not safe. Women can't feel safe there at night. this needs to be priority #1. There's a great opportunity to totally reimagine gov street - pedestrian only, beautiful permeant outdoor patios and places for music performances and kids activities. There's really nowhere to sit and stay dry when it's raining. we dont need shade because it's usually cool but some way to get out of the rain in a few spots would be good.

Lets do it, lets make it awesome.

I like the laid-back, European ambience with the patios and people being able to walk safely without worrying about cars.

Being liberal with liquor licensing to allow for beer garden type set ups like they have in Montreal and European cities. Consider extending liquor licenses to 3:00am and allowing for live music in the streets at night time.

No cars! More bike racks!

I would love if Government St. became entirely car-free. I guess there's a bus route that must go through, and emergency services of course have to get in, but cars are unnecessary. I would like this place to be as pedestrian/bicycle-friendly as possible. Raised continuous sidewalks across the smaller cross-streets would be fantastic. Perhaps pave the entire roadway in brick, like the sidewalks? I've been watching a lot of videos about Dutch infrastructure recently and I like them a lot. I think the trees that are already there are very important. I would be in favour of even more green stuff. And adding something for children to play on somewhere is probably a good idea. I'm not a parent, but I can't imagine most small children are that excited about a shopping street. I hope you have some Indigenous designers/planners/engineers/artists involved!

Would like to see lots of local, BC based businesses that showcase us rather than cheap tourist fodder. If it turns into cheap T-shirts and postcards it will deter me from

making it a destination

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If anti-social behaviour is permitted to transpire no one will want to come regardless of whether cars are banned.

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I would like to see a car free government street. It should be walkable and enjoyable for all. It should have space for markets, playgrounds for kids, bike parking and trees. Indigenous cultural heritage and settler heritage information can be included.

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Safety. Please fund mental health workers around Downtown

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Lincoln Road South Beach is what Government Street could be. It still has cross street access for vehicles so it's the best of both worlds. It is like an outdoor mall but more with cafes, kiosks, outdoor patios, great shops, etc

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No asphalt - pavers are more inviting.. Pedestrian only area. Will feel totally safe for everyone that way Celebrate the old beautiful buildings Allow permanent patios for nearby businesses

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Love that the city has supported increased patio and sidewalk dining. It has helped make Government St. feel like we are in a city in Europe. Now if only we could bring an increase of large scale, rotational public art installations we'd be laughing!

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No bike lanes

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I've really enjoyed the reduced traffic over the past months. I'd like to see it become pedestrian only from the Legislature to Yates - even if for a

portion of the year. Additionally, lets greatly increase the pedestrian space in front of the hotel and harbour - there is way too much room for vehicles and way too little for pedestrians.

Ban cars. Add more landscaping

more support to business development, 10x more parking around government st to help our business to claw back some of the ground from lost by the counter-business/enterprise (small and large) measures that are currently driving business/enterprise out of Victoria

Government street is best situated of any street downtown to become like a European pedestrian-only thoroughfare, the kind that make a city great to live in! Victoria City should definitely hold it in their interest to pursue expanding a car free space for Government street to make a better, and safer, social and economic environment downtown.

COMPLETE AND PERMANENT  
ABSENCE OF ROAD VEHICLES

Would like to see Government Street become pedestrian only.

Government street should be for Victorians. Tourists will benefit from a design that is inclusive, culturally aware, safe and supports citizens and business. It should be for pedestrians only from 10:00am to 12::00am. There should be no rollers of any kind except for emergency personnel or vehicles. No bikes, no roller blades, no cars....it should be a pedestrian mall .

- permanently pedestrianize it. leave



██████████ delivery time windows for the businesses - beer gardens, euro style. Think like the massive patios of Dutch neighborhoods - Get rid of these kitschy fudge shops

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██████████ Make Government Street the pedestrian heart of the city where people would congregate, play, eat and celebrate.

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██████████ I need 2 things to visit Govt St more often: 1. Shelter from the rain. I spend at least \$100 per month on Govt St and I simply do not go there when it rains. Many streets in Australia have overhangs or awnings to protect pedestrians from hot sun. If we had the same on Govt St I would visit more often and walk farther on each visit. 2. Parking, parking, parking. DO NOT get rid of existing parking garages. Tourism might not recover enough in the near future to save businesses that pay those insane rents on Govt St, so we must facilitate locals' desire and ability to visit. We can live with diminished on-street parking but if we can't find a parking garage nearby, it just gets too hard. If we can park a block or two away and then get to Govt St without getting soaked to the bone, we will come. Mayor Helps' and Council's creation of bike lanes and the attendant disruption was a hard pill to swallow but many of us realize it was a necessary step forward and change of focus. However, let us not pretend that old, fat folks like me who spend money will hop on a bike and pedal around there. We don't need more parking in the area but please, do not eliminate a single off-street parking space downtown!

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██████████ I would like to see it shut down to cars all year. I would like the rent to come down so that more new shops

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can open. I would like to see the removal of some of the tourist shops (they all sell the same things) and the inclusion of more niche and artisan stores. I would like a public market in the street. More seating and increased spread of outdoor patios.

Vehicle ban too short. Midnight to 10:00 AM would be adequate.

Make it car-free from Humboldt to Pandora. Allow delivery vehicles before 10AM (one-way, southbound traffic only)

I love the restrictions to vehicles. I believe Government Street should be closed to vehicles permanently. The pedestrian friendly zone makes the street very inviting and it thrives without vehicles. I feel a wonderful European vibe in the city now which is so exciting. I'd love to see more markets on Government Street. Bastion Square Market is great but it's limited. I think it would be amazing to have a Sunday market along Government Street throughout the warmer months and include local farmers along with local makers. More spots just to sit and enjoy a coffee or have a chat with friends would be amazing. I love the city chairs and benches to rest on. The expansion of patios has been fantastic and the street is so vibrant and exciting with the patios. keep them coming! I don't believe that people who own vehicles should be "owed" a space to drive or park their vehicle in the downtown core. I don't car owners don't agree with me on this but there is no such thing as a vibrant downtown core that is easy to park in. We have a fantastic public transit system and people need to

get over themselves and start using it!

Love that you have closed the street to traffic for some of the time. Dealing with noise from loud traffic ruins a lot about being downtown. Hoping this will improve with more electric vehicles. Thanks.

Please look to Government but City must also consider what is happening in the immediate areas - Broad, Yates, Douglas - this city looks terrible compared to what it used to. Suspect the unwelcome transient and homeless is driver of why it's so bad. Every province needs to manage their own and unless welfare is going to become provincially manage a much tougher stance by Victoria and British Columbia needs to take place. Stop welcoming all of Canada's vulnerable to our province and city - enough is enough.

Cars should be banned for the whole length of Government Street. It will give us back the small town feel of community that is missing.

Cleaner Street and Sidewalks!

I would like to see Government St. open to cars on the roadway and keep pedestrian traffic as it's always been, on the sidewalks. We need to support tourism now more than ever and closing the traffic to tour buses, delivery vehicles and cars is a huge mistake. Right now, the current set up is more dangerous than ever, as well it makes the tourist district of Victoria look so tacky & messy.

Permanently close it from Yates street to where it connects with

Wharf. Make that all walking, this would be way safer for people going to bars and clubs too.

Need a committed plan to make Government Street pedestrian year round as do many cities in Europe. For example Oxford in England has rising bollards either end of the main street. From 10 am to 6pm they prevent through traffic-except for emergency vehicles -from entering. Outside of this time the bollards go down and the delivery vehicles can access the street.

More nearby parking

I don't want to see the indigenous merchants disappear like some other long term tenants. Their experiences enrich our visits.

more shade, maybe with the seating having patio umbrellas installed in the public picnic tables that can be opened, or some shopping streets in Europe hang umbrellas as a art display across walkways (saw this in Bath in the UK as an example) that also adds some shade (could seasonally provide more rain coverage/have lights strung between). Long term it would be nice if there were more bigger trees, Government street feels like a heat island of a lot of pavement right now. Would also like to see it made more clear that you are allowed to bike on Government street if you are going at a reasonably slow speed and yielding to pedestrians (paint biking/walking symbols, in Europe some places paint pedestrians huge, bike symbol big and car symbol small to indicate it is a pedestrian priority space). Would also love to see more road

murals (so long as they don't become to slippery to walk or wheel on in the rain).

Remove traffic from it entirely. Make it a road that is about celebrations and tourism. It's a big ask, and I couldn't tell you how to do it, but I think it could go a long way.

Np. Because you would not listen, hear, or consider it important. You are not Victorians.

More security personnel, and guides for tourists.

Would like to see native plants and trees a priority, which are durable and don't need to be replaced every season or year

Government street sidewalks should remain bricks, to help keep the heritage atmosphere. The street furniture should also remain 'heritage' looking too, current designs would not be an ideal change. Incorporating more 'then and now' plaques or photos would be a benefit. As mentioned in the survey, generally speaking, downtown needs more areas for children and families. 24/7 public washrooms should be added to compliment the existing 2 facilities. Late night public washrooms are impossible to find in many areas of Government street, leaving a bad smell or sight the next morning.

As someone who lives in James Bay, I DO NOT want you closing it off to traffic. Already Wharf street is bumper to bumper and Vancouver street is now ruined. Those of us who live in James Bay need to get through the city to get to other places and it's a nightmare!

Leave it alone. Traffic in the

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downtown core has got unbearable with bidirectional bike lanes on one way streets. This Council is killing the downtown and they don't seem to care how much money it costs to do so

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I would like to see Government street as a place where locals go and not just geared to tourists. outdoor seating, buskers, places for kids. Variety in restaurants/non touristy retail

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I would like to see more local artists showcasing their work

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Live music - professional musicians paid to entertain (not busking/begging)

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The newly pedestrian only parts of the street are fantastic - many places in europe have retractable bollards on pedestrian only streets that can be raised and lowered as needed to allow or prohibit access to vehicles. Would be great if government st was made largely pedestrian only and these type of bollards were installed for safety.

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More restaurants and patios. Keep the street closed to pedestrians. Maybe even bring in food trucks!

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[REDACTED]

Government street is beautiful but in order to walk there I have to pass through the dirty and unkempt parts of Blanshard and Douglas. Because of this I never go, mostly in fear of being mugged or stabbed. I live in the Hudson District on Fisgard.

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fewer cars

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I love the old town feel of Government, and the new patios and exterior seating for strollers. I would

like to see more trees especially on the north side between Fort and Pandora, and more coffee shops too.  
-- The only thing I don't like is the panhandlers and seeing people sleeping in the alcoves of shops. I would like to see more of a police presence, walking the beat so to speak.

More bike parking. Water bottle fill stations.

Don't ever let cars on government street again thanks

I would love to see government street fully pedestrianized. It would allow more room for outdoor patios and walking/bikes. It would be nice to have seating for the public. Public facilities such as washrooms, and water fountains would help to make it a downtown hub. Something like a secure bike lock up could also help folks access the downtown district without cars. This would be great for families if it could accommodate e-bikes.

Get rid of all wheels on gov't street south of Yates! Detour cars and bikes to wharf street. Use the wide open road for innovative developments, structures, art, gathering areas, dining, retail.

More shade for sitting, better street signage like at Government and View

I would like to see an even more continuous string of businesses catering to people walking down the street. It is good now but could be better — coffee shops, bars, restaurants, retail outlets. Higher quality stores and fewer stores that are obviously catering to tourists.

The heritage quality of the old buildings is great and should be maintained and enhanced, but it would be delightful if there was more modern design on display. Consider more colourful, witty and modern street furniture. Take inspiration from Copenhagen rather than Stratford-upon-Avon.

Get rid of all the "Charity Beggars". Recently it has mostly been the people from CNIB. They annoy people and make me avoid Government Street when I see them there.

I would like it to be a prime destination for cycling trips.

I think the section between Wharf and Johnson should be closed all year round, however, could be open to delivery vehicles in the early morning and late evening (like in Europe) and emergency vehicles. There should be safe play areas for children, interactive street art (like pavement murals/maps, etc.)

please keep the rolling folk off the sidewalk section. walking and rolling don't go together. it needs to be viable for businesses so safety is necessary. we don't need any more businesses like wilson clothing shutting down.

I would love to see more murals and street art (sculptures, rotating/changing art installations, interactive pieces, etc.). I would also appreciate if local BIPOC artists were given priority.

Yes. The way the survey is designed, you will still no specific information about accessibility improvements required. You won't know how



respondents define accessibility and what they did. No mention of parking in the choices. I feel like this survey tried to force a square peg into limited round holes

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I like the idea of Government being pedestrian only. In the summer, it is congested with tourists and is frustrating to drive on anyway. I think it would benefit residents, businesses and visitors to close it to cars and create more patios and street stall opportunities for businesses.

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More vegetation, e.g. more trees, plants More access to public washrooms No bicycle riding, as they create a safety hazard to walkers (it's only a few blocks that would be reserved for pedestrians, wheelchairs, etc.)

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[REDACTED]

I'd love to see interactive elements designed in partnership with local indigenous groups that show what the area was traditionally used for. Perhaps built into the paving somehow - paths that share knowledge and wisdom, and create a sense of connection into the land?

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Excited about prospect of it remaining pedestrian focused.

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Make it pedestrian only.

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[REDACTED]

More First Nations art & cultural spaces.

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No cars or buses . Deliveries only early morning or after 12 midnight. Thank You for this opportunity to have a say.

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I value that it is open, love the variety of shops but they are being driven out because its not clean.

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I really enjoy the vibes of Government street in that it's so welcoming and accommodating to pedestrians and cyclists. So many great businesses around too! Loved seeing it closed to traffic last summer, it immediately made it safer and drew more people to hang out there. Would love to see more plants to provide shade if possible.

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I bike everywhere but I think that Government St should be pedestrian only, or part of it anyway so that people can walk or sit and relax and not be afraid that a cyclist or roller blader will knock them over. I think a future survey should ask about the end portion of Gov't St e.g. from Yates to Wharf St, should that portion be Pedestrians only?

