

**Government  
Street  
Refresh.**



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# Phase 2 - Draft Concept Design

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## SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

02 March 2022 - 20 March 2022

### PROJECT NAME:

Government Street Refresh

# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** Special features for Government Street between Humboldt and Courtney could include the following. Please rate your level of support for each feature from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest support and 5 being the highest support.

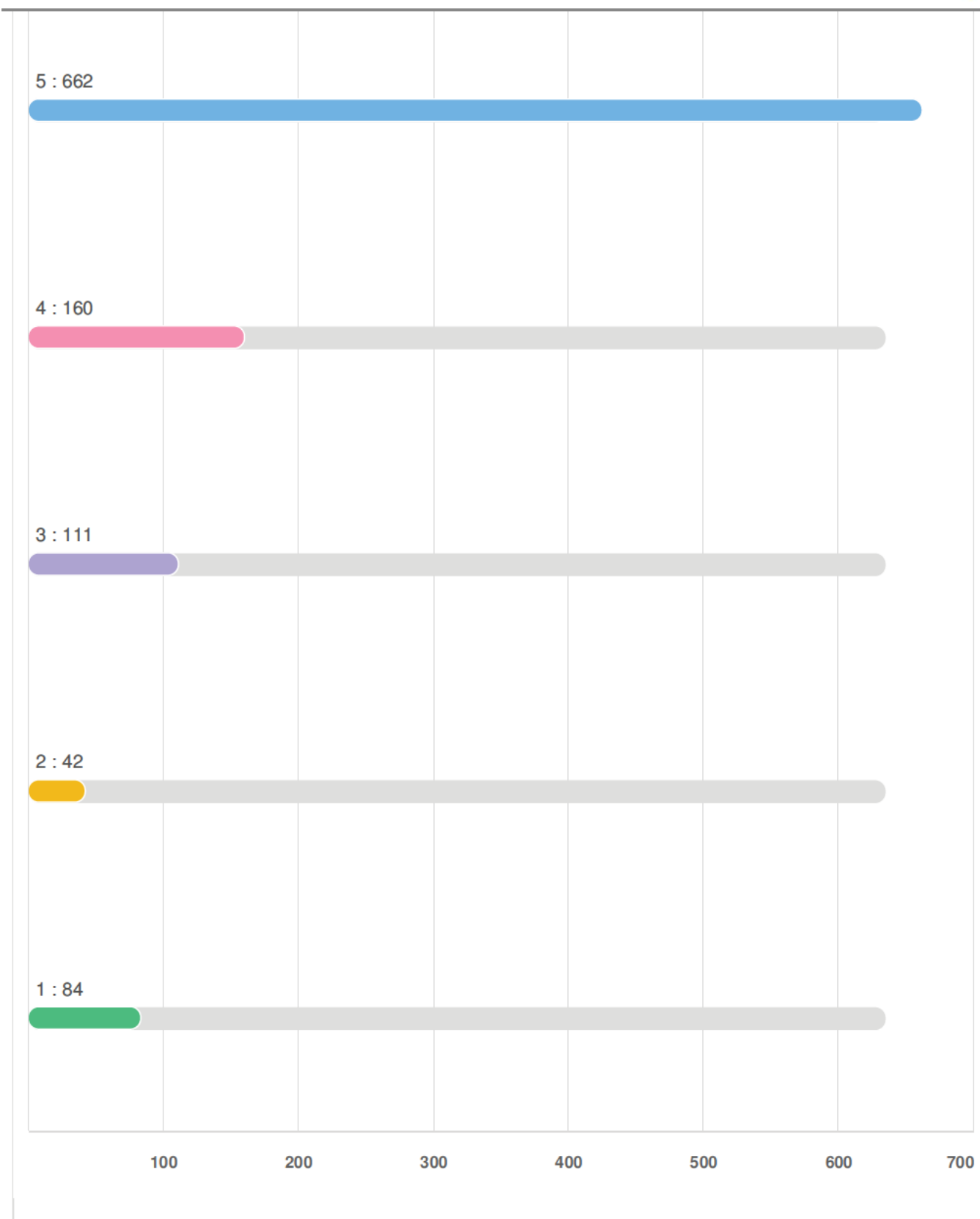


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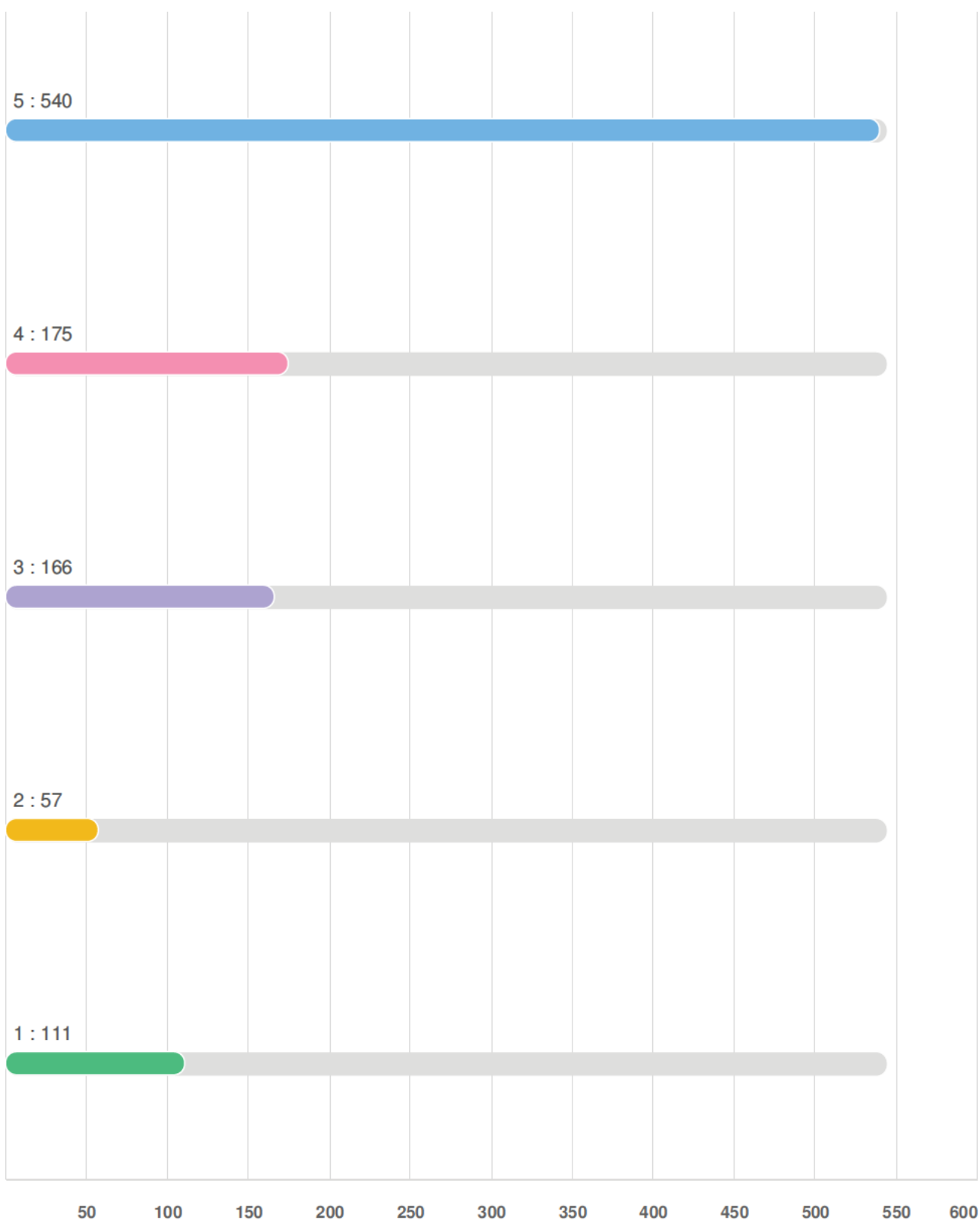
Question type: Likert Question

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**An Indigenous public art landmark near Humboldt Street**

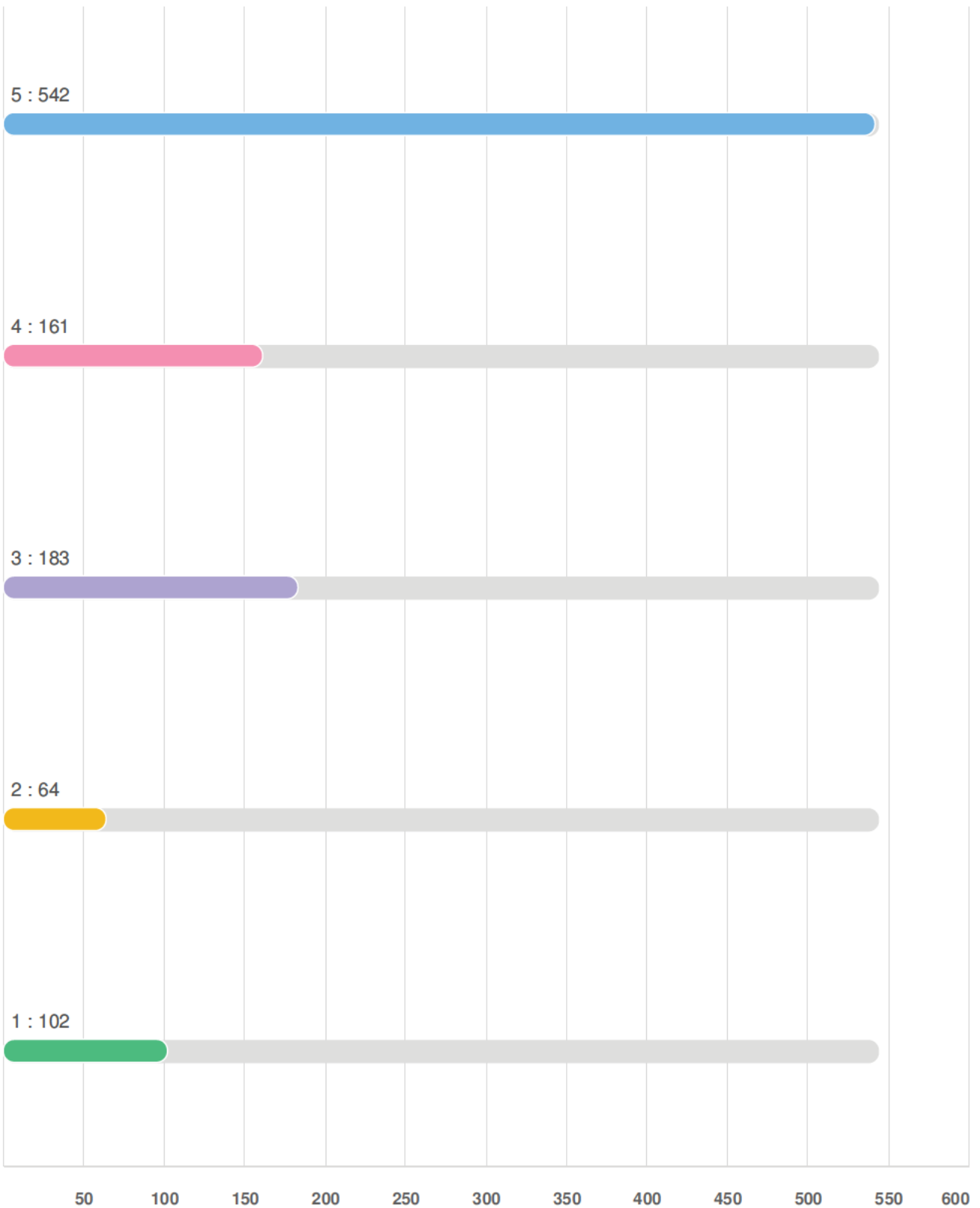


### A covered pavilion for a range of uses and cultural programming

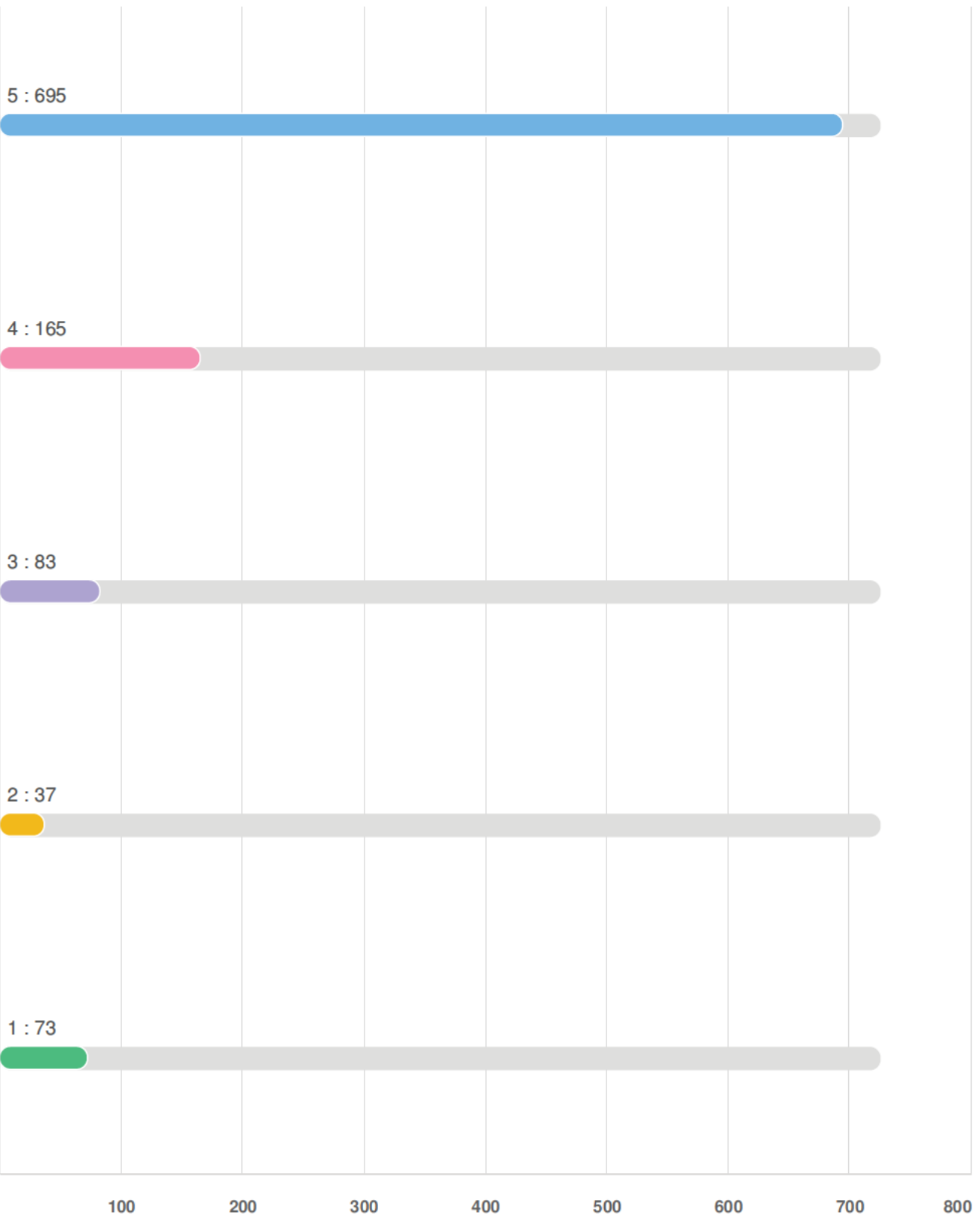




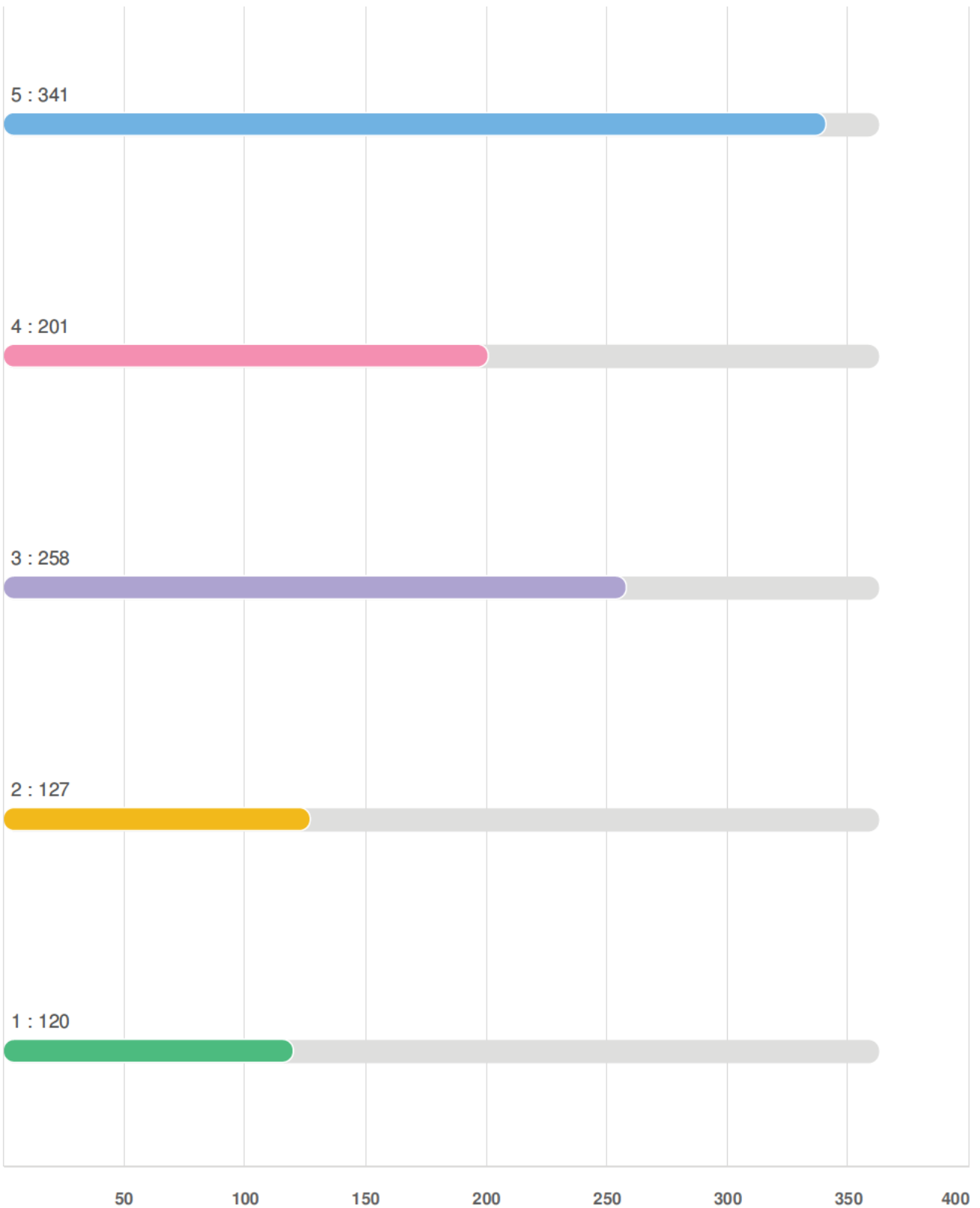
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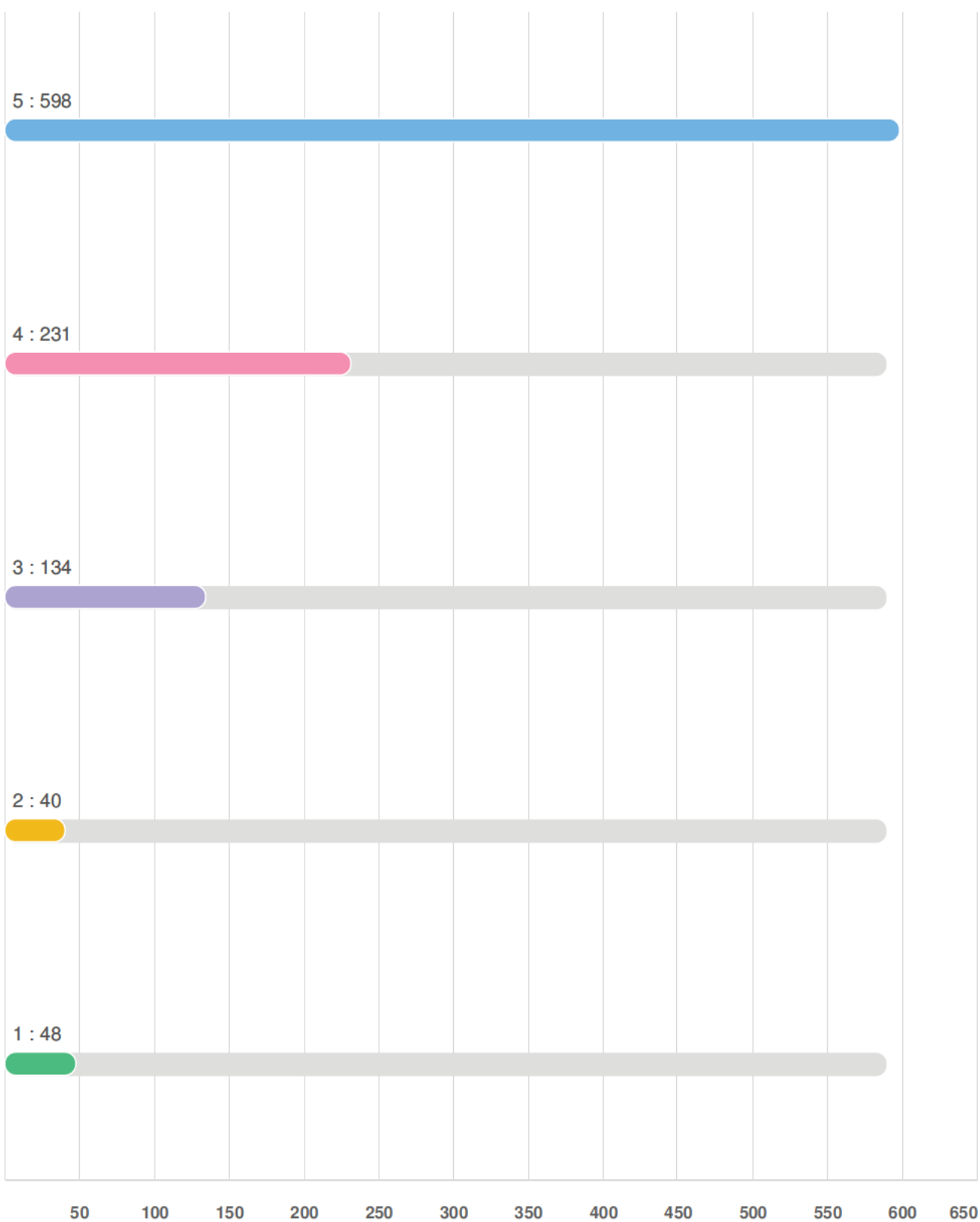
### Permanent, high-quality restaurant patios