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Murals by local indigenous artists; Indigenous leaders asked or engaged in renaming streets downtown and more greenery.

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No car access is top priority. It's time we finally make Government Street the pedestrian plaza it's meant to be so it can realize its potential as a valuable urban space with more trees, landscaping, rain shelters/awnings, patios, art and more Indigenous cultural/historical/economic representation.

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Gov st. is in need of way more public art installations, and cultural landscape expansion. Integrating Asian heritage from chinatown onto gov st, complimenting installations from the Royal BC exhibits would help tie together the artistic aesthetic of the city. We also need better cigarette/j depositories. Perhaps a quirky voting system using the used butts. Also a constant music source

would be lovely. Even a radio blaring from the streetlights via bluetooth. Needs more biophilic design too. I have lots more.

Make the street pedestrian only. No cars.

A wonderful job is being done by the City, the province and owners on Govt Street and thereabouts, to save what is there. So glad it is no longer a ghost town. Hoping The Bay will stay, very important many ways.

The great cities of the world have a vibrant street for walking and rolling only. Lets make Government Street a people-only space that in itself will be an attraction to both improve quality of life and revenue for businesses. Also, why were cars ever allowed on Government street? Its not like there is any on-street parking. Get rid of the cars and only allow walking, rolling and delivery vehicles.

I produce a show for HGTV called Home Town. I value an accessible downtown with vibrant businesses, art, murals, sidewalk cafes, festive lighting, community events, and fabulous restaurants. Government street has a lot going for it. I would like to see more community events, festivals, and areas where people can gather, talk and rest. Similar to La Rambla in Barcelona.  
<https://www.barcelonayellow.com/bcn-tourist/88-la-rambla-street-barcelona>

I value the fact that is a wide street to walk and stroll. Car are in the way so I definitively would like to eliminate cars on the street. I would like to see more history and diversity of the region represented and portrait-ed. It can be done through changeable panels with museum like

representation/reports/pictures changed regularly. Also by having more street food vendors (not truck) but kiosks with variety of food representing our diversity of populations.

I have really enjoyed having pedestrian-only parts of Government street through the pandemic. For many years I've said Government Street should be pedestrian access only because it is clogged with tourists all summer anyway. Many of those tourists assume it already is pedestrian-only and wander onto the road without ever looking. During peak tourist times, a pedestrian only Government Street would make it quicker to walk through downtown, and make it more enjoyable without vehicle exhaust. Add some infrastructure for shade/rain sheltering, a few more patios, some unique public art pieces that are kid-climbing friendly, and Government Street could be a true destination for locals and tourists alike.

It would be nice to have fewer cars and more pedestrians on Government all the way from Dallas Rd through downtown to Johnson St. While my accessibility needs are met, I was struggling the other day to get around a telephone pole with a stroller and I was imagining how inaccessible the sidewalk would be for someone in a wheelchair. I'd also like more boulevard gardens.

Remove cars, make it a bustling place for people!

There needs to be a good mix of public and private space. Outdoor patios for restaurants are great and I want to see more of them, but we

also need tons more places  
downtown where you can exist and  
spend time without having to spend  
money. Also, cars should be entirely  
banned from as much of downtown  
as possible! Cities are for people, not  
cars!

Make it year round patio culture...we  
are blessed with this street, it can be  
like the people oriented streets in  
Europe. Get rid of the tacky souvenir  
shops and the slurpy shops. Clean it  
up, the seagull poop is disgusting. It  
can be a true treasure with some  
more work. It's a good start. The  
availability of parking though could  
be an issue..not EVERYONE rides a  
bike, certainly not my demographic  
does...we are fortunate we live close  
enough to walk but most in our social  
outing group dont.

Pedestrian only, and if cars are  
allowed it should only be in a very  
limited way. Would like to see brick  
style road at the same level as  
sidewalk.. one big walkway

Most of the nicest places anywhere  
in the world have lots of plants, trees  
and lots of water features. Why not  
take the city into the new millennium  
and make it look more like uptown?

The creation of attractive, people-  
oriented spaces is long overdue and  
will make Victoria a better, more  
attractive and prosperous city.

I have enjoyed the changes since  
Covid. More patios and areas shut  
off to allow walking.

Government St has never been a  
street I've felt comfortable driving  
along. I think making the street more  
pedestrian focused would increase  
the appeal and safety.

I do not want this street blocked off

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to car traffic.

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I would love to see it as a gathering place like the cities in Europe.

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As much of Government needs to be pedestrianized (with access for bikes) as possible. Just like the great streets in Europe.

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Permanent patios, automatic bollards to block vehicle traffic, food trucks and an expanded Bastion Square market.

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I love the idea of government street as a pedestrian only corridor - Humboldt to Yates section would be fantastic as a no vehicle zone with delivery service traffic allowed at specific times for businesses

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Preserving heritage buildings is paramount

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I like the red benches you put there now. I sat there yesterday and had an ice cream. I hope in the future it will be pedestrian only from Humboldt to Yates

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Please don't add any more concrete. We need greenery desperately in the downtown. I love the hornbeams.

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A pedestrian and bicycle mall where people can mingle, stroll, shop, dine etc without having to endure excessive traffic noise and associated emissions. Of course vehicle traffic that services business on Govt St is essential, but those deliveries tend to occur in the morning.

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I feel there is an element of opportunism at play here when we attempt to make major decisions during COVID 19 times. When tourism returns, the traffic congestion

downtown will be intense. To deny this fact is either an act of ignorance or smugness.

Have always thought that Government Street should have specific times for use by pedestrians only. The current 12 noon to 10 pm is excellent and long overdue.

I value car free areas where pedestrians can experience European style community street culture. Cars have too much priority in downtown Victoria.

Since I moved here 25 years ago, I have felt Government Street would better service EVERYone by becoming a pedestrian mall - not unlike successful permanent pedestrian malls like Queen St Mall in Brisbane Australia, Pearl Street in Boulder Colorado, USA- at least in a temporary format such as Ottawa, and Montreal. There is no need for cars to be a part of a large section of downtown Government Street. More public art installations, too, please.

I love the heritage buildings and unique shops and outdoor patios. It feels like Europe downtown.

I like it as is, and am sick and tired of all of the changes. It appears that people in charge don't like our City. It was a wonderful place and is turning into a cold cement and glass tasteless place with no ambience. Shutting down a street to cars is not going to fix that.

More musicians, more street market stalls, it should never be open to cars so dining, stalls, etc. can spill out into the street.

When we're not experiencing a pandemic, Gov. St. is active with

people from all over the world. Make it a pedestrian only street like many in Europe. It could then accommodate more outdoor dining as well as lots of space to walk with children and dogs.

Shops remain open till 21:00, possibility of diagonal parking on one side that will shift to the other side every month, we need more accessibility for people who need their cars for transport, that is people with physical disabilities and health conditions that make the use of a car imperative!

I would like this street closed to cars and bikes. I would like the street used for people walking, patios, events, sitting areas...

not all adult-oriented please -- we have enough bars. Outdoor patios doesn't translate into bars -- I love outdoor patios, some could be for ice cream, for hot chocolate, for a protected area to rest. More trees, bring some of the beauty of the area to the street.

I would like to see Government street made pedestrian only. The kind of street you find in many European cities.

Old people can not ride bicycles and need places to sit and rest

Please don't close it up to cars and two wheeled transportation

Think Big! Remove all access obstacles and think in 3D.

It should be almost completely for those on foot, bicycle or skate board. No cars.

I don't feel safe as a pedestrian when



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people in vehicles move the protective cones. We need actual barriers to prevent vehicles from going up government

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Close off cars and bikes Pedestrians only

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Government Street is one piece of the larger question of how Victoria will manage cars. Throughout the GVA there is often insufficient parking because commercial and residential buildings have not been constructed with parking capacity of their own, or too much vehicle traffic right next to areas with high volumes of foot traffic (especially tourists). In making our cores more walkable and improving mass transit infrastructure, we can achieve more pleasant and livable public spaces for everyone.

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A TRULY safe bike lock-up area.  
More benches & sitting areas for individuals & small groups of 6 or so.  
A designated, recognizable spot to meet a friend before going to cafe or shopping - maybe a large map or a public art piece?

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No car traffic between Humboldt and Herald streets. More patios and bollards that can be removed for deliveries before 10 a.m. and for emergency vehicles. With Douglas and Wharf Streets, there are two streets with enough lanes to go in the same direction as Govt street.

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While I like the idea of a pedestrian only street, a big priority needs to be placed on moving the traffic on the surrounding streets so that people can actually travel to the area to enjoy it. In particular the lights on

Wharf Street (both direction) creates so much congestion that on some days, you can't turn left way back at the light on the corner of Government & Belleville (corner by the Empress, Museum & Legislature). Idling cars is so not great for the environment or people walking / biking and trying to enjoy some fresh air. Kind of defeats the whole purpose of our bike lanes and pedestrian only streets when you can't get the cars moved out of the area.

Love the pedestrian section. Prefer less restaurants but to-go eateries. More performing art, more First Nation art presence. Independent family owned stores. Miss the glass factory

It's the heart of our city, what could be a beautiful, energetic and profitable gathering place, please invest in it, to attract people, keep eyes on the street, and help to make it safe day and night.

I think it shouldn't be just about consuming, but hanging out with friends/ family is ok too. A green space would be nice, but perhaps not possible. The area has been starved of culture since the demise of folk fest. Centennial square is not near as charming nor suitable as Market Square. The former Latin- Caribbean Festival was a lot of fun with dancing and live music for a week. I also think the parking lot across from Bastion Square is a dead Zone and waste of space- so much more could be done here for events.

public music is all very well--but it is often TOO loud! KEEP BICYCLES OFF THE STREET unless they are walked.

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I do believe that Government should become a pedestrian-only street between Humboldt and Yates.

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I think it would be great to have more public, non-commercial aspects. I don't have a young family, but I still think it would be nice to have more stuff for kids and families to do. Water features and more robust green spaces would be good too.

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The existing vibe there is pretty good. I'd love to see more real shops and fewer trashy tourist traps but that's not really something the city can mandate short of owning the buildings. Shutting the street down to cars for most of the day has been great, but the cross streets still having lights is unpleasant as it forces people to stop and wait. Since cross traffic is so low, most people ignore the lights and "jaywalk" when it's safe to cross instead. Ditch the lights and have unsignalled crosswalks where pedestrians always have right of way.

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I value having a safe street as a pedestrian to walk down, whether to get to a place such as a restaurant or shop, or to go for a walk with a friend. I value that I can sit on a patio and not have cars zipping by, hearing the noise and smelling the exhaust.

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Dedicated, dry and secure areas to lock up bicycles either on or near Government street. Also, permanent elimination of car traffic.

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Commercial vehicle parking on the west side of the street, includes taxis. Bus/bike land on the east side of the street. No cars.

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Either the City of Victoria or the merchants or both should wash the

gull poop off the pavement. It stinks!  
There are cars and motorcycles speeding up and gunning their engines in the area. They should be charged under the noise bylaws.

Timely access for emergency vehicles should be figured out.

Stopping a fire engine so that one of the firefighters can get off and move a traffic cone isn't a solution.

Aggressive panhandling should be stopped. Homeless and shirtless people sitting on the pavement right beside the patio where you're eating isn't acceptable.

I would love to see a permanent shift away from tacky tourist shops to more bars and restaurants and art spaces to foster a vibrant and pedestrian friendly space for locals and tourists alike. Government street should be an evening destination as well as daytime. Every major European city has an active nightlife scene on streets just like Government. It's a perfect opportunity to utilize a space that's Downtown and not too close to densely populated residents so noise in evening wouldn't be too disruptive.

A retail strategy that protects and prioritizes locally-owned (and possibly 'heritage') businesses that will showcase our culture to visitors, and a retail strategy that prioritizes local-serving retail. Places that are great for locals are also great for visitors, but places that are great for tourists are not necessarily great for locals. I shop at Munro's, Ecologist, Cowichan traders, Roberta's Hats, MEC and more. There are also many businesses that seem exclusively tourist-serving. If the balance is to shift towards more tourist serving or lean towards international chains,

Government street would lose its appeal. Now before a city planner says you cannot prioritize locally-owned businesses through land-use policy tools, let me say that you certainly can prioritize locally-owned businesses through community economic development activities.

Cars don't really seem to jive with government street. Recommend making it pedestrian only if possible. Also, no bikes. There are plenty of bike lines around gov't street for them to use, so people don't have to worry about trying to dodge cyclists while out with their young children/grandparents, etc.

I feel that cars have taken over the city. Now that Vancouver St has been closed off at McClure, I feel that we have our neighbourhood back and it's a rest spot when out walking or cycling. More of that... please.

I appreciate police presence. Although there has been negative connotation with policing, I personally feel safer with them around.

I'd like to see this project start at Fiskard instead of Pandora

I would like to see a unique feature incorporated into the Government Street "pedestrian corridor", a focal and useful public art installation. I propose that we could build and install a Lighter Than Air Aerostat (balloon) with a small passenger compartment underneath. This could be tethered by cable to a single track, and move people along the length of the passenger corridor without taking up valuable space on the ground, or interfering with pedestrian traffic on the ground. Of

course the translucent Aerostat would glow with a Johnson Street Bridge hue at night to add to the safety and aesthetics of the installation. We are in process of launching the project to build this technology at the UVic CfAR program, and so could easily modify our basic design to suit this end use application.

Put up actual barriers to vehicle traffic. Drivers become aggressive when violating bylaw and going through the pedestrian zone during the legitimate noon-10pm hours. There is also a lot of stuff on the sidewalks making it difficult to traverse the area on foot, let alone in a wheelchair or with strollers. Businesses should not be allowed to put signs in the middle of a pedestrian thoroughfare.