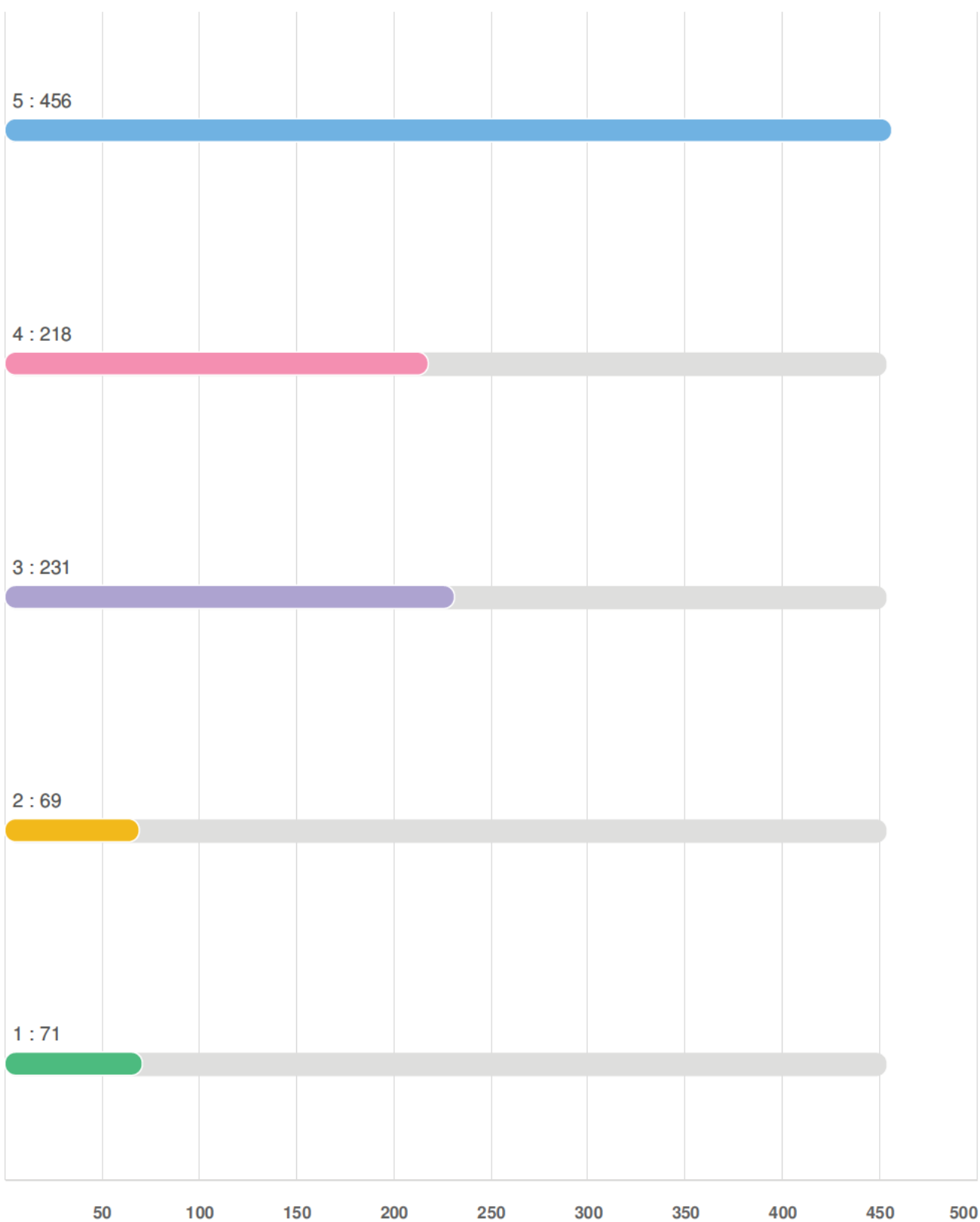
### Expanded storefront space



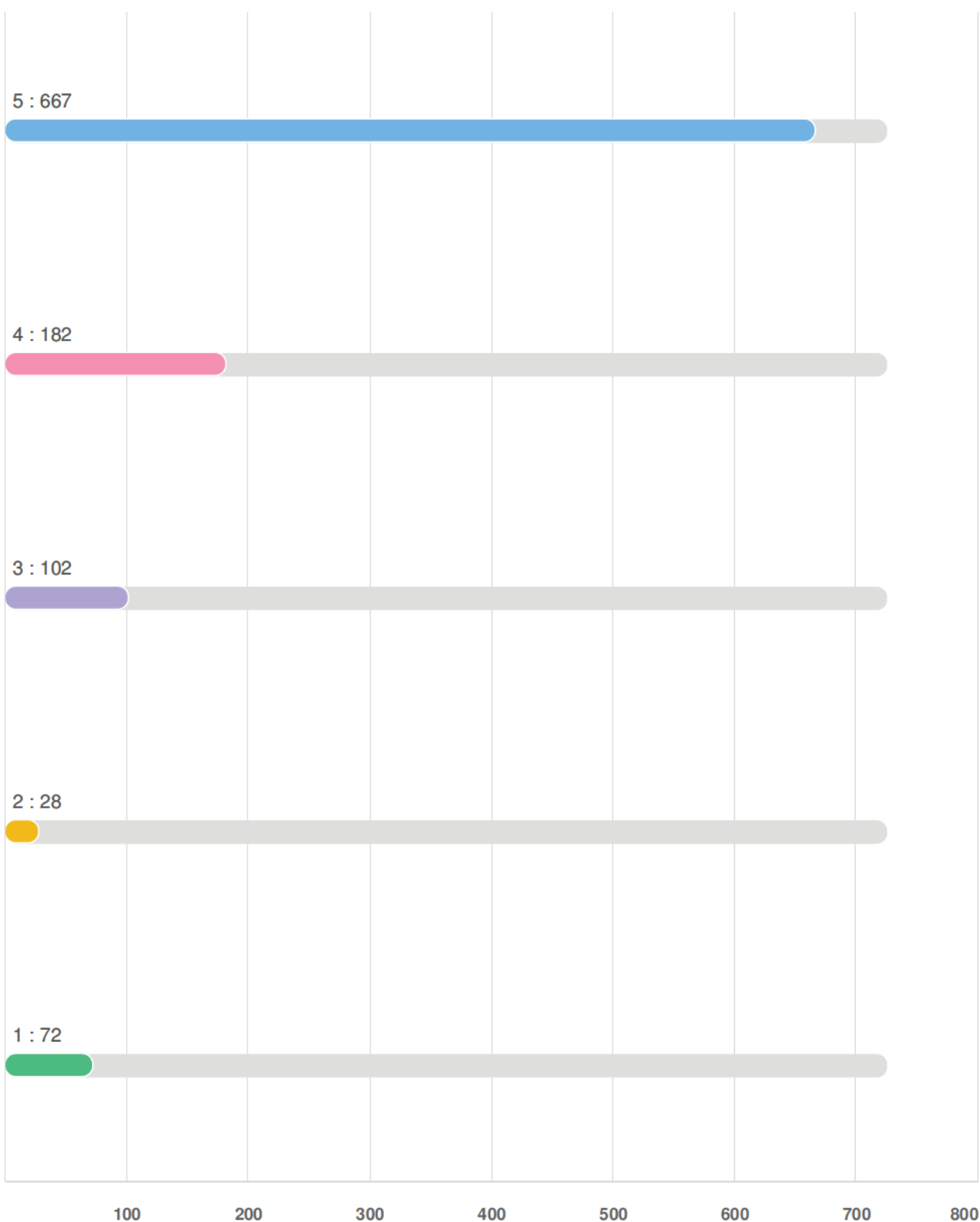
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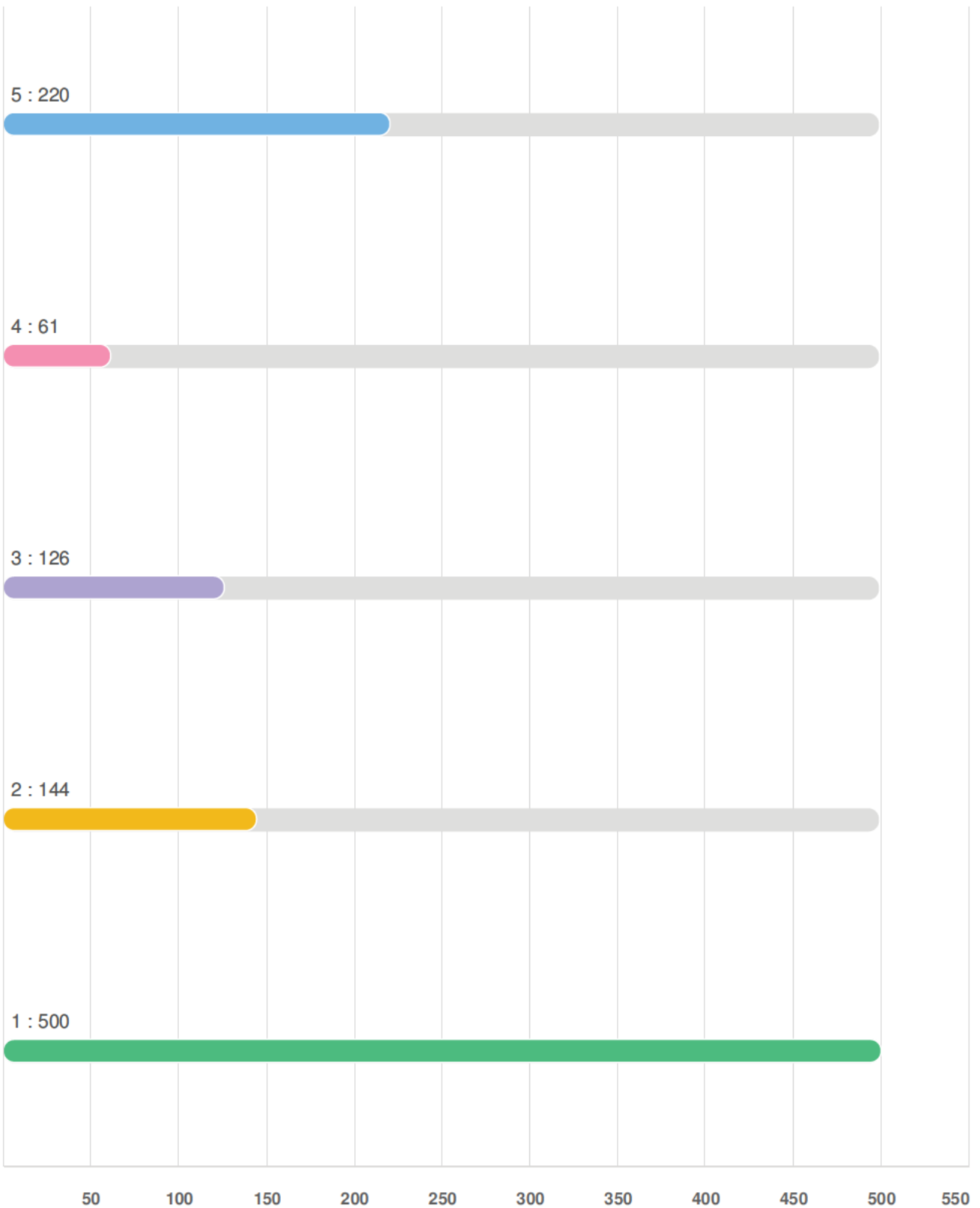
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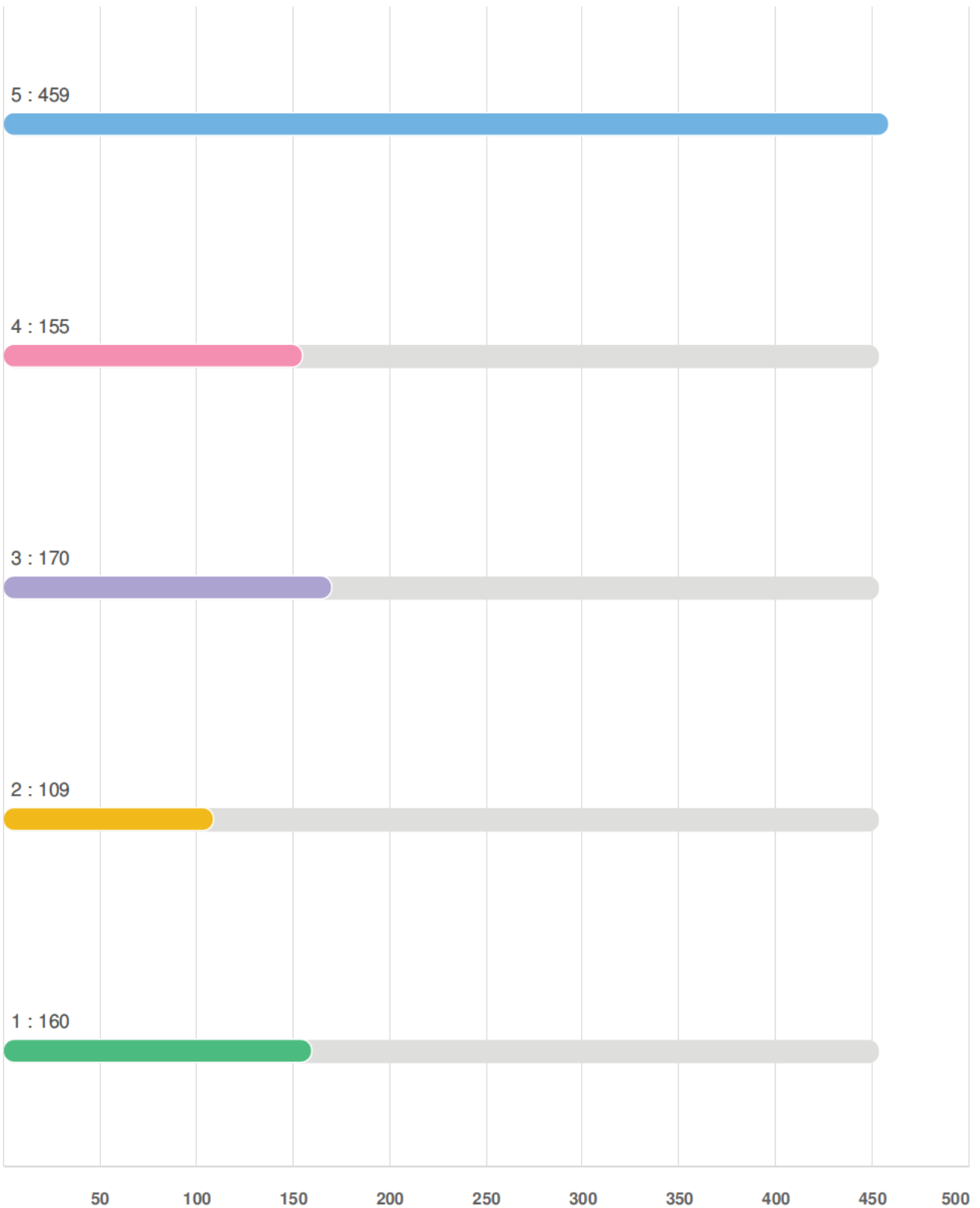


## Opportunities for special events during car-free times

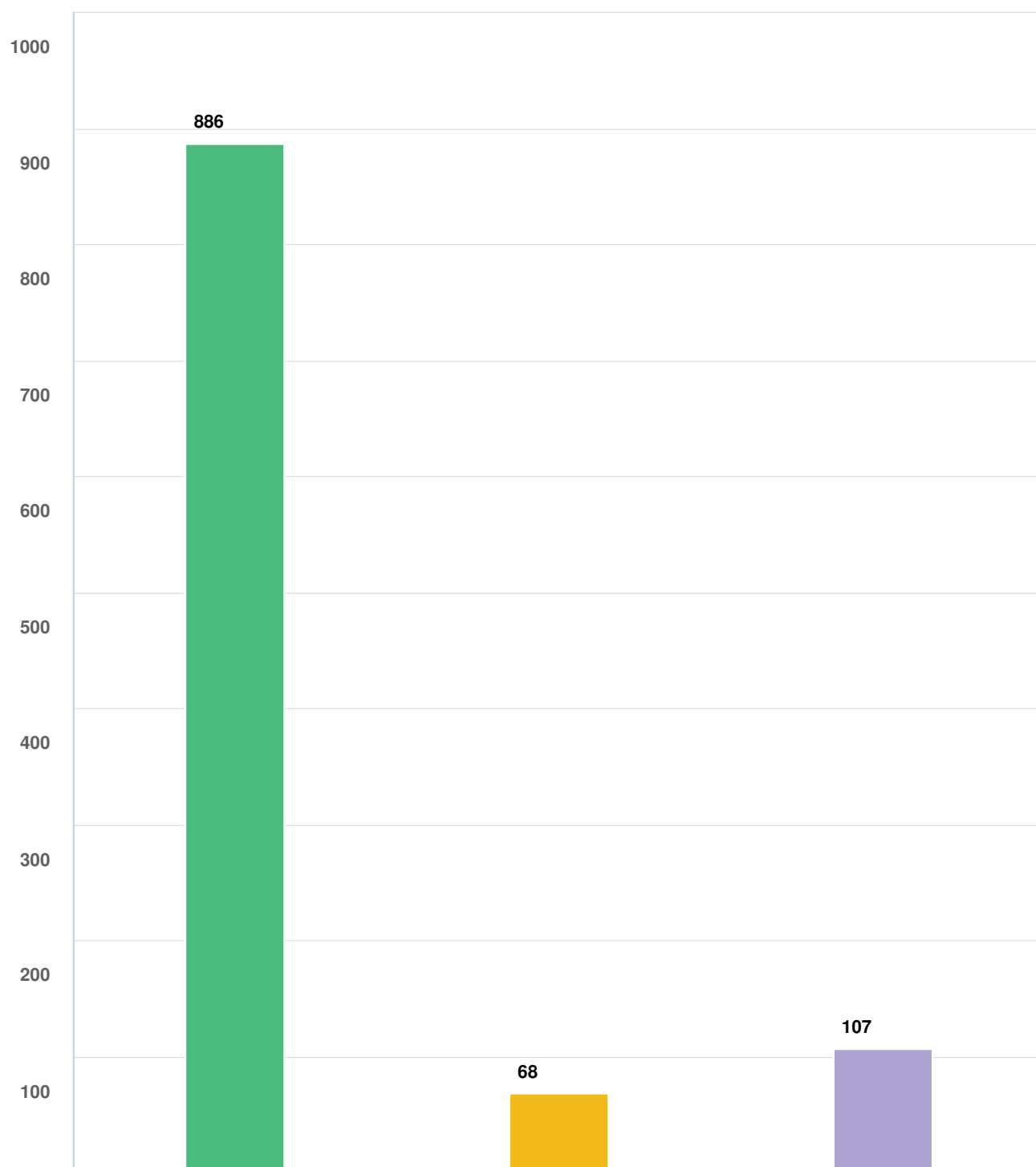


## Continued access for motor vehicles outside of timed car-free periods



**Access for bikes, pedicabs and horse-drawn carriages at all times**



**Q2** What is your overall level of support for what is proposed for Government Street between Humboldt and Courtney?**Question options**

☐ Don't Support ☐ Neutral ☒ Support

Optional question (1061 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q3 What did we miss? What would you like to see included?**

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3/02/2022 10:36 AM

City "programming" not desired

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3/02/2022 10:39 AM

Additional bollards and built environment change to protect pedestrians from vehicle traffic during allowed periods.