Pedestrian priority from Humboldt to Fisgard in all seasons, with adequate designated times for commercial deliveries.

Please keep patios

I love the reduced and removes vehicle traffic. Much more peaceful - a heritage street for people to enjoy their city.

I work downtown and LOVE how it has changed during the pandemic. Government Street is so much nicer than it used to be and Broad street between Broughton and Fort is so beautiful and lovely now. I love all of the outdoor dining and the seating on the streets. It should remain pedestrian/bike only. It's so much more welcoming. I've seen lots of families down there this year. Keep it up!

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I have enjoyed the reduction of vehicle traffic on Government St. We walk in the city quite a bit, and would like to see Government St. become a pedestrian area, similar to what Broad St. has become. I brought some out of province visitors to Government and Broad Sts. today, and we enjoyed the lack of vehicular traffic. Enjoying our meal at Pagliacci's, with no vehicles driving by made the experience so much better! I look forward to enjoying the same on the restaurants and pubs on Government St in the future!

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Embrace the European flare that is part of Victoria's charm! Turn the street into a cobblestone walkway with more cafes and public art

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Open up the street to pedi cabs, buses and horse carriages

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More planters and foliage would be great!

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More sensitivity to residents downtown, ie: shade new street lamps to not shine in upper windows; enforce sound bylaws for trucks in the early morning as it has been ridiculous for years; run Government Street like Grafton Street in Dublin to balance traffic and people. I've seen the plan for Government Street - reducing the 4 lanes will create heavy congestion which is obvious. I am perplexed why the City doesn't keep some arteries flowing.

Environmentally, the cumulative increased emissions by having cars be on the road longer defeats eco-aims as the conversion of drivers-to-bicyclists will not reduce growing population with cars. Also, when cars are zero-emission, the roads must accommodate that influx of traffic

which will happen. My concern as someone who has lived on Government for 30 years: There is a constant two way heavy traffic of big construction trucks that commute from Johnston Bridge and Bay Bridge via Wharf/Store onto Government. This traffic alone will compromise and further impede what you are trying to do. I'm glad for upkeep, change, reinvention, and bike lanes - but I truly believe there is a some bad designers being engaged through the engineer department, I am supposing. Upgrades that are being made have little personality and rudimentary design, and aren't serving the flow of traffic. Victoria needs to assert it is the heart of the region. Feel-good, pedestrian friendly environment is an awesome achievement to aim for. However, If you want to be the heart of the region, there has to be arteries that are efficient, serve ambulances, tour buses, and shipping. If you want be to arrive in Victoria, stay here as a base for exploring the region, then they have to be able to mobilize.

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Outdoor patios take up a huge amount of public sidewalk space for private business use--it is difficult for even a pedestrian to move around them when the street is busy. The patios make Government Street extremely inaccessible to pedestrians and wheelchair users/assistive walking device users. Get rid of the patios!!

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I love Victoria and wish nothing but the Best, as to continue Beautifying

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Outdoor patios are great, but enclosures detract from the heritage buildings and vibrancy, and look tacky. The cruise ships and their loud



buses should be banned forever!

access for all including those who cannot walk or bike. Allowing for taxi service, emergency vehicles and deliveries to stores and restaurants must be given equal consideration.

It can be so special! Brand it! Give it a name ( Old Town Stroll ) Fix the hard landscaping, fix the pavement, improve the seating, planters, signage - increase the programmed animation and entertainment. Place an entry banner at the beginning of Government at Humboldt ( like China Town ) Create a sense of arrival - make it so every visitor to Victoria must see this place. Create proper bus drop off and pickup in front of the Empress on Government - perfect location! It is central for those not wanting to shop but just take in the inner harbor or museum and yet close to Old town Stroll for those that want to explore, shop and see some of the city. Spend less time worrying about cars on Government - particularly delivery - those folks will be able to get goods to the stores and restaurants from the side streets without any problem. Whistler Village is as big or bigger and it is a closed village and yet goods seem to get to those businesses everyday!

I like the pedestrian zone. I like sitting outside Murchies. I like Government Street being the tourist centre of Victoria

I like comfortable places to sit down (when I am not at a restaurant). I would like to see attractive public art (that is not vandalized).

The street as it is now seems to be for tourists only, and the energy of the crowd is more like a shopping mall. It would be amazing to close

the road to traffic and offer more space for walking. I'd love to see more spaces to sit and not shop/eat and more third-spaces for people to just exist without being a consumer. It's a stressful street that's tourist primary and as a local I avoid it as much as possible. More accurate information about Lekwungen Lands and Asian history in Victoria would help greatly to make it feel safer and less racist and .. frankly, weird. People come to Victoria and buy Jade and fudge on gov Street and think that's the Victoria experience. I think we're much more complex and not just a tourist playground, it's very outdated. The sidewalks are crowded and it would be great to make them more wheelchair accessible and wider.

Many downtown streets are simply too noisy from car traffic to walk and have a conversation. This is a great chance to take back some of downtown for humans, instead of thunderous, planet-killing murder-mobiles. Thanks, Emily

More local businesses such as artisans, boutique stores, clothing stores. No bicycle lanes, pedestrian friendly with allotted spaces for commercial delivery/ pickup for businesses, public washrooms and local convenience stores and restaurants. There are enough bike lanes in the city and there should be at least one road that should be safe from bicycles on the sidewalks for pedestrians and commercial vehicles need to have access during business hours. I have been to many countries where the street is closed to commercial traffic after business hours and people get to wander the whole street. I find this a very good

approach.

I feel like traffic access should be limited. In a tourist area, there are usually many pedestrians, and both local and visiting drivers are not very careful along that narrow stretch from the Inner Harbour to Johnson St.

I think it would be great to see the lowest couple of blocks of government street be permanently closed to cars! Love being able to cross the street safely and more room for pedestrians and bikes :)

I would like to be able to walk (or slowly ride a bicycle) safely at any time of the year on Government St. I was able to do this when through traffic was blocked. However, as soon as through traffic was allowed again I encountered aggressive drivers making the space unpleasant and unsafe. Through traffic is not compatible with a pedestrian oriented space, at any time of day. I love the outdoor pub patios, but also want places to stop and sit comfortably without having to buy food or drink.

The addition of patios during covid has been fantastic. More licensed patio seating, with infrastructure that allows use for most of the year would be ideal.

Government street used to be THE place to take visitors. It was an "attraction" but has become unsafe, unclean and a place to be avoided. We need safety and security on our streets and we need to feel safe before we will venture into this "new and improved" space

Would like to see from Pandora to Humboldt all pedestrian with non vehicles. Other cities have done it, why not Victoria?

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Have never spent so much time and \$ on Government St (even though my office is at 617 Government) as I have since the street was opened to pedestrians. It's now a go to place for a family walk with our toddler. Walk from North Park and stop at Munro's for a book or two, enjoy being able to walk with our stroller without dodging hydro poles etc. What a change from years previous — used to avoid Government St just because of the jam packed sidewalks. Would love to see the pedestrian zone extended down to Pandora, and kudos to the city for making the street so much better! Will be awesome when tourists are back too — so much space for people!

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More nearby parking in winter to come down easily to government street would be great!

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Pedestrian walkway, outdoor patios useable year-round, less tourist-focused (knick knack shops) and more focused on building community and belonging - eating together, gatherings for art and culture.

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More accessibility to the seniors. They need to be able to drive & park downtown without walking so far to get to their stores. We need more accessibility for cars not for bikes.

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No cars on downtown streets, no cars in parks.

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Security to ensure safety for all.

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Keep open to one lane of traffic and use the rest of space for patios. The sidewalks and additional space are more than enough to make accessible for walking. Stopping

traffic is causing even more challenges to moving around down town and making wharf street a disastrous without us even having tourist traffic.

Let's eliminate any car access between Broughton and Yates. Make it a pedestrian (and maybe bike) area only and enable businesses to build permanent structures to extend their seating. However, let's keep a good number of public spaces to sit and relax outdoors.

No cars!

cancel the warfstreet bike path- move it to the government and make it a wonderful walking, biking, no car place. but your not going to do that because you spent all my taxes already. just let us have patios

2 way bike access is the best way to encourage me to visit more business on Government. That along with great (covered) bike parking.

Don't allow bikes if closing street to cars. Pedestrians only in that case. Enough bike lanes in this city. No longer safe to walk or drive ANYWHERE unless you are a biker.

Government should be as car free as possible. Examples such as Strøget in Copenhagen (a place with a similar climate) should be sought out as examples of how to achieve this to make it safe and desirable as a destination. One of the challenges we face in being more like Copenhagen is a car-centric Regional Growth Strategy; the City should find ways to work with the outlying municipalities to create much stronger public and active

transportation networks to reduce the number of cars coming in, to make pedestrianized streets more successful. An eight storey parkade just off Government does not enhance the pedestrian experience, and the City should not avoid tough decisions around Government St solely for the benefit of the parkade.

Look to Montreal for Inspiration. St Catherine. or St Laurent. Creative, playful seating. Places to be creative. Downtown art gallery. More sculptures, more art. More music. Bike parking- lots of space for family cargo bikes. Secure bike parking in parkades- make room for lock up rooms for bikes. Remove some car spots.

My wife and I avoided Government until it became more "people priority" during the pandemic. The old, tourist oriented, Government Street is of zero interest to me.

Government street is a major thoroughway between James bay, downtown, and the Johnson Street Bridge. Please put your tourist spot somewhere else. Or add another roadway to maintain traffic flow to the bridge. It took my partner and I FIFTEEN minutes to get from Government and Langley to Pandora by car. (550 metres!!) I live & work downtown so biking and walking is not always the only option. Also, please look at how impossible it is to get from James Bay to a place like TD Bank during rush hour traffic. (All of the closed roads, one-ways, and backed up traffic is nonsensical. I'm not trying to be a disgruntled ranter. I love our city and I love that tourists come here to enjoy it too. But this road being obstructed makes it impossible to commute between

	<p>major neighbourhoods in our city. Move it up a block to the less busy streets. Also, if you're going to disregard the need to keep the road open to cars, and go the "heritage route", please keep the "heritage" Indigenous, and not colonial. (Colonial &amp; colonizer are synonymous, and this is something that will not age well, and will not look good for you in the next 10-20 years.) Thank you.</p>
<p>█ ██████████</p>	<p>The presence of street people all over government street makes it feel much less safe at night. I spend less time there because I don't want my event to linger into the evening too much</p>
<p>██████ ██████████</p>	<p>No vehicles! Make the street pedestrian only full time. More indigenous art. Add more places to sit and kids things.</p>
<p>██████ ██████████</p>	<p>Fewer cars, more pedestrians, bikes, festivals. Exciting for kids.</p>
<p>██████████ ██████████</p>	<p>I would like to see limits on motor vehicle traffic continue so loud vehicles, particularly motorcycles and trucks, no longer disturb pedestrians and dinners.</p>
<p>██████ ██████████</p>	<p>If the plan is to be a true pedestrian space falling in the likes of some great European cities don't let folks ride there bikes down the middle. Set up proper and secure bike check / bike parking. If a cyclist can ride they can park and walk to their destination.</p>
<p>██████████ ██████████</p>	<p>Less road space and more people space</p>
<p>██████████████████ ██████████</p>	<p>Better/more authentic representation of Indigenous Culture. The "touristy" stuff is expected but doesn't feel</p>

authentic. Instead of literally selling culture try to provide experiences that are respectful, informative, and genuine. This could be done with Indigenous food vendors, attractions, historical foot notes, current ways Indigenous peoples are rebuilding their culture. Use various Indigenous languages on signs, alongside English, with a phonetic pronunciation. These are just a few ideas. There is a lot of opportunity here to not just rebuild but promote (In a respectful and genuine way) Indigenous Culture.

Cars should be off the street permanently and make it pedestrian/bikes only. More patios and seating would be great!

trees that provide shade; more public art; better lighting; a more curated approach to the street furniture; music;

Stop your intentional attempts to reduce vehicle access on Government Street and wherever you feel you can get away with it. It is public knowledge the current Mayor has long desired to close Government Street to traffic and spending public funds to produce this survey which is constructed in a way to support the Mayor's desire is shameful.

It would be great if Government St was car free. Bicycles and other modes of transport legal on the Goose should be permitted here. In the winter, it would be fun to install a skating rink that runs for 10 or 12 blocks. I'm sure you've done/ or are doing your research, but here is one article on a project in San Francisco: <https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/strategic-design-can-help-car-free->



streets-gain-popularity-post-coronavirus/574913/ Wouldn't it be great to have Government St on a list of the best plazas in the world? <https://www.pps.org/article/international-squares> <https://www.touropia.com/city-squares-around-the-world/> No pressure. Thanks for this.