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3/02/2022 10:57 AM

Much more bike parking is required, especially for cargo bikes, which can be more challenging to lock

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3/02/2022 10:59 AM

Timed use of vehicles isn't currently working on Government. Drivers continue to enter and actually honk at pedestrians. Current accident waiting to happen

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:10 AM

Make it completely car free apart from restricted delivery times and emergency vehicles

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3/02/2022 11:13 AM

The proposed Indigenous features are a heavy-handed nod to the current moment, and would look out of place immediately and sadly dated very quickly. The renovation should be playing to the existing strengths and cultural integrity of the area by emphasizing and contributing to the late-Victorian/early Edwardian aspects of the experience. Given that the City has chosen not to investigate or recommend prosecution for those who destroyed the statue of Captain Cook, just half a block away, the proposed new Indigenous feature would be an impediment to reconciliation, and an indication of municipal politicians' wish to foster the "culture war" for political gain. Also, the plan falls between two stools by attempting to maintain access for motor vehicles. Just exclude them altogether and move to a model where deliveries are by non-motorized means only.

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3/02/2022 11:25 AM

Consider replacing sections of the asphalt road with red brick pavers so it no longer feels like a space for cars. Incorporate commemorative bricks and other art into brick design.

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3/02/2022 11:29 AM

Although this initially is a good project any and all surveys and work should be held until after the NEXT Local Elections. No changes should be made that may or may not affect local business in the short term. The restart of the Cruise Industry will prove an integral part this

plan and a review AFTER the Cruise Ship Season restarts will THEN be in order. No Changes until after that review.

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3/02/2022 11:30 AM

Extended bike parking. Green space for animals.

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3/02/2022 11:38 AM

Less land wasted on cars, more reclaiming public space for people.  
More bike parking, including secured bike parking.

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3/02/2022 11:39 AM

We'd like to see clear rules as to whether/where/when bikes would be allowed. If the pedestrian focus is successful, the number of people will increase, creating pedestrian-bicycle conflict.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 12:11 PM

This is such an exciting plan! I think it is a great idea and the plan looks like it will create a beautiful space. I would like to see good quality and abundant bicycle parking as well. And maybe some food garden boxes that FED or lifecycles could help with. Or a native plants garden!

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3/02/2022 12:25 PM

Mixture of cultural art that reflects the history of Victoria, native and settler. We risk losing the 'quaint' British-style ambience of the city that alot of tourists come to see if we get rid of everything that made the city what it was. The sole focus on native names and art does not reflect the totality of what Victoria is, and who all made this place what it is.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 12:26 PM

Please include benches - not just clusters of them, but spread throughout downtown to increase accessibility

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3/02/2022 12:31 PM

I love all the ideas, and it's about time :)

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3/02/2022 12:57 PM

Don't make Courtenay a dead end at Government.

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3/02/2022 01:19 PM

No horse carriages. More bike lockups near patios so they can be watched.

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3/02/2022 01:31 PM

Would like to see a small VICPD office with 24/7 foot patrols along Government.

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3/02/2022 02:01 PM

Fully car free. No need for timed access except for early morning delivery trucks.

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3/02/2022 02:09 PM

I support making this section of Government Street completely car-free (with the potential exception of commercial vehicles needed to supply businesses along this stretch). I appreciate that having car-free times is intended as a compromise between competing objectives. But a pedestrian zone that still has cars zooming through it at certain times of day isn't really a pedestrian zone at all. I commute (by bike) along Government Street and regularly see vehicles disregarding the currently-posted timed vehicle bans. For what it's worth, I want to add my voice to the "no car" side of the debate. I also think it's a mistake to have parking spaces or "vehicle drop-off areas" (are these the same thing) on Government St. The whole idea, as I understand it, is to revitalize it as a cultural space. Parking spots/"car drop-off areas" are the opposite of that.

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3/02/2022 02:09 PM

Would love to see a level roadway, ie no distinction between the sidewalk and part time roadway beyond maybe a row of embed bricks

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3/02/2022 02:11 PM

Too much focus on First Nations culture. I'd like to know if the First Nations people actually inhabited this area of the city. I understand the area across the water was their traditional territory but I have never seen much about them residing in the area we are discussing. Government Street is the heart of our downtown and the heritage centre with its beautiful, old architecture. This is what should be played up as it is what attracts tourists and locals to the area. So far, the design seems to be trying to eliminate or reduce as much as possible, the interesting and exciting European influence and development of Victoria. I'm happy to see horsedrawn carriages and pedicabs included. These are essential to developing a vibrant downtown core. Although I support these 2 modes of transportation, I don't support bikes in the downtown core. I wish these would be separated from the choice. Victoria cyclists are notoriously rude and dangerous. It would be good to keep them out of pedestrian zones for the safety of other people using the area.

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3/02/2022 02:19 PM

I would like to see the timed car free zone extended to yates. I also would like to make sure that this is all year, not just when the city deems summer months. People use Government st all year.

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food carts

3/02/2022 02:40 PM

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I would like to see this block permanently closed to vehicle traffic not time limited. The blocks further north can be time limited but having this car free would discourage through traffic at all times.

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Improved pavement/pavers.

3/02/2022 03:00 PM

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I hope the final design expresses a shared vision for this city together with the Lekwungen and the Chinese communities. This project has the potential to be revolutionary in a wonderful way! If it's possible, can the City embark on a collaborative design process with Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the Chinese community at China Town, to inform the conceptual design of the space itself ? I would rather unravel everything, including all of the pre-conceived (colonial) notions of public space as a first step, instead of simply overlaying information received from different cultures onto the same conception of a streetscape - i.e. there is so much more potential than just adding art, event, vendor and cultural programming spaces. Government Street needs different perspectives and values to shape this public space as a place that is relevant for the present and future for the people who live here as well as for tourists. So what does that mean? A discussion that starts with what this public space is should begin to unwind the go-to design solutions and make us all go deeper. For example, as the design is based on the shared space approach - what does that mean in terms of reciprocity, social connection and other values and perspectives? How could that open up new ways of designing the street? Also, instead of the "Old Town Victoria" light fixtures, I would 100% prefer to see contemporary design that is 'of our time' as an overlay onto the heritage architecture. We definitely need to invest in accent lighting to not only light but also animate the public realm experience during our dark winter days. We are revitalizing an important street for current and future generations so it is therefore vitally important for Government Street to connect with our times, rather than expressing only one particular period of (colonial) time in the past. Even the tourists will become bored with this, it has already become trite and will relevancy. High quality stone paving would be a great material to connect the old architecture with the new public space. Walking on the granite pavers of Bloor Street in Toronto, you just feel better and know that this is a significant street. And as for an approach to heritage conservation, here's an example European project that combines the old and new: <https://landezine.com/redevelopment-of-ferdinando-savoia-square-by-clab-architettura-with-federico-signorelli/> I hope the BIA can clean up

3/02/2022 03:05 PM

awnings and storefronts and that the street can be kept cleaner, especially from the seagulls. As far as accessibility, good public realm design is always inclusive. So when I'm answering questions that have the word "accessible" in it, I don't know if you are asking me if I want, for example "New accessible seating areas" or "new seating areas" that will of course be accessible.

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3/02/2022 03:08 PM

No motor vehicles -- outside of those used for deliveries or emergencies -- should be permitted at any time. Furthermore, the car-free zone should be extended to Pandora.

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I'd prefer the street to become fully pedestrianized and a no car zone at all times rather than a timed zone.

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3/02/2022 03:20 PM

as possible, focus on merchants serving local residents rather than tourists

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3/02/2022 03:31 PM

There needs to be more of a tree canopy along this street. Temperatures are really heating up - we will require more shading.

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3/02/2022 03:36 PM

Expanded car free hours (noon is too late to start).

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3/02/2022 03:54 PM

Do away with the horse drawn carriages. They are slow to be behind and the poor animals are a sad sight. They should be in nature, not on hot concrete with cars all day.

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3/02/2022 04:01 PM

Adding attractions on government street does not help the businesses it hurts us. It has been proven over and over that when events are set up near government street the sales go down.