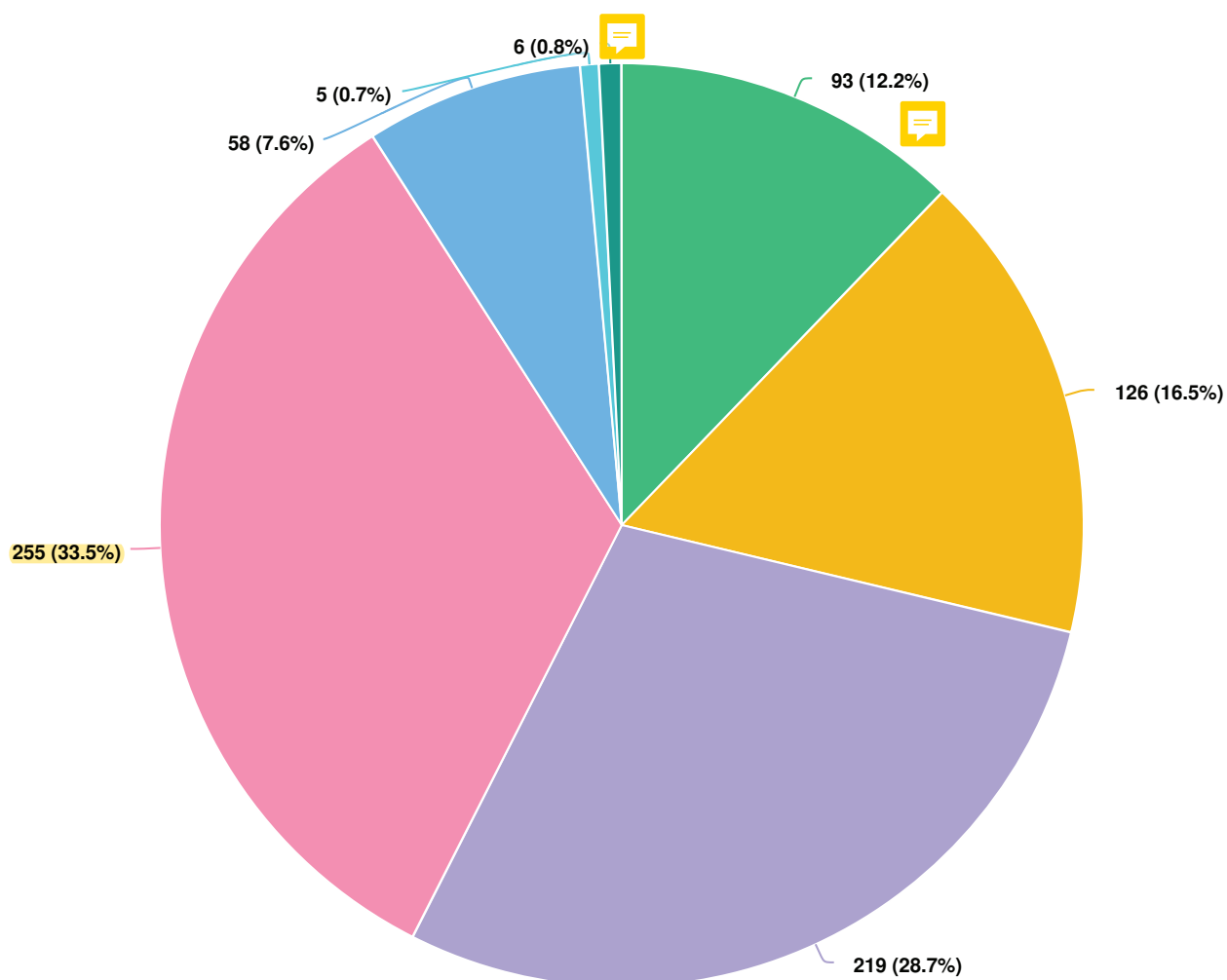
I definitely support reducing car access and creating pedestrian friendly spaces.

no car traffic public washrooms

**Optional question** (595 response(s), 168 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q7 | How often do you visit or pass through Government Street?**

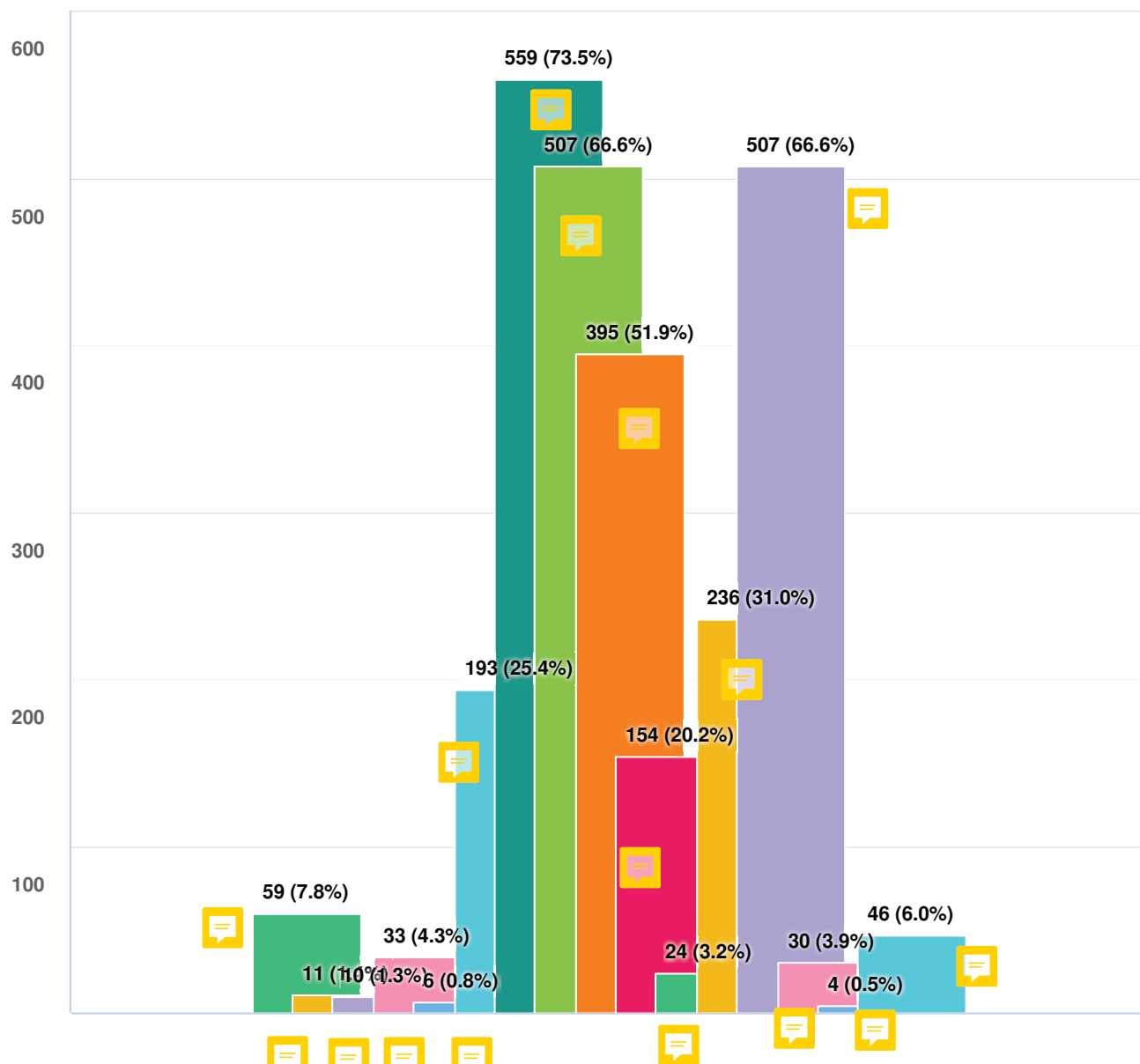


**Question options**

- Prefer not to say
 ● Never
 ● A few times a year / occasionally for special events
 ● A few times a month
- 1-3 times a week
 ● 4-5 times a week
 ● Daily

Optional question (762 response(s), 1 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q8 What is your connection to Government Street? Select all that apply.**



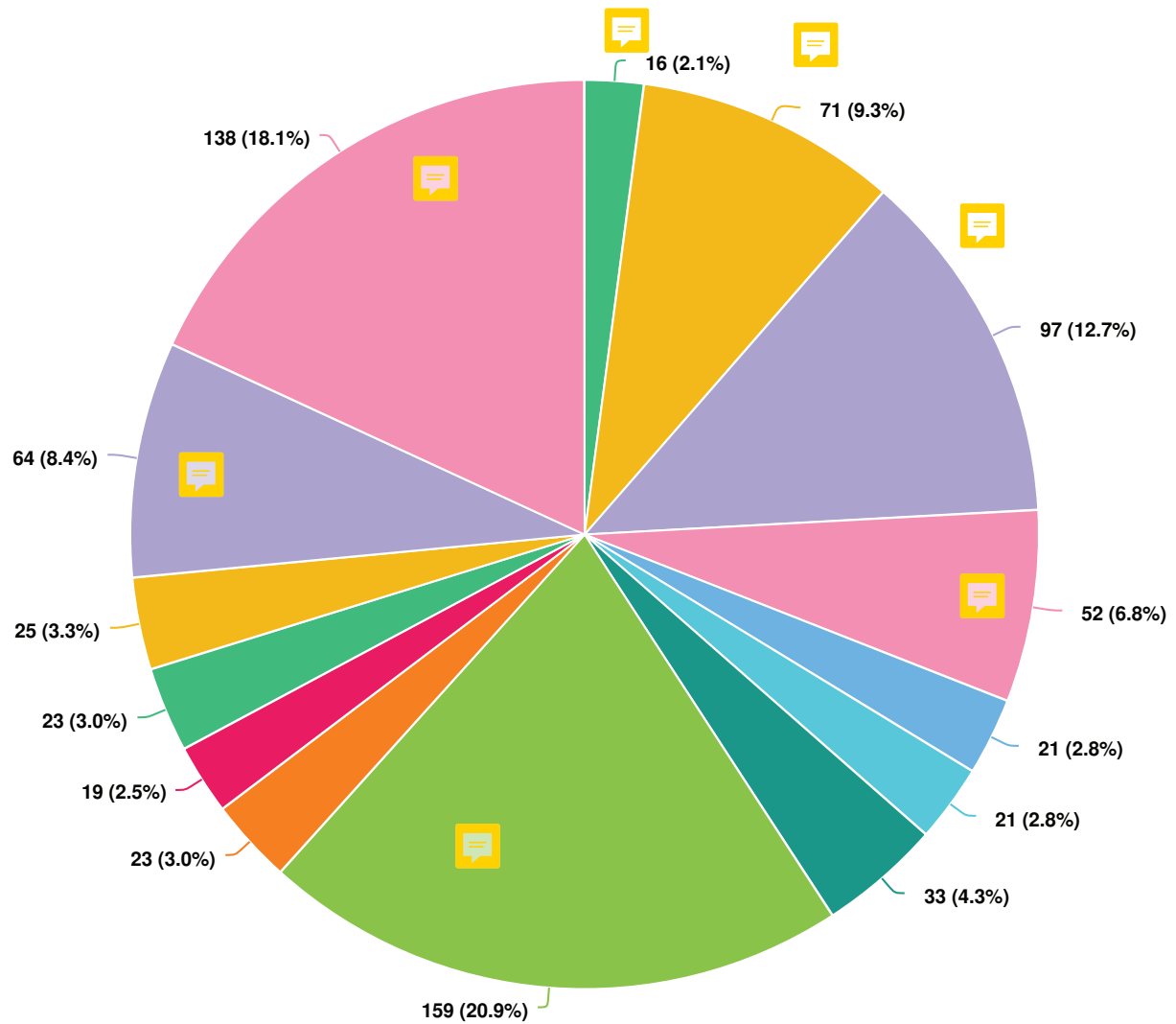
**Question options**

- ☐ Other (please specify): ☐ I am visiting Victoria as a tourist.
- ☐ I use Government Street to travel through the city with a mobility device (wheel chair, stroller, walker, cane, etc.)
- ☐ I use Government Street to travel through the city on foot. ☐ I use Government Street to travel through the city by bike.
- ☐ I use Government Street to travel through the city by bus. ☐ I use Government Street to travel through the city by car.
- ☐ I visit Government Street as a leisure-time destination. ☐ I visit Government Street for dining.
- ☐ I visit Government Street for shopping. ☐ I live on or near Government Street.
- ☐ I am a commercial property owner on or near Government Street. ☐ I am a business owner/operator near Government Street.
- ☐ I am a business owner/operator on Government Street. ☐ I deliver goods to businesses on or near Government Street.
- ☐ I work on Government Street.

Optional question (761 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q9** Which Victoria neighbourhood do you live in?



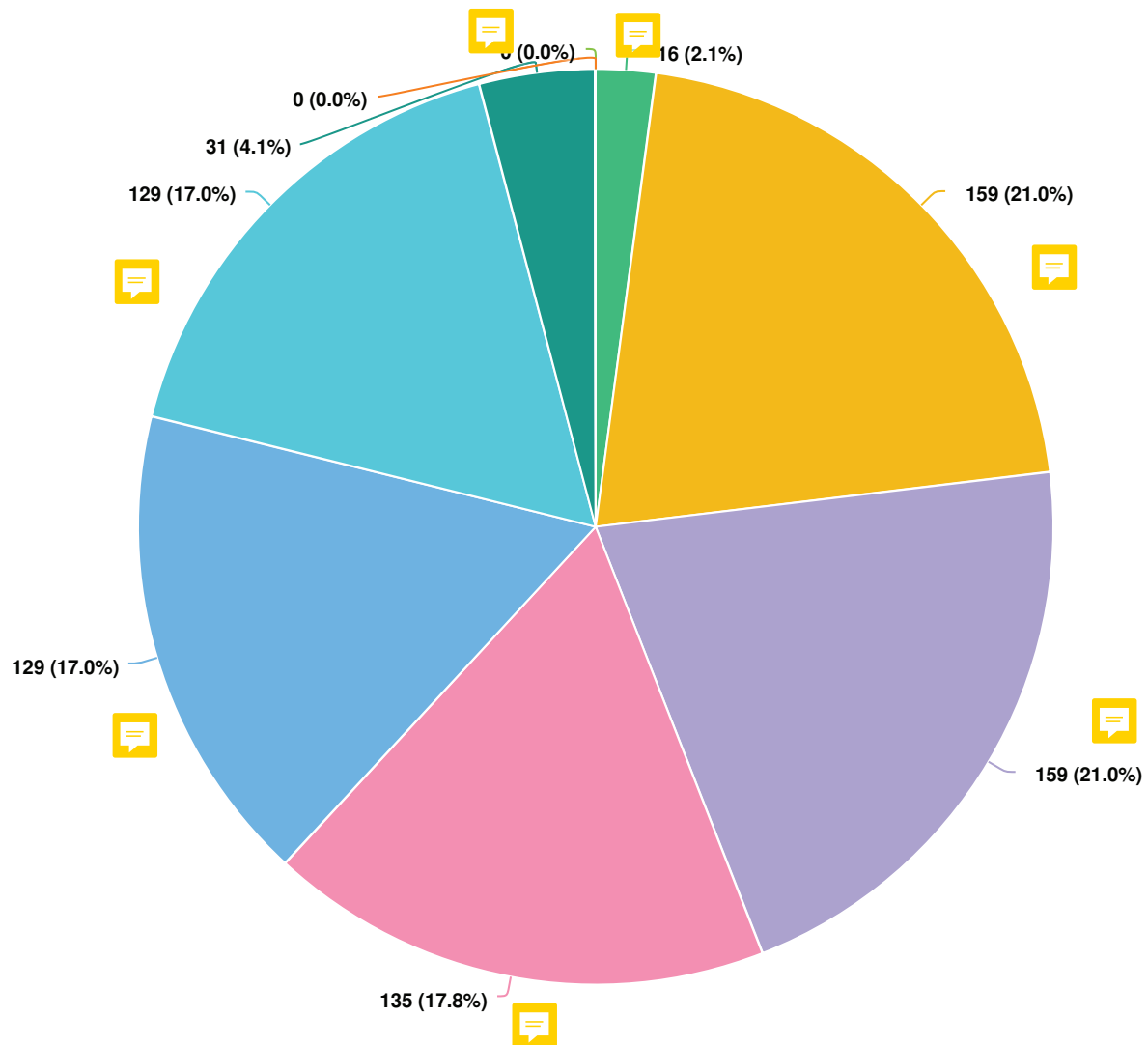
**Question options**

- ☐ I live in another municipality (please specify): 
 ☐ Victoria West 
 ☐ Rockland 
 ☐ Oaklands 
 ☐ North Park 
 ☐ Jubilee 
 ☐ James Bay 
 ☐ Hillside-Quadra 
 ☐ Harris-Green 
 ☐ Gonzales 
 ☐ Fernwood 
 ☐ Fairfield 
 ☐ Downtown 
 ☐ Burnside Gorge

Optional question (762 response(s), 1 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q10** Please select one of the following age ranges:



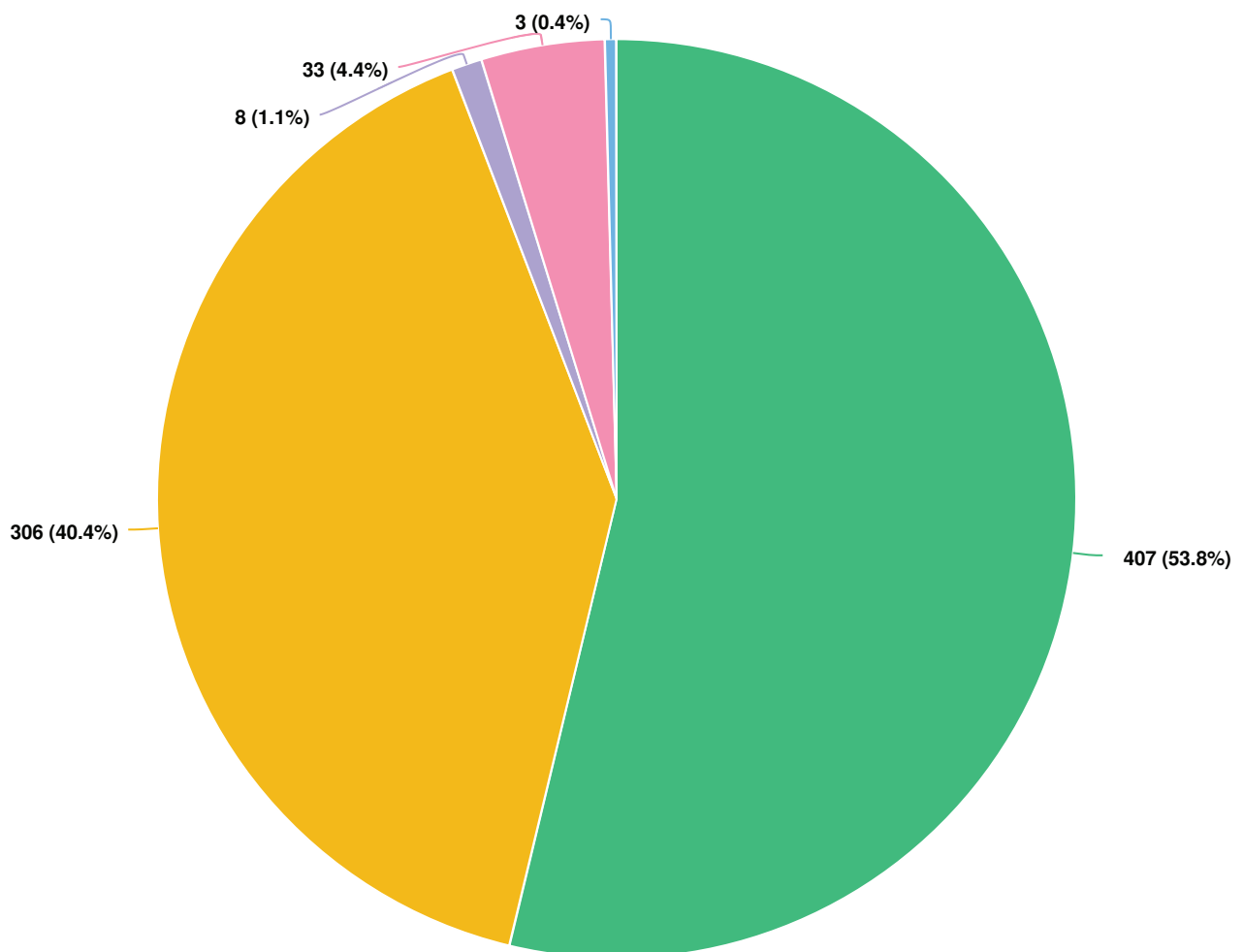
**Question options**

85+ 0 - 14 75 - 84 65 - 74 55 - 64 45 - 54 35 - 44 25 - 34 15 - 24

Optional question (758 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q11** How would you describe your gender identity?



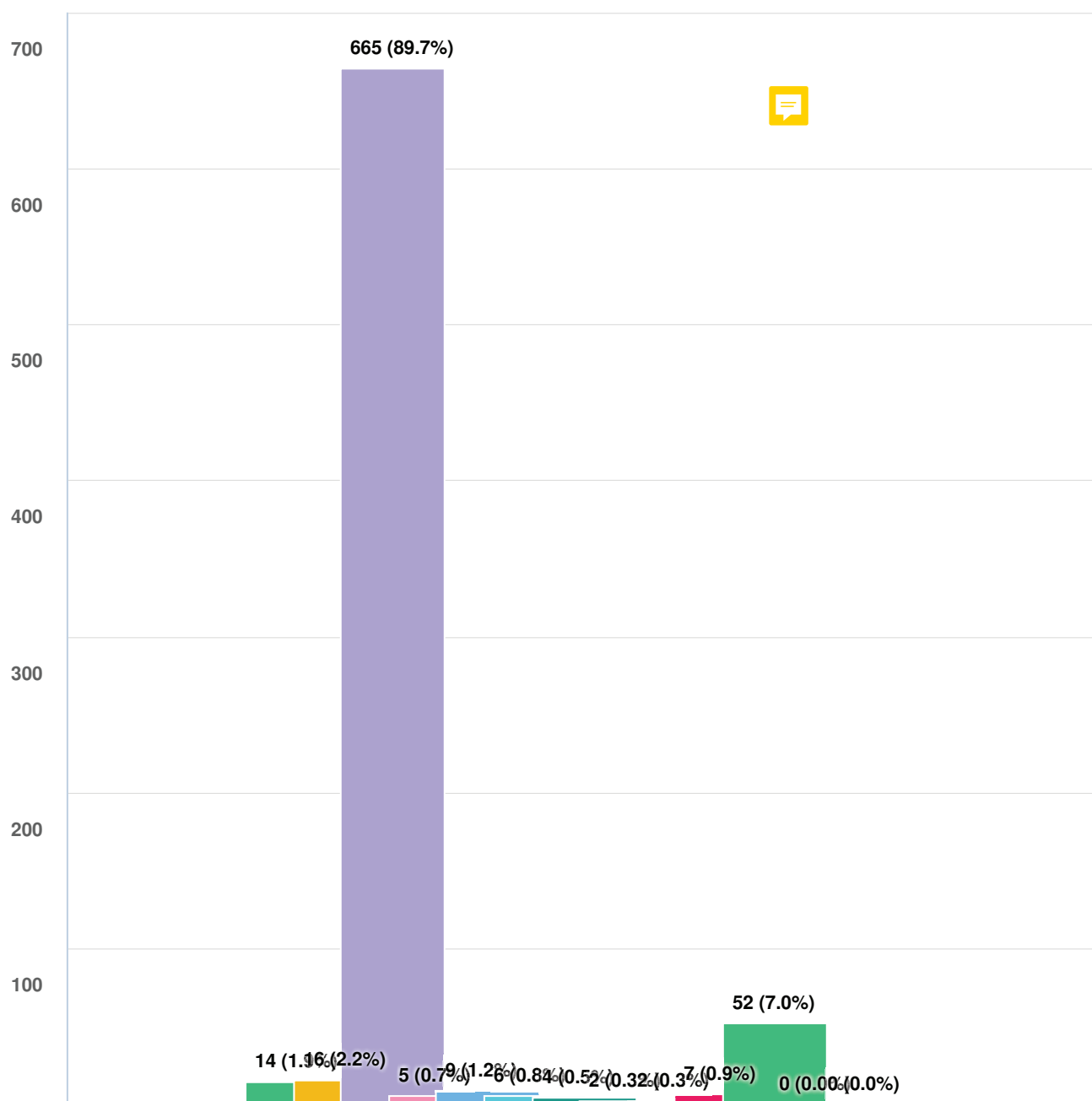
**Question options**

☐ Other (please specify) ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Non-binary ☐ Man/Boy ☐ Woman/Girl

Optional question (757 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q12 What is your ancestry? Please select all that apply to you.**



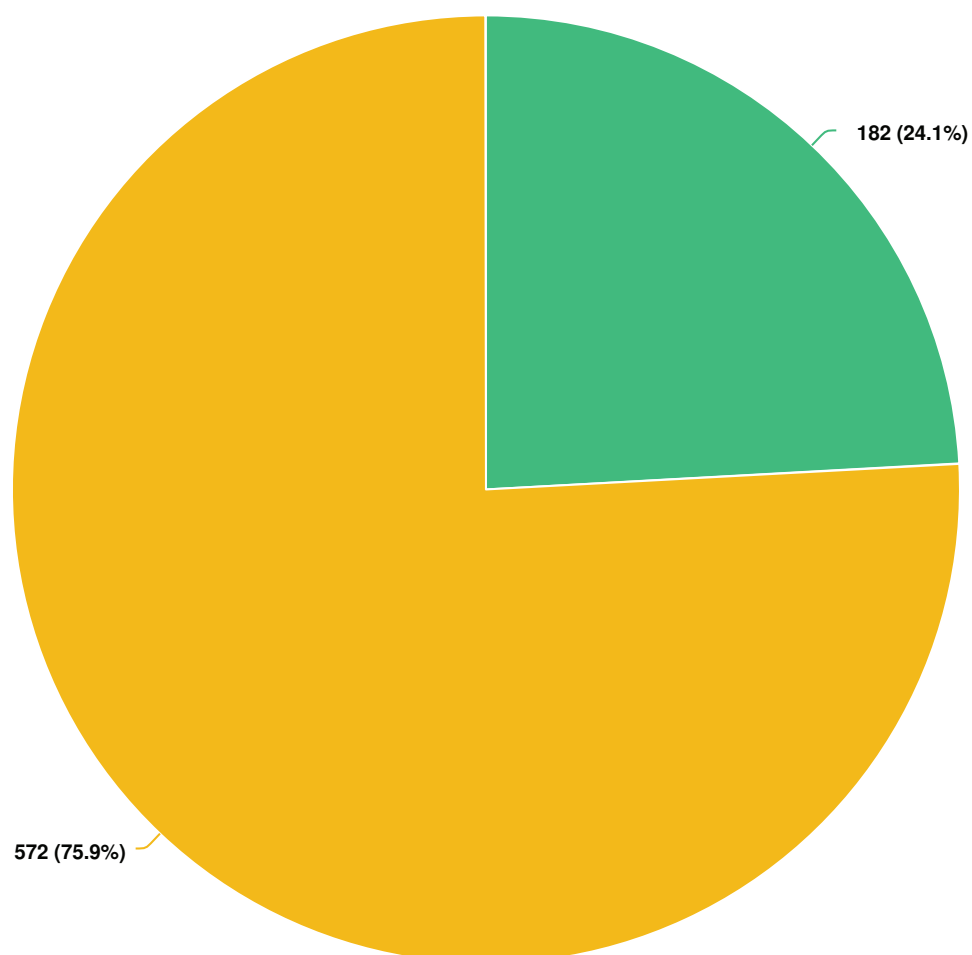
**Question options**

- Black - African (i.e., Nigerian, Somali, Senegalese)
  Inuk/Inuit
  Other (please specify)
- Latin American (i.e., Brazilian, Colombian, Mexican)
  Arab (i.e., Egyptian, Algerian)
- Black - Caribbean (i.e., Jamaican, Guyanese, Trinidadian)
  West Asian (i.e., Iranian, Afghan)
- Southeast Asian (i.e., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
  East Asian (i.e., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- South Asian (i.e., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
  White (i.e., French, British, Dutch)
  Metis
  First Nation

Optional question (741 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q13** Have you moved to Victoria in the past five years?