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3/02/2022 04:21 PM

Can you guys stop ripping up government street please this is getting ridiculous

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3/02/2022 04:24 PM

More work needs to be done with timing for lights to deal with moving vehicle traffic on Wharf St. during peak hours. Don't increase the sidewalk area in this area. It needs to be functional for deliveries and emergency vehicles.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 04:40 PM	I would prefer Government Street to be completely car free, or at least more limited early morning hours for deliveries. Encourage more restaurants and fewer tacky tourist shops. The most successful pedestrian streets I've been to around the world tend to have more restaurants and cafes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 04:50 PM	Make it 100% pedestrian friendly, 7am - 12pm no cars
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 05:24 PM	This is long overdue! Something good to come out of the pandemic!
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 05:25 PM	Get rid of the cars once and for all. There is no need to have vehicle traffic in the downtown centre, specifically in Government. Mixing bikes and pedestrians can also become dangerous, having seen a fair number of collisions in other parts of the city between pedestrians and cyclists I'd urge caution in this planning phase.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 05:40 PM	You fail to mention the impact to the merchants who occupy some of the most expensive real estate in the City. They have to remain viable and need a higher priority consideration with these proposals. The current arrangement is a dead zone outside of good weather weekends. Pretty sneaky to include pedi-cabs & Horse Drawn Carriages with bikes so as to indicate a higher support for bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 05:44 PM	Area for pop up food trucks, street performers.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 06:34 PM	City is becoming less and less accessible . Going down town is a joke with bike lanes that are mostly empty. The ability to supply store with products is nearly impossible.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 06:50 PM	More trees on the west side of the block. Is there the possibility to include rainwater management via rain gardens on this block, given that it is at the bottom of the hill and could potentially catch and filter a lot of runoff? This could include native wetland plants (ex. mountain sneezeweed, Douglas aster, red-osier dogwood, etc.)
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 07:29 PM	Open Government street to cruise shuttle to allow for guests to enjoy and see what the street has to offer.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:06 PM	Flower gardens, water features
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:07 PM	Signage including a map that explains the Government Street concept to visitors, and that shows what amenities and points of interest are where (i.e. wayfinding).
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:08 PM	The horse carriages will be a problem with pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:26 PM	Permanent 24/7 pedestrian only zone. Timed allowances for essential delivery trucks etc.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:35 PM	Looks good, only thing that was missed was the word 'timed' was mistakenly added before car free zone.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 10:03 PM	There's nothing for dogs or for safely parking bikes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 11:29 PM	I think government street is meant and was always meant to be a road, and it's ridiculous that cars dont get to drive on it daily... it helps with evening out traffic flow of other busy streets like douglas, blanchard etc. Why tear up an already historic road? there was nothing wrong with how it use to be. and we still had just as many tourists. buisnesses will make less money without tour busses being allowed access to the street. keep victoria how it is and stop changing it. let history show its aging beauty!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:01 AM	Need motor vehicle access at all times
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:56 AM	the whol concept is supportable. the problem is now shifted to Wharf street. a TRAFFIC DISSASTER AND DISGRACE
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:58 AM	We need to keep the streets open to traffic flows. With all the new construction for housing , the daily rush hour for workers coming into the city, delivery trucks , it getting harder and harder to go downtown . Traffic needs to flow. The majority of traffic goes north south - keep those streets open to traffic



Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:04 AM	Great vision and work
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:05 AM	Make it car free all the time
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:06 AM	covered Bike parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:14 AM	Places for buskers, un programmed activity
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:15 AM	Please include normal car access, Victoria downtown is a busy area and needs this street to help traffic flow.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:18 AM	I think it is of primordial importance to have city spaces that are do not require spending money. Spaces to gather and be creative. Spaces for the city to come alive outside of a business (restaurant or store). I want to see spaces that artists can use, community spaces, spaces for activism, and green spaces. I would also love to see permits for food trucks and other mobile street vendors.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:19 AM	Vehicle access only for deliveries with a timed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:24 AM	Public food; fruit trees, herb boxes
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:43 AM	I would not include horse drawn carriages. Nothing against the horses but they are large and require space and priority. I'd strongly prefer other businesses and users to have use of those spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:44 AM	Make it bicycle free. Include all histories - not just indigenous.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:47 AM	I am interested in seeing government Street continue to be more pedestrian friendly. However, since it more frequently serves the needs of tourists I do believe that there should be special access for buses, especially those ones serving cruise ship passengers. These tourists "feed" many of those businesses towards the end of government street. I believe there should be access always for bicycles, pedicabs, and horse drawn carriages. Traffic flow along

wharf Street is very slow at the best of times. (I'm an avid cyclist and use the wharf street lanes frequently).

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3/03/2022 07:48 AM

I do not support the increase of pedestrian on streets in downtown. This will simply kill the downtown businesses. I rarely come down anymore as there is not place to park and I need to be able to park within a short walk. If the Jones Act is permanently ended the cruise ship business will end. In addition cruise ship passengers also only want to walk a limited amount. If their buses cannot go up government they simply will not go. Our local downtown businesses will die.

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3/03/2022 07:50 AM

Lanes for bikes (so they don't interfere with pedestrians)

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:56 AM

Access for bikes and pedicabs, yes—NOT horse-drawn carriages, which I oppose outright due to animal welfare.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:57 AM

Smooth sidewalk to make it easier for people using walker specially in front of the Empress

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:58 AM

I'm not clear on what expanded store fronts mean? So I was neutral. Have the walking surface be interesting...cobble stone? Provide lock ups for bikes, strollers, etc.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:58 AM

I support what's been proposed. My comment, based on what I saw in the past two years, is the need for ongoing street cleaning to remove the seagull poop on the street where outdoor eating is taking place. It was a major distraction in the recent past. Thank you.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:59 AM

Sheltered seating is important for sun and rain protection to encourage outdoor use year round.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:07 AM

Clear articulation of strategies to support desired activities versus current increased number of individuals hanging out, sleeping, etc. in front of businesses (noted during last walk along Government St. that two of the businesses where homeless individuals consistently set up their sleeping quarters in business entrances ...the businesses have gone). Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent to attract tourists to this beautiful city...they need to feel safe when they come and not be greeted by panhandlers on every corner. I live in this city

and I walk it every day. Sadly I am taking cabs on a regular basis, particularly at night because it is not safe for me to walk on my own. More lighting, more vibrancy, more people, more activity will help and I look forward to it.

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3/03/2022 08:07 AM

Make it car free all the time to avoid confusion

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Bike parking somewhere would be handy!

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3/03/2022 08:14 AM

Remove cars from 8am until am

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3/03/2022 08:22 AM

I would like to see a dedicated stage for live performances in coordination with the city's music strategy.

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3/03/2022 08:28 AM

Areas of covered seating for inclement weather, heat, etc.

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3/03/2022 08:29 AM

Pedestrian zone at all times

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3/03/2022 08:30 AM

When would this construction start and finish.

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3/03/2022 08:33 AM

Don't change the lighting

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3/03/2022 08:35 AM

The businesses want one lane traffic and I agree this them...if you want an assessable downtown I think it should be assessable for all..

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:36 AM

As many Planters and trees as possible. Reduce car lane width to minimum. Access to Public washrooms.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:36 AM

Not a thing! This whole proposal is magnificent and the type of thing we flock to when visiting other countries, most of which have at least one wonderful pedestrian oriented street with shops, cafes, restaurants and cultural events/interpretive displays.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:38 AM	I think bikes should be allowed in the pedestrian zone at all times, a bike lane would be great if possible. But not horse carriages and pedicabs. Just a personal opinion, those types of vehicles are tacky and outdated and don't add any value to downtown Victoria.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:39 AM	I strongly support the expansion of patios to the street...I also strongly support the option of infrastructure for beer gardens and food trucks during cultural events or live music etc. To be honest, I only think there needs to be access here for delivery trucks during off hours; I feel government should be shut to all traffic permanently.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:40 AM	Outside of accessible drop-offs and deliveries to local businesses I support a car-free Government St.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:43 AM	Consider what Vancouver has done with sections of Robson St, where it is open to vehicles in the "off" season, and then closed to vehicles during peak summer seasons when outdoor use will be maximized.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:43 AM	Wheelchair and disability access, everywhere. Options for wheelchair vans to drive into Government Street (designated areas, including parking for those vans on Government Street
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:44 AM	If there is to be access for bikes then there should be designated lanes or structures to ensure cyclists don't travel too quickly.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:44 AM	Concern about horses, pedicabs, bikes where pedestrians not expecting faster traffic than other pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:53 AM	Wonderful design proposal. You have my full support. I would like to see permanently installed timed, automatic bollards as shown in the following video. I have walked on pedestrianized streets in Europe and Asia with these and they really allow the street to thrive both in terms of business but also as a safe place to spend your time free of car noise and pollution. Article: <a href="https://bicycledutch.wordpress.com/2015/12/15/how-to-prevent-rat-running/">https://bicycledutch.wordpress.com/2015/12/15/how-to-prevent-rat-running/</a> Short demo video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Okb63flApDY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Okb63flApDY</a>
Screen Name Redacted	Bikes and horse carriages should not be allowed on Government St.

3/03/2022 08:53 AM

Bikes should stay on bike lanes. Horse carriages should be banned from Victoria.

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3/03/2022 08:55 AM

My concern is why have vehicles at all on Government street? Make it completely pedestrian and bike friendly. Vehicles do not need to be driving on Government street, driving on that road is a complete nightmare, and pedestrians and children should enjoy the space freely without having to worry if a car is going to run over them.

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3/03/2022 08:58 AM

Details of time car free periods. I believe it should only be for early morning delivery and emergency vehicles. Not sure about horse drawn carriages. Could be problematic.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:59 AM

Nothing missed on the "what". More about the "how". Please have top of mind creating a place that is exciting and desirable for LOCALS to go to. Right now many folks avoid going downtown, and places like Government are really just tacky tourist stuff. This project could really address this. And let's face it, tourists want authentic experiences also, not just tourist stuff.

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3/03/2022 09:00 AM

Keep cars off Government 24/7.

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3/03/2022 09:02 AM

Security in an ever-increasing dangerous downtown

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3/03/2022 09:02 AM

Not going far enough - should be 100% pedestrian

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:16 AM

No need for horse drawn carriages or pedicabs. I'm envisioning having a coffee or sipping a glass of wine at outdoor cafes like they have in Europe.

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3/03/2022 09:16 AM

fire pits in the winter... give us a reason to come out during bad weather! musicians and stages. More greenery... just like a home, adding plants makes things look better.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:18 AM

I think if this project is going to go ahead then make it completely car-free, why confuse drivers with too many rules.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:30 AM

I fully support the current Government St. pedestrian friendly plan. I love that Board near Pag's was blocked off permanently. However, this 'new plan' is too much for the area. The City is growing leaps and bounds and traffic in the City as a whole is already choking other streets (need last few blocks on Government St. to Fisgard to keep things moving). And we haven't even got the tourists in town yet. I believe when we return to post-Covid level of pedestrian flow, will need all the room currently there. I know part of goal is to get people out of there cars, but people need to be able to get around their own City (not just visiting, on-foot tourist). I get that Government St. is currently being ripped up, so now the time to make the change. But if going to send cruise ship busses down View and onto to Government St. to Yates, already running cross-purposes with this new plan. I live on Downtown/ Fairfield boundary, thus walk 90% of my life. I am basically on Government St. daily. Sprucing things up is always good, but not to the point of choking this pedestrian areas as well. Just don't know what the present-day City (with newly increased population, soon to come cruise ship visitors, maybe a resumption of normal tourism levels) feel is? Maybe making plans based on City feel from two years ago (pre-Covid). Get prudence of doing improvements along with present repairs on Government St. currently happening, but would suggest wait to see what our growing City, with first real tourist season on horizon, is like. I think with expanded patio space during Covid, the seating and eating spaces put in on street during Covid, that will need rest of space for pedestrian traffic, and for the resumption of pre-Covid Summer Government St. events which are so great for the City.

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3/03/2022 09:32 AM

Increase public transit and make it affordable to get in and out of the city easier. Make it more likely people won't drive into the city.

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Funding needs to be better spent in other areas like repairing roads and safer streets.