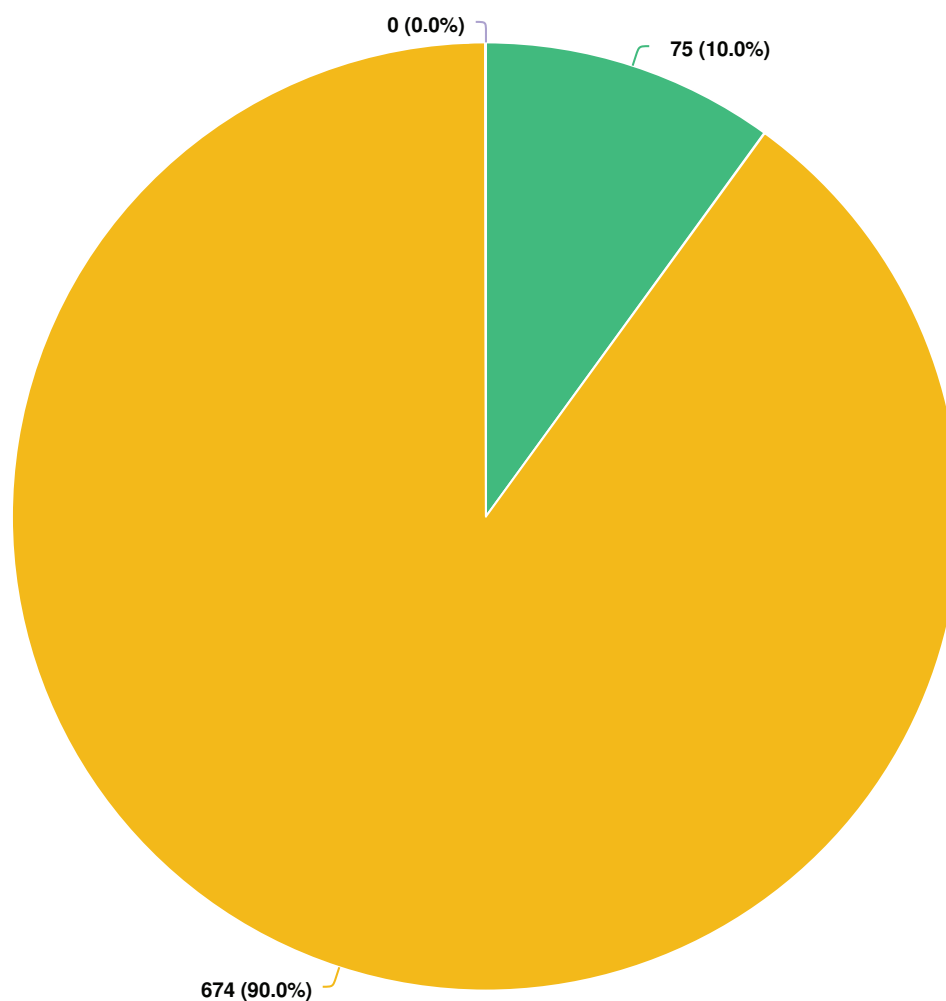
**Question options**

☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (754 response(s), 9 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*



**Q14** Do you identify as being: (select all that apply)



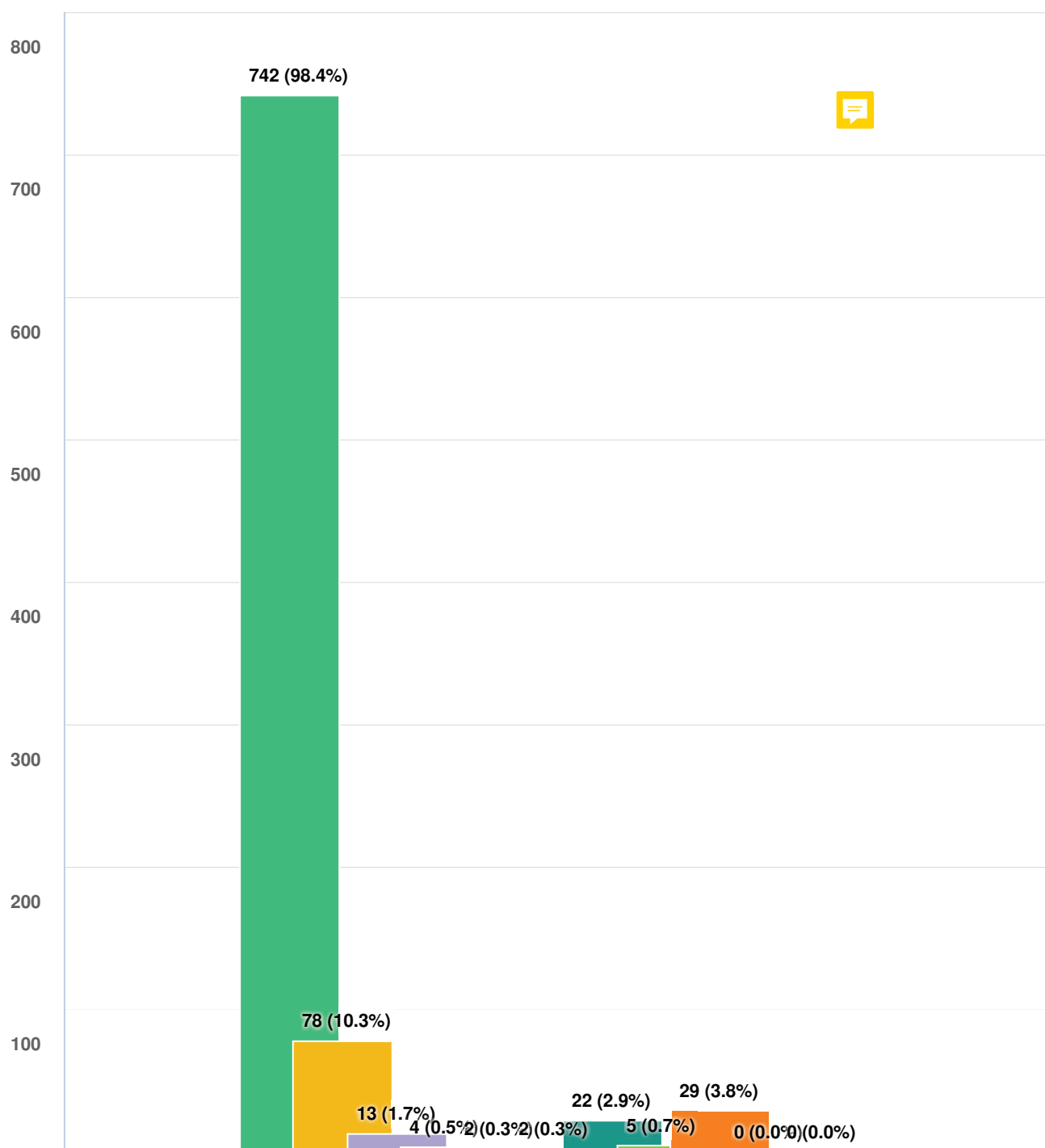
**Question options**

☐ a refugee ☒ none of the above ☐ an immigrant

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*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q15 What languages to do you speak at home? Please select all that apply.**



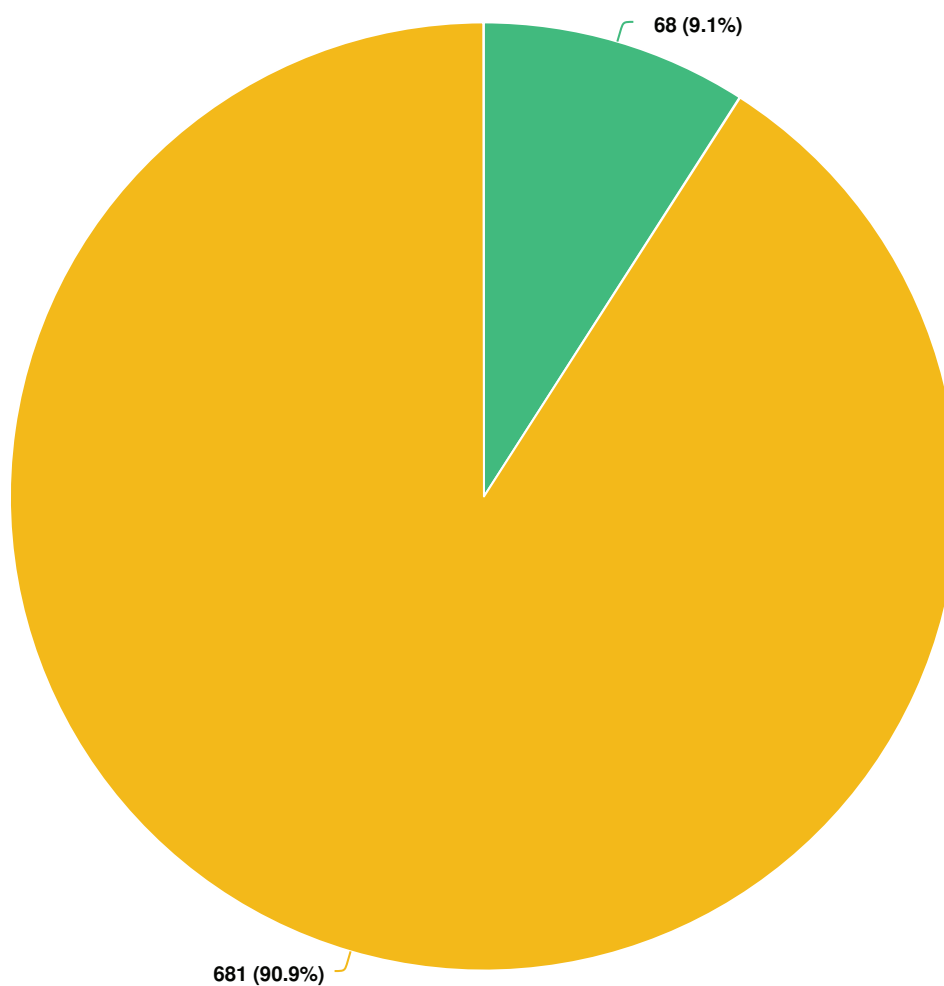
**Question options**

● Arabic
 ● Cantonese
 ● Other (please specify)
 ● Japanese
 ● German
 ● Tagalog
 ● Punjabi
 ● Mandarin
 ● Spanish
 ● French
 ● English

Optional question (754 response(s), 9 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q16** | Do you identify as being a person with a disability?



**Question options**

☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (749 response(s), 14 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q17** If yes, is there anything the City of Victoria could do to make it easier for you to share your feedback?

██████████ ██████████	Don't think so
██████████ ██████████	Not paint colours on Crosswalks I find them slippery would be nice to have a little lights in them help to see you a little bit
██████ ██████████	Yes, not only listen but take the time to hear what people are saying. Residents shouldn't have to register to participate in a survey, that prevents people from participating. Then the mayor and council state they didn't get many responses and act on behalf of the minority. Also, the mayors public comments in the media and news about the Richardson St bike lane, whereby she would listen to Oak Bay but it wasn't going to change anything did irreparable harm to the city office and residents. Now people aren't giving their opinion and completing surveys because what's the point when the mayor announces publicly that she isn't going to listen.
██████ ██████████	No comment.
██████ ██████████	No.
██████ ██████████	Use a power hair and have difficulty with a number of heritage buildings/doors/elevators.
██████████ ██████████	No, I am able to complete the online surveys.
██████████ ██████████	Better transit options like LRT or rapid transit.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I prefer online feedback, sitting in person in meetings is quite physically challenging for me (not impossible, but I will get very stiff and sore).

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Longer crosswalk time , easier curb access

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

No, I'm comfortable with online feedback.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

no

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Affordable parking the rates are outrageous! Easier access to get around by car.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Don't change Clover Point to cars  
Open up the roads in Beacon Hill Park  
Open up Vancouver Street to cars and don't change Richardson Street  
The Mayor and Council don't care about disabled people or seniors

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Online is good. Thanks for asking.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

PTSD hence, my hope, Mats and Pats, Elb1b69

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Get rid of the bike lanes and signals, they have made it a nightmare to try and go downtown and what used to take 20-30 minutes now takes at least an hour just because of the bike lanes. I now drive to Langford or even Nanaimo rather than deal with downtown. And the bike lanes have also removed a lot of street parking so I have to walk farther which leaves me in more pain for days.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

No

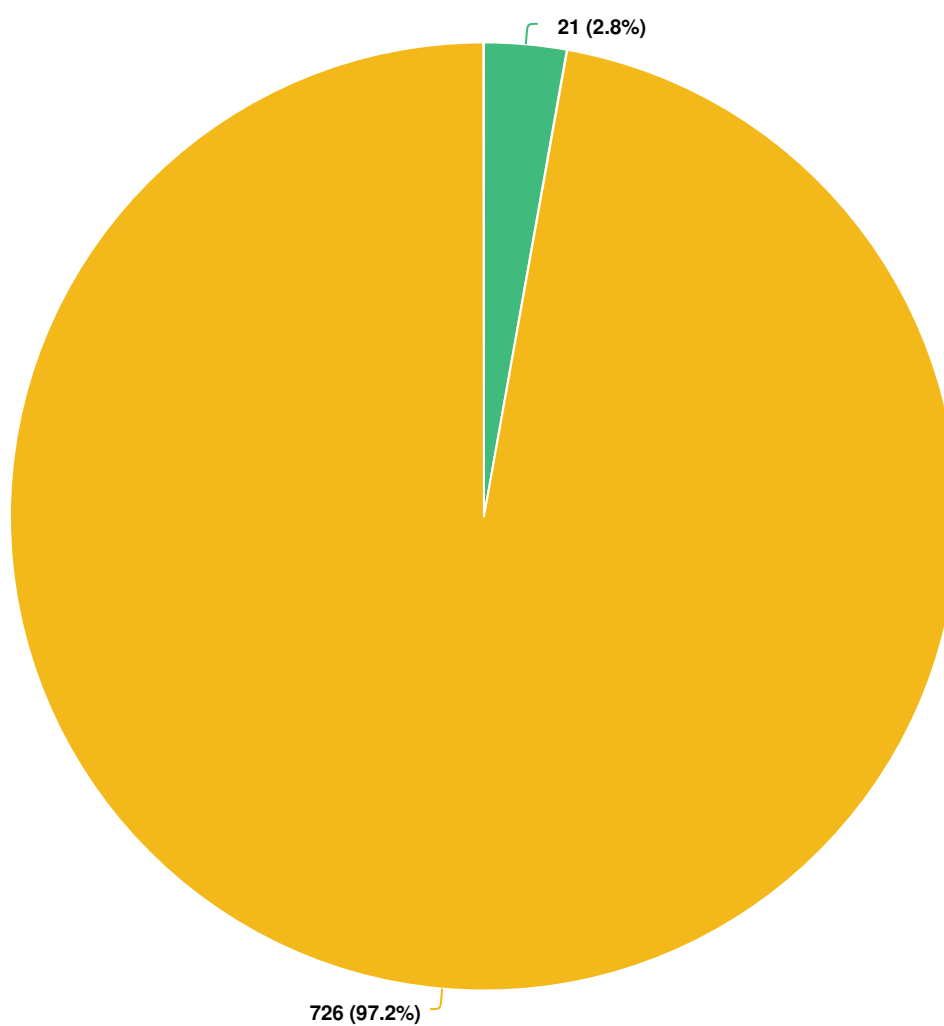
<div>██████</div> <div>██████████</div>	No
<div>████</div> <div>██████████</div>	no
<div>██████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Better lights for bike lanes. People who park on bike lanes should get ticketed.
<div>████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Perhaps actually listen to comments instead of ignoring them.
<div>████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Put out an accessibility specific survey. Ask about barriers to using government street
<div>██████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Nope
<div>████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Yes, reopen the Beacon Hill Park roads, as pedestrians already had access to the whole park and disabled people only had access via the roads. Reopen all of the parking at Clover Point so disabled and elderly can enjoy whatever view they prefer, and can sit in their cars during the predominantly windy days and enjoy the view safely.
<div>████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Less bike lanes more street parking
<div>████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Provide for telephone interviews as an option. I find these surveys tiring.
<div>██████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	Asking for accessibility specific feedback would be helpful and allow folks to offer insight council and planners may not have considered.
<div>██████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	No
<div>████████</div> <div>██████████</div>	With Arthritis I rely on vehicle transportation. The current Mayor and City Council's "War on the Car"

has greatly reduced my ability to  
access and enjoy the downtown my  
tax dollars have long helped pay to  
maintain.

**Optional question** (30 response(s), 733 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q18** Did you experience any barriers in completing this survey?



**Question options**

☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (747 response(s), 16 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*



**Q19** If yes, what could the City of Victoria do to help remove these barriers?

Choose plain wording, (i.e. "rolling").

I forgot my password to log in. The registration limits the kind of feedback you receive to only those who are tech savvy and organized. Not representative.

Eliminate registration.

Registering with my email address and having to confirm.

Had to make an account just to do a survey, bit much.

I don't remember well enough so, some answers I guessed at.

In some questions you should have had an "other" option. Some of these demographic questions should have a "prefer not to answer" as people may not want to give you specifics about their demographics. The survey should also have a note about people who want to take the survey in a different language should contact ###-###-####. Right now you are only getting surveys from literate English speakers who are computer literate and have access to the internet. This is creating a systemic barrier for many people's voices who aren't being heard (not just for this survey but all of them) because the way you are soliciting information is discriminatory. If you understand that there is a huge population of people who are not able to take this survey, your recommendations on what to do

need to factor in that you only have a part of Victoria who have responded. So when you say that 'residents' were given the opportunity to consult, please keep in mind that many residents don't speak/read English, have a computer or have internet. They tend to be the most vulnerable in our society and we have an obligation to seek out their input and try to ensure decisions meet their needs. Making Victoria more welcoming means breaking down all systemic barriers including how surveys are conducted and their results are used.

Don't make people register and get a password. Make the survey available non digital as well.

the images took too long to load and provide no value

having to login

Don't repeat answers from one question to the next.

The need to log in to this site to provide input is a definite deterrent.

in registering, the postal code kept disappearing, and then finally when I got that straightened out, I had to re-enter my password. Also, in the confirmation email, the instruction about entering the numeric code doesn't indicate where it should be entered.

The questions are limiting and seem to be tailored towards a pre determined result.

The problems I have are with the survey design. All the options you give are for things you want to hear.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Provide more choices and ability to comment. It is so frustrating to fill out a survey that does not allow you to convey your message. The proposed area is too long. You say people priority without acknowledging that vehicles are mobility aids.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The default print is too thin. It's pretty but it's difficult to read.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

the sign up to be able to fill out survey is a barrier for engagement

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

why do I need to create an account ?  
- just use mail chimp and save your money

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Make it easier to access the survey from your media ads.

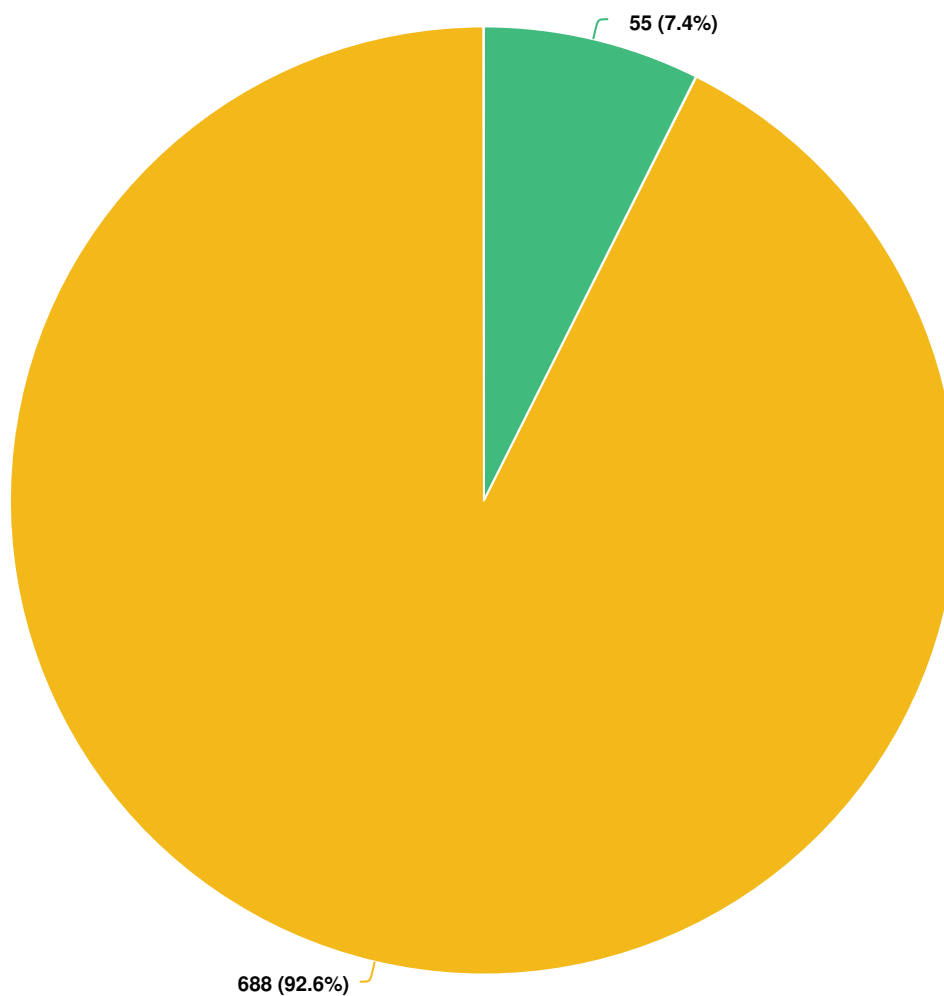
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Give me a way to voice my disagreement with how the space is being managed by the city.  
Constructive criticism is important.  
Government street should be used for activities and events but should not be closed to traffic outside those activities and events.

**Optional question** (21 response(s), 742 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q20** Would it help you if City documents were translated into other languages?

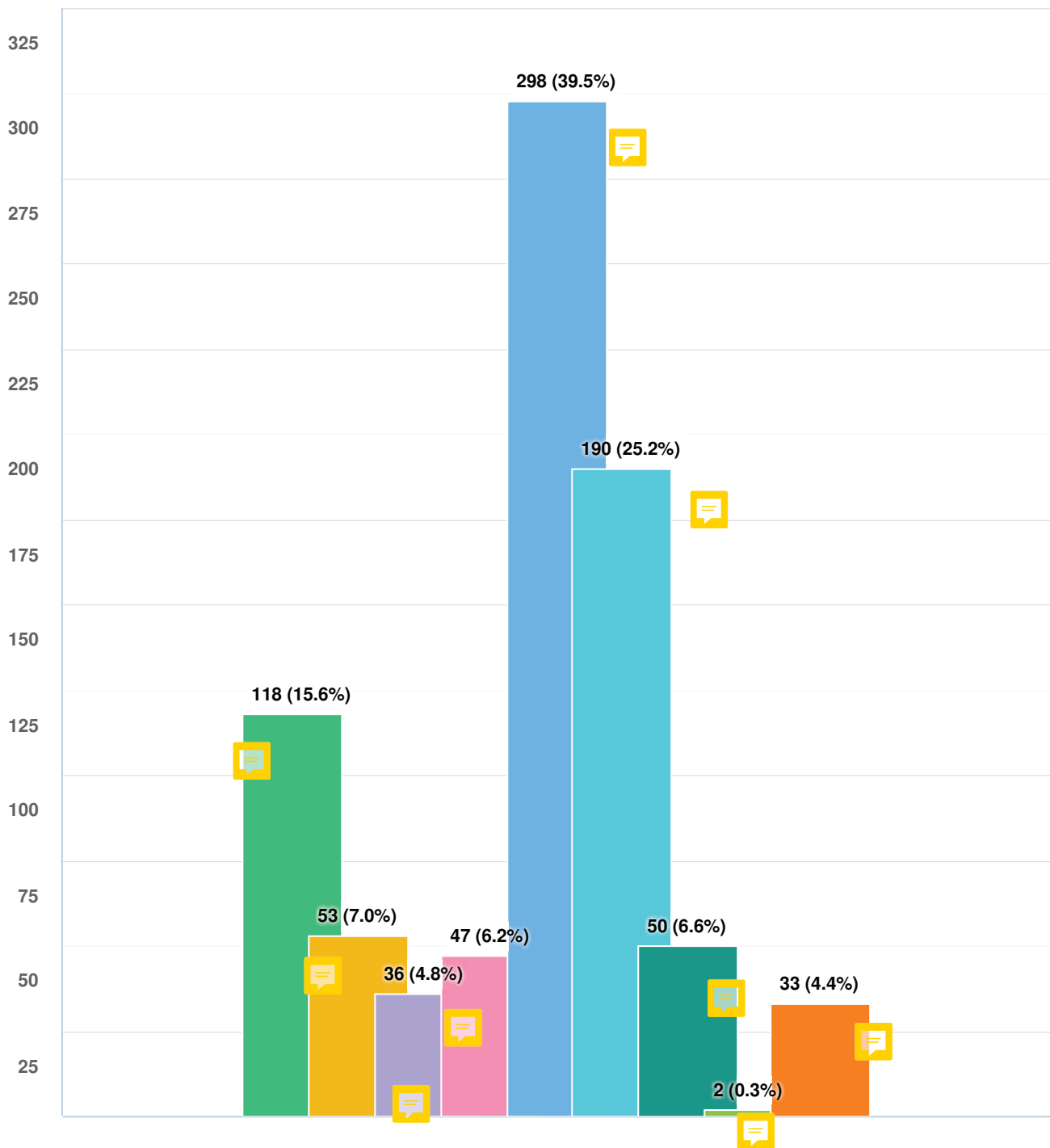


**Question options**

☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (743 response(s), 20 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q21 How did you hear about this survey? Please select all that apply.**



**Question options**

- Other (please specify)
- I learned about it when I visited Victoria City Hall
- Word of mouth: friend, family member, neighbour
- News story
- I received an email from the City of Victoria
- City of Victoria website
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Facebook

Optional question (755 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

## Appendix B

### **Public and Stakeholder Engagement, including – Phase 1**

- Phase 1 Survey Report

### **Ideas Activity Contributions with Images**

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Visitors 102		Contributors 55	CONTRIBUTIONS 304
22 June 21			
Futurist			
VOTES	UNVOTES		
3	0		
		Enforce local city bylaws	
		Frankly, I am disgusted when I see people lying on the street with shopping carts of arbage and shooting up in public. I am also equally disgusted to have to dodge mentally ill individuals screaming and yelling at the top of their lungs, threatening me. I want to see city bylaws enforced. Right now, because of this Mayor and certain council members, they are not and that is NOT OKAY! How is Victoria going to "rebuild" when it is not safe in the downtown!	
22 June 21			
Aja724			
VOTES	UNVOTES		
8	0		
		Set aside areas off Government Street where people can picnic or nap or simply meet and make Government Street an area for walking/cycling	
22 June 21			
kittens mittens			
VOTES	UNVOTES		
4	0		
		The city needs to address crime first. Until safety is restored, people won't come. Don't waste our tax money on tone deaf vanity projects.	
		Don't waste our money!	
22 June 21			
EC19			
VOTES	UNVOTES		
6	0		
		Play area for kids	
		Somewhere for kids to enjoy themselves and draw families to the street! Could be organized as part of a bulb-out of narrowing of the auto travel areas of the road so a permanent improvement can be made.	
22 June 21			
EC19			
VOTES	UNVOTES		
17	0		
		Covered bike parking	
		Could be on side streets, enclosed in a leased storefront, etc.	