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Sound safe supervision of security companies that maybe involved in monitoring area. Cooling off stations during heat waves. Safe youth spaces. Thankyou.

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covered bike parking

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I like the concept of pedestrianizing the government and lower government street areas to be user friendly for locals and tourists. We have significant development above government street that is

slowly creeping into the Old Town boundaries.

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Shade/shelter? Water features?

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Ban smoking in the area-or if not provide places for create butts.  
create some street murals. Create a much greenery as possible and  
expand the number of trees. Increase bike storage areas. Public  
bathrooms need to be created downtown.

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3/03/2022 09:50 AM

Pavilions and programming seem a little forced. Seating, trees,  
restaurant patios, and FOOD TRUCKS, will allow people to  
congregate naturally.

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3/03/2022 10:03 AM

Establish opportunities for Lekwungen and Indigenous owned  
businesses in support of meaningful economic reconciliation in each  
phase and at the waterfront, not just as a token attraction. Establish a  
year round performance plan supporting the arts, including  
Lekwungen.

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3/03/2022 10:04 AM

I implore you to carefully scrutinize whatever public art you choose to  
add, whether a nod to Indigenous or otherwise. The City has a  
reputation for not choosing wisely (sometimes) and letting commercial  
interests (like developers) make poor choices for them.

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3/03/2022 10:11 AM

The goal to provide the "full" story of indigenous peoples is not  
possible. An attempt to provide some of the story is.

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3/03/2022 10:13 AM

I'm so tired of almost being run over by bikes when walking  
downtown. There should be some training of bike riders and I wish we  
were more pedestrian friendly. It comes across as very elitist. I grew  
up poor and never had the opportunity to learn to ride. Or the ability  
to afford one to learn on.

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Sounds great to me!!! Maybe a public washroom?

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:17 AM	No cars...cities in Europe manage well and prosper...shops will benefit although they don't see that now with COVID. Deliveries are awkward, but people manage because they want the business. DO NOT ELIMINATE TREES WITHOUT REPLACING THEM!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:22 AM	This section is my favourite part. Looks amazing!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:23 AM	Keep vehicle access to one lane at all times
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:23 AM	I think the entire notion of limiting vehicle access is misguided and wrong. I think the city has gone in the wrong direction for years. Disabled or infirm people need their cars and need to get close to the stores by driving and parking. Please stop this nonsense.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:24 AM	I don't we need need horse drawn carriages going through here (or anywhere in Victoria for that matter). I'd like to see no car access at all for this block.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:27 AM	Please prioritize not creating an even more backed up traffic situation. If you have to diverge traffic from Government st. at certain times (more details please??), will there be a logical alternative present? Added parking spaces available? Convenience and safety is important for both pedestrians and drivers. Please don't forget the drivers, as some people have no other way to travel (elderly, physically challenged, etc). Thank you.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:32 AM	Sounds interesting, I think it would be particularly beneficial for the residents of down town. I live in Cadboro Bay and have been finding it harder and more expensive to find parking in down town. Its a bit of a dream to think people are going to ride their bikes down town to go out for dinner through all our rainy cold months. Simply won't happen. The new bike lanes have made accessibility worse not better. And while ridership is up the percentage of people using the lanes is, and will remain small.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:32 AM	I'm very uncomfortable with unlimited bicycle access since cyclists (especially on motorized bikes) tend to travel much faster and less predictably than carriages and pedicabs and thus constitute a significant hazard to pedestrians, especially if two-way travel is permitted. Cyclists should be required to walk their bikes during car-



free times.

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3/03/2022 10:35 AM

Suggest use of hydraulic bollards rather than removable bollards.

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Bike lanes and free roaming pedestrians need clear boundaries

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3/03/2022 10:48 AM

Total pedestrianization. Keep the cars permanently out of this space.  
Look to Europe for examples!

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3/03/2022 10:49 AM

Covered open-air seating and tables so people can sit and talk outdoors in all weather. Free outdoor meeting rooms so neighbours and local organizations can hold meetings and remain covid safe. Could also be used by school groups for a 45-min class session. Opens the street to use by many other than just by shoppers. Require restaurant patios to include electric heaters for outdoor patrons - expands the usefulness of the facility through the cold months. Add an outdoor "games" area with chess/checker tables, or a large chess/checkers board with life-size pieces. Public washrooms. Recycling bins. Community announcement boards that will accept posters, flyers.

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3/03/2022 10:51 AM

I would like to see the car free space not be a timed car free space but a permanent one.

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As usual people with low mobility are being excluded from our own town. Many of us need to be driven to events downtown- not just taken to the outskirts and have to struggle several blocks in to where they need to go. Typical of Victoria council to ostracize us!!!

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I like the idea of a public space a lot, and would be supportive of having it be a car free zone all of the time. I hope that the seating and space provided will not be antagonistic to people experiencing homelessness.

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3/03/2022 10:59 AM

Please DO NOT bring horses into the downtown core. Their waste smells terrible in the summer heat, they are hazardous for pedestrians to be around, and will become 'priority' users of the area whenever they are nearby, this already greatly disrupts traffic, pedestrians, bikes and everyone near the legislature, and is arguably

a business that is no longer in keeping with modern times, if this is a refresh for city, please leave carriages behind. Pedicabs are a perfectly acceptable alternative.

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3/03/2022 11:00 AM

Trees/planters/hanging baskets; bike lock up

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3/03/2022 11:02 AM

I really like the idea of making the area more pedestrian friendly. As a driver, I found it frustrating to drive down the street anyways and avoid it at all costs. Supporting and highlighting indigenous and cultural heritage is an exciting prospect.

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3/03/2022 11:02 AM

It was on the list, but I would emphasize the importance of lighting for night time events.

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First, the centreline dividers proposed for Government Street could include trees intended to replace the trees now in the sidewalks, some of which, when they reach their end of life, may be removed and not replaced. This would have the effect of reducing barriers to mobility on the sidewalks during times when vehicular traffic is allowed, while still maintaining that beautiful green canopy. Second, at present, the corner of Humboldt/Government/Wharf discriminates against traffic approaching on Humboldt. The light for Humboldt traffic is too short, allowing only one or two cars to pass. And during peak times, traffic turning left off of Government and on to Wharf leaves no room for Humboldt traffic to move through the light even if it is green for them. Part of the problem is the traffic light at the bottom of Fort, which causes traffic to backup. Perhaps the Fort/Wharf light can be timed with the lights at Government/Wharf/Humboldt in such a way as to ensure that traffic flowing off of Government and on to Wharf will continue to flow past Fort unimpeded. I assume that the timed vehicular access to Government Street through Old Town will be during peak traffic hours. Third, I am okay with small retail sidewalk booths, but not if they are to be used as expanded sales vehicles for existing brick-and-mortar businesses. Let these booths be limited for use by small independent merchant/manufacturers producing local products. Forth, public toilets would be appreciated, at least every three to four blocks.

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3/03/2022 11:10 AM

Personally, I would like to see a bollard protected and permanent pedestrian accessible space on the south end of Govt St. Allow vehicle access for commercial deliveries only. Replace pavement with cobblestone/tile/brick finish.

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The seasonal aspect of Victoria's dynamics needs to be highly considered. The allowance of street patios, as a Covid solution, proved to be popular during favourable weather, but the area was dead during the winter and poor weather periods. A permanent plan is a waste during these off season times and needs flexibility. Those citizens wanting to drive up Government St. for whatever reason (seniors, non accessible bodies, viewing the area for future return) are being discriminated against.

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I was living in Vancouver when Granville Street was converted from a vibrant neon lit street with theatres and restaurants into a pedestrian mall and it quickly deteriorated into a less safe place at night. This was decades ago, mind you. I'm worried that covered pavilions and more seating will attract sleeping places for the hard-to-house. On another note, we need more places to lock up bikes.

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vehicle access and for tour bus access as it has always been. Quit to trying to change things just for the sake of changing something.

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cars

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Bike parking, water refill stations

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cycling access to this space always

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3/03/2022 11:43 AM

I would like if no cars would access government street. Prior to covid, it was already a chaotic space with tourists and traffic. It would be easier for pedestrians and motorists alike if it stays car free otherwise it can be confusing and create more chaos

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3/03/2022 11:51 AM

Any trees and plants should be native BC trees and plants  
Recognition of and space for buskers and other street performers  
More and nice, clean, public washrooms

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Opportunities for small business representing diverse peoples not just large restaurants and tourist shops

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:08 PM	what will bring people there are business that are worth shopping at on the regular. we need incentives for local business operators to showcase their best work on our most beautiful streets. the city should incentivize landlords with tax cuts or something to bring in local chefs, boutiques, jewelers, bakers, liquor stores etc. - stores that you go back to because they make great things. currently, the shops are largely focused for the first time tourist - a tacky victoria shirt, key chain, whatever. Once a tourist does it once, they don't need to do it again. People want authentic, unique to Victoria experiences.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:20 PM	bike parking and water drinking fountain with water bottle filling station, including dog water bowl. An accessible public washroom.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:23 PM	I'd like to see the area a no car, no scooter, no bike zone...make this a place for pedestrians to walk, socialize, sit & relax, shop, and enjoy the area.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:25 PM	Much needed and love the concept!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:27 PM	Get rid of tacky tourist souvenir stores
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:36 PM	Street food vendors
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:46 PM	Government Street is great the way it is ...we need to allow cars and other vehicles one way
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:49 PM	more public washrooms, eg Portland loo.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:51 PM	Safety and security. Not allowing panhandling
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:52 PM	Shaded green spaces Bike racks Water fountains, drinking and ornamental
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:59 PM	Pedi cabs and horse drawn carriages are traffic and should be excluded from pedestrian zones to ensure pedestrian safety and access.

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Less touristy

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More trees

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Could parking lots area near harbour air have A structure built on top so that you still have cars able to park but then a walking area on top of it. You could put your entertainment pavilion there with a view of the boats in the Harbour and pedestrian hang out area. That would leave more room for patios in store front of government and make a much nicer space where that parking lot is. European cities switch to pedestrian only oldtowns years ago and in the end it's just needs some public transport infrastructure to get people there and it would become vibrant and wonderful

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3/03/2022 01:41 PM

Horse drawn carriages I am strongly against. I support strongly bikes and pedicabs. Victoria needs to get the horse drawn carriages \*off\* the list of allowed tourist attractions/activities. The presence of this activity is highly inconsistent with present-day cultural and environmental norms and concerns. I would welcome a conversation around this as a stand-alone item. While quaint and picturesque, and historical, it is also extremely colonial and continuing the activity is inconsistent with moving forward. Further, the conditions the animals experience are far from humane. This should also be inconsistent with the values our capital city holds.