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22 June 21	A place for the dogs to hang out	
EC19		
VOTES	UNVOTES	
5	0	
22 June 21	Interactive fun for the kids	
EC19	Music, climbable sculpture, etc.	
VOTES	UNVOTES	
8	0	
22 June 21	Painted streets, market days & light installations	
MariaS	Whenever I travel, I notice how the areas with more art, creative lighting and markets attract people. We have a lack of street food markets in a city that is working to increase food security and having an area designated for this would be so nice to see. When I lived downtown I would search for these areas and it seemed strange they don't exist in the heart of the city. We are also a harbour city with little on the waterfront! How about more patio spaces and children play zones down by Milestones.	
VOTES	UNVOTES	
13	0	
22 June 21	Car-Free Government Street	
Grumdi	Copied and pasted directly from my idea to help make Victoria a more welcoming city: Permanently close Government Street to vehicle traffic (with concessions for delivery and emergency vehicles, of course) between Humboldt and Johnson. This would create a vibrant strip for longtime locals, newcomers, and tourists alike to enjoy. Moreover, it would give businesses the opportunity to expand onto the sidewalk. Think what we've seen with Build Back Victoria, but with more established structures. In Oslo, where cars have been almost entirely banned from the city centre, businesses have even recorded a 10% growth in visits from increased foot traffic. With regards to accessibility, accessible parking spots could be added at the north and south ends of the street. A wider space with less obstacles would also be much better for wheelchairs, scooters, et cetera.	
VOTES	UNVOTES	
21	0	
22 June 21	Knowledgeable "beat cops" who get to know the store staff's and the regular panhandlers. Create that village street. Would be good all.	
Pforan	Village Street	
VOTES	UNVOTES	
6	0	
22 June 21	More police presence	
vicwest	Remove vagrants and criminals from the street it does not feel safe	
VOTES	UNVOTES	
3	0	



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<div>22 June 21</div> <div>vicwest</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>18</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>More patio space - Like Paris</div> <div>Expand patio space to allow for more people to spend and support local businesses. Everything is too cramped and small at the moment. How can such a beautiful city have such little outdoors space. Take a lesson from France and patio culture.</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>Retired1</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>2</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>With thousands of cruise passengers daily, why take the bus from the street where they spend \$ and a way from the best we have to show. Think</div> <div>Keep one lane open</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>AdamWM</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>19</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Pedestrian only street</div> <div>Make Government St. a Pedestrian shopping street with restaurant patios, shops, and places that make people want to explore and hang out.</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>chris345</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>13</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Artistic Paving, to emphasize pedestrian friendliness</div> <div>The short-term response of the city to create pedestrian-focused areas for people to gather safely and enjoy our downtown has been awesome! But for a more long-term project, artistic paving (and removed or reduced curbs) is key to represent that an area is pedestrian-first. Currently, the Gov St closure still looks and feels like a road, which makes people stick to the sidewalk (because walking in the middle of the street is an unfamiliar feeling). Artistic paving is beautiful, but also visually and psychologically creates a space that is for people first, not cars.</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>JohnnyNovak</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Zipline</div> <div>It would be a great way to get from one end to the other end of Government Street. It would also be a great tourist attraction.</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>Sakura1423</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>8</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Kids area</div> <div>There's so much in the city for adults and teenager but could an area be created for children to have to themselves?... even young teens. I get we have many parks and such... maybe there could be something like IKEA has where the kids hangout and play until the parents are done doing whichever. Under supervision of licensed/educated people maybe which would provide more jobs.. or just an area for kids to be in where parents are near by watching. Just a thought that came to mind</div>

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<div>22 June 21</div> <div>Crash 2021</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>5</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Keep bikes off Government St. They are mostly inconsiderate to pedestrians.</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>ExPlanner</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>11</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Hydraulic Bollards</div> <div>European cities such as Avignon, use hydraulic bollards to open and close pedestrian areas through the day, and to permit residents and businesses to access the area during the closed period through use of a keypad access to drop the bollards, much like keypad entry to an apartment building. Hydraulic bollards are an attractive, permanent and effective way to open and close a pedestrian area to service vehicle traffic and for seasonal street openings when pedestrian traffic can be expected to be low (February in Victoria, for example). The example in the photo is part of the pedestrian precinct in central Avignon, showing the bollards and the keypad pillar.</div>
<div>22 June 21</div> <div>Kmatwood</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>10</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Sculpture and Mural Walk</div> <div>Art installations throughout that also include heritage/history information as you walk. Include sculptural performance spaces and lower the cost of a busker license so performers can come back!</div>
<div>23 June 21</div> <div>Pirate1966</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>7</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>More Trees To Provide Shade</div> <div>Any great city has a similar street. In Europe this has been an historic tradition where major streets are lined with beautiful trees, wide sidewalks provide easy "strolling", shops and services are well presented and maintained, litter boxes are provided, no beggars or transients are permitted to lounge in doorways or on public benches. Flowers &amp; shrubs play an important role too, providing the colour and diversity that adds to the ambiance of the streets. Lighting is an important factor as well, it should reflect the heritage area of the street and provide sufficient light in the evenings and at night to keep it well lit and safe. Finally, security is vital, if we are to prevent rowdies, drunks, hooligans, beggars, drug dealers, prostitutes and other itinerants to ruin the potential benefits of the street....as was the outcome of the failed Granville Street Mall in Vancouver.</div>
<div>23 June 21</div> <div>Laura72</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>9</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Opportunity for Compassion</div> <div>Provide interactive learning for the average citizen about the homeless that come to sleep in the corners and doorways, a la Gabor Mate. Connect with these people. A special unit - not necessarily the police - that treats them with dignity. More of a Village approach.</div>



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<div>23 June 21</div> <div>CSBaty</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>10</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Make this stretch of Government St. pedestrian only . Remove asphalt and make the area look purposeful for human use. Expand cafe style seats</p>
<div>23 June 21</div> <div>Silver slider</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Moving lights</p> <p>Add multi colored disco lighting</p>
<div>23 June 21</div> <div>Ldawg</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>5</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Gov St should be a place where markets can be held. Foot traffic, leisure, recreation, arts and fun is the goal</p> <p>Make victoria a cool place again.</p>
<div>23 June 21</div> <div>SeanInVic</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>2</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Greatly reduced roadway and greatly increased pedestrian zone along the harbour.</p>
<div>23 June 21</div> <div>SeanInVic</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Pop-up vendors, ability to serve take-away (single serving) drinks, places to sit, encourage more local businesses/vendors in store fronts</p>
<div>24 June 21</div> <div>traceyg1</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>1</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Food carts in the middle of the road</p>
<div>26 June 21</div> <div>PRIVATE</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<p>Use contrasting pavers to create accessibility</p> <p>Use pavers to provide high contrast for curbs to help people with vision loss, and don't do any interesting patterns as others have suggested, as this can be disorienting for people with vision loss</p>

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<div>27 June 21</div> <div>ash</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Public art installations</div> <p>Gov st. is in need of way more public art installations, and cultural landscape expansion. Integrating Asian heritage from Chinatown onto gov st, and complimenting installations from the Royal BC exhibits would help tie together the artistic aesthetic of the city. Can get creative with these installations including biophilic design and musical components.</p>
<div>29 June 21</div> <div>Mclovin</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Way more plants ,trees,and water features. Why not completely redesign it so it's like uptown except downtown and minus the motor vehicles?</div>
<div>30 June 21</div> <div>KidComa</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>2</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Free Tram from the Ledge to Chinatown</div> <p>Provide a old fashioned Tram line from the Ledge to Chinatown - functional, and gives a shout out to Victoria's history.</p>
<div>01 July 21</div> <div>LindaG</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Honor First Nation history and culture</div> <p>The Songhees people have a rich and storied culture that could be demonstrated through visual and performance art, structures, plants and trees. Also finding ways to incorporate the Salish Sea and its bounty and life into the streetscape would be delightful.</p>
<div>02 July 21</div> <div>Steve Sullivan</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Closed to vehicle traffic from Wharf to Yates from 0700 until late.</div>
<div>03 July 21</div> <div>Eh99</div> <div> <div>VOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div> <div> <div>UNVOTES</div> <div>0</div> </div>	<div>Leave it be. That's what its known for.</div>

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<div>08 July 21</div> <div>AviOneServices</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<h4>Useful Public Art Installation Attracting Worldwide Attention</h4> <p>We propose to install a cable tethered Aerostat with a small passenger compartment, this would move along a single track down the centre of the street. This would be used to transport people from one end of Government to the other, with stops along the way at raised platforms. Alternatively the Aerostat could ascend and descend at passenger pickup/drop off location by using a winch type system, this not require any special platforms. We have a project to build and develop this technology at UVic's CfAR program. It would not be a big leap for us to modify our design in order to meet this specification. Our 10kg payload model is built and so this design would fall somewhere in between that prototype and the image shown here...</p>
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<div>08 July 21</div> <div>Rocket99</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	0	0	<h4>Plan for maintenance</h4> <p>Lots of good ideas for changes but City needs long-term budget to keep sidewalks, street furniture, plantings, signage, etc. clean and in good repair.</p>
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<div>09 July 21</div> <div>cc66</div> <table> <tr> <td>VOTES</td> <td>UNVOTES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	VOTES	UNVOTES	1	0	<h4>I total support for car free. For accessibility:small train on wheel doing loop parliament-government-fisgard-warf. Locals and tourists use</h4> <p>Increase accessibility</p>
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VOTES	UNVOTES				
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## Government Street Refresh - Phase 1 Engagement Ideas – Including submitted images

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3. **Covered bike parking:** Could be on side streets, enclosed in a leased storefront, etc.



4. **A place for the dogs to hang out:**



5. **Interactive fun for the kids:** Music, climbable sculpture, etc.





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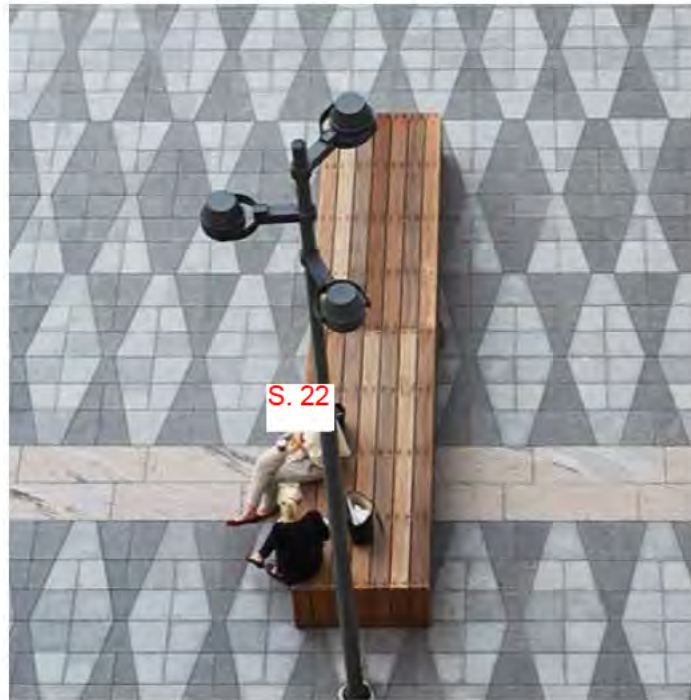
7. **Pedestrian only street:** Make Government St. a Pedestrian shopping street with restaurant patios, shops, and places that make people want to explore and hang out.



8. **Artistic Paving, to emphasize pedestrian friendliness:** The short-term response of the city to create pedestrian-focused areas for people to gather safely and enjoy our downtown has been awesome! But for a more long-term project, artistic paving (and removed or reduced curbs) is key to represent that an area is pedestrian-first.

Currently, the Gov St closure still looks and feels like a road, which makes people stick to the sidewalk (because walking in the middle of the street is an unfamiliar feeling). Artistic paving is beautiful, but also visually and psychologically creates a space that is for people first, not cars.





9. **Hydraulic Bollards:** European cities such as Avignon, use hydraulic bollards to open and close pedestrian areas through the day, and to permit residents and businesses to access the area during the closed period through use of a keypad access to drop the bollards, much like key pad entry to an apartment building. Hydraulic bollards are an attractive, permanent and effective way to open and close a pedestrian area to service vehicle traffic and for seasonal street openings when pedestrian traffic can be expected to be low (February in Victoria, for example). The example in the photo is part of the pedestrian precinct in central Avignon, showing the bollards and the keypad pillar.



- 10. Opportunity for Compassion:** Provide interactive learning for the average citizen about the homeless that come to sleep in the corners and doorways, a la Gabor Mate. Connect with these people. A special unit - not necessarily the police - that treats them with dignity. More of a Village approach.



- 11. Way more plants ,trees,and water features. Why not completely redesign it so it's like uptown except downtown and minus the motor vehicles?**





- 12. Free Tram from the Ledge to Chinatown:** Provide a old fashioned Tram line from the Ledge to Chinatown - functional, and gives a shout out to Victoria's history.



- 13. Useful Public Art Installation Attracting Worldwide Attention:** We propose to install a cable tethered Aerostat with a small passenger compartment, this would move along a single track down the centre of the street. This would be used to transport people from one end of Government to the other, with stops along the way at raised platforms. Alternatively the Aerostat could ascend and descend at passenger pickup/drop off location by using a winch type system, this not require any special platforms. We have a project to build and develop this technology at UVic's CfAR program. It would not be a big leap for us to modify our design in order to meet this specification. Our 10kg payload model is built and so this design would fall somewhere in between that prototype and the image shown here...



- 14. I total support for car free. For accessibility:small train on wheel doing loop parliament-government-fisgard-warf. Locals and tourists use:** Increase accessibility



**15. Something unique like the Red Lounge in St. Gallen, Switzerland:** If you inconvenience people and businesses, at least make it memorable like St. Gallen. (But make some seating with arms, to help those who are less able to sit and stand)