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Green it up and allow space for public art along the whole area

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Dedicated spaces for food trucks, including outdoor seating for these

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I'd like to see this space become a pedestrian zone. No cars at any time, except for maybe early AM deliveries that would support the businesses getting their supplies in. It would be very exciting to see Victoria leading the nation in creating a pedestrian friendly downtown comparable to the incredible spaces one finds in the downtown areas of many European cities.

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Regarding motor vehicle traffic, I suggest it be like many European

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Squares, where the only vehicles allowed are trucks supplying the restaurants and stores in the early morning hours. Bicycles should be dismounted in this area, but horse drawn carriages and pedi-cabs be allowed at all times.

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NO car free times - if its accessible, provide parking for those who can not walk a long distance to get there, rather than blocking off their only way of getting there

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3/03/2022 02:30 PM

I would love if the whole thing were for pedestrians and bikes only. I would come down more often for sure.

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I support timed access for delivery vehicles only - not the general public. Lots of greenery.

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3/03/2022 02:41 PM

Excited to mark the area as fun and communal! The excitement of going to a European city's pedestrian zone! There is no mention of when the car access times would be. I would like them to only be for the business owners and residents to have vehicle access at known times. Also for parades/events. Perhaps a 1 hr morning window and a 2 hr evening window or as little as the businesses can manage with. Perhaps a key fob to lower the bollards provided to owners on the block. Definitely blocked to rush hours so workers commuting know to plan to not drive that way.

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Taxis, cars

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Leave it alone, and stop blocking traffic (note: you have missed a few streets; it is still possible to drive a car on some City streets). The entire city council should resign to be replaced by councillors with at least some common sense and judgment.

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3/03/2022 04:04 PM

Until you get the homeless situation fixed, there is no sense in making the improvements. Many people do not want to go downtown the way it is right now.

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Kids play structures

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:07 PM	we need the tourist buses going up Govt. street and the inner harbour. The area is the Victoria drawing card. I've never seen Govt. street so busy that we couldn't allow tour buses . One lane would do it
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:10 PM	Motorcycle parking so a full space not taken up
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:52 PM	Can still have a pedestrian priority roadway while allowing vital services/ tourism vehicles at all hours of day.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:04 PM	I dislike the idea of permanent restaurant patios, as they are weather dependant and impede the use of the street by residents who are not eating
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:19 PM	Suggest electric colleges rather than horses
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:45 PM	I don't think store fronts should be expanded. It would completely ruin any of the heritage store fronts
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:01 PM	given the state of the world, stop spending City funding on anti-car initiatives for a year or two. There's already been too much overspending and lack of transparency on how our tax dollars are being spent. I don't feel safe walking downtown now (night or day), so why would I fund a giant bike lane for the mayor? Make it safe for me to take my daughter downtown first.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:11 PM	Having lights that go across the sky like they do in Trounce alley is great and so enjoyable. Key things like that. Or a massive graffiti wall that will be a social media hotspot. A place that can go viral and attract tourists simply for that. We are in the digital world now - time to upgrade our city.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:24 PM	I would like to see at least one lane of traffic on all of Government Street at all times.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:30 PM	Victoria should be a pedestrian city with less cars entirely. Turning this into a pedestrian only street is a great start!

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3/03/2022 07:06 PM

Horsedrawn carriages are not appropriate for a car-free street. Tourists often walk in groups and lack attention to where they're walking -- consideration needs to be made to slow bike speeds and warn pedestrians of their presence. Risk for someone walking into a bike and one or both parties being injured seems high during peak periods. Would like to see investigation of more ambitious lighting systems. Partnership with building owners to place coloured lights to illuminate street surface for special commemorations similar to Canada Place or Science World, or perhaps intrigued into light poles.

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3/03/2022 07:08 PM

More support would be given for a pavilion if there was guarantee of use. We have several around that city currently that are wildly underused.

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Some green spaces and areas for children to play in. They can be small. Like tiny urban forests. In either this area or one of the other proposed areas.

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accessibility of vehicles for wheelchair/mobility users, for seniors, for parents with little kids, for our tourist who expect proper accessibility with vehicle usage for the same reasons as citizens do, in order to actually get to government streets locals stop all these road screw up and discrimination ...

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continued bike access at all times

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Fewer or no cars.

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I prefer car free, but if not, design the road surface and shape to discourage speeding. For example, textured roadways, speed bumps...

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3/03/2022 09:58 PM

Banning cars/vehicles at all times of the day, pushing deliveries to off peak/late evening hours onto side streets, there's lots of options.

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3/03/2022 10:19 PM

I like the pedestrian and car free zone, but please no need to make it all about indigenous people. We all come from somewhere, and there should be a balance of what this street is about. You can't mix



traditional and sacred with commercial shops, this is just wrong. Make it a place to relax, shop and have a good time. Also not bike lanes please, it is not save for pedestrians and tourists.

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3/03/2022 10:20 PM

Bikes and pedestrians don't always mix. Bikes can cause injury to pedestrians who aren't expecting them. Need a way to prevent conflicts. Horse carriages and pedicabs are ok.

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Grass patch down the middle!

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Limit space and opportunity for community events, performances, concerts, etc to keep noise minimal for residents of government street.

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Expand the car free area to other streets

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What this area needs most of all is stores and amenities that attract locals more than tourists. It needs to be used by people all year round, not just in the tourist season. Special events on Government Street (ie, the Halloween events) bring out tons of families-we need that kind of engagement all the time! I love the idea of a covered pavilion, but we need to make sure it doesn't just become a new place to camp.

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3/04/2022 12:02 AM

I think natural materials are important - cedar, trees, plantings, etc.

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Means to permit access to those with mobility challenges.

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eliminate all car traffic. and what does "high quality restaurant..." mean; why not have pop-up spaces and less "built" structure.

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3/04/2022 07:41 AM

Car-free periods should be extended to absolutely no cars except deliveries to businesses, perhaps. Think Europe. Think Istiklal Caddesi in Istanbul. People are tired of being surrounded by cars, always having to watch out for injury or death. The more car-free areas in the city the better. Get rid of the roadway along Government. Nice brickwork or the like will make the pedestrian landscape more

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appealing. And clean up the gull shit.

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We need a local-serving retail strategy to ensure these investments in Government St. are enjoyed by locals. Please work with the Harbour Authority to resolve the trash and crowding problems caused by over-tourism associated with the cruise ship industry.

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No vehicle access except service, delivery in off hours emergency using hydraulic posts

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I don't see how this works for delivering very trucks. There's nowhere for them to park or pull over to allow for traffic to pass from what I can see. I don't see a need to have storefronts spilling out onto the street at all. This only increases store space, it does nothing to improve pedestrian or vehicle use of the space.

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3/04/2022 08:23 AM

Interactive public art. Street musicians .

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i'd like assurances cars can move across the intersections so we can keep traffic flow happening east/west. I'd also want to ensure the businesses affected are on-board with this change. They have been affected by the removal of traffic/parking etc in the downtown core.

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Extended hours for restaurants in the summer. Artisan and/or small vendors curated space. Outdoor scheduled music/ theatre events. Multicultural opportunities

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3/04/2022 08:56 AM

Public washrooms, children's area

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3/04/2022 09:34 AM

Too many stores selling moose sweatshirts! Do something to make the commercial areas more interesting for those who live here rather than places that sell the usual tourist junk. There is so little in the city core of Victoria that is interesting to its citizens. The streets are being taken over by condos - we must have something of grace, interest & beauty that is there for those of us who live here all year round.

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3/04/2022 10:36 AM

Planters with traditional native plants significant to First Nations cultures in B.C.

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3/04/2022 10:37 AM

I don't feel this way but it seems like a lot of tourists do not come to Victoria to see and experience Indigenous Art and Culture. Government Street and Oak Bay Village are popular because they tend to remind people of England and celebrate the colonist perspective. I worry that tourists won't appreciate the art.

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3/04/2022 11:04 AM

Flower and herb boxes. I would like to see Government Street 100% car free and only for pedestrians.

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perhaps an area for kids to play

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Food trucks, better variety of businesses then just tourist traps all owned by the same people.

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Washrooms

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little public library, leftovers in fridges from restaurants

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Consider including policies in which no single use non biodegradable plastics can be used in the area making the street more eco friendly and something that can set a standard for competing areas. It would also be awesome to see some native plant gardens which support pollination, also giving an education opportunity with posters.

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I would love to see more tables and chairs and benches in the city, to encourage socializing. I want to be able to sit with a friend and chat or take a rest if needed.

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Continue to allow traffic at all times

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Maybe some specific locations for buskers, so that it can be booked and managed.

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3/04/2022 03:29 PM

1. Opportunity for completely redoing and specially designed pavement without curbs, signifying Victoria's main street with focus

on pedestrian/bike/accessibly and integrating art/lighting in design. 2.  
Bold modern aesthetics instead of outdated nostalgia please. 3.  
Whole proposed corridor timed car-free 4. Points to be applicable to  
all sections Gov St. proposed

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I don't see the need for vehicle traffic at all. Create exceptions for  
delivery services (timed?), exceptions for people with mobility issues  
and maybe a green form of public transportation - mini e-bus, hop-on-  
hop-off, free, running the length of government from and to parking  
(parkade)

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Buskers with lots of live music. Definitely lots of patio space for  
restaurants.

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Areas for delivery trucks, taxis, past noon. Delivery trucks are having  
difficulty within the time allocated for them to do their deliveries.  
There isn't enough space for more than on truck at a time. As well,  
the city expects them to be able to deliver before noon. Many of the  
deliveries are coming from up island or off island and have many  
deliveries before they come to the downtown area. Close this off both  
by noon and actually closing the street at this time effects both the  
businesses that depend on these drivers and the drivers themselves  
who are working more than just a 9-5 shift. They aren't done until  
their truck is unloaded. Closing the street is adding extreme stress on  
the drivers, which affects the businesses in the area. Focusing on just  
that the pedestrians, and that they have more space on a already  
very wide sidewalk, is making the area exclusive to foot traffic only..

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3/04/2022 04:40 PM

I'm a cyclist but think this should be a pedestrian-focussed street for  
safety and accessibility for the most people. I can always walk my  
bike if I want to become a pedestrian on Government Street.

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A more walkable community is a more livable community

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3/04/2022 05:11 PM

more green. permanently close the street to cars and create a public  
mini park

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3/04/2022 07:40 PM

You missed the cost of any of these items. Even an estimate would  
be appropriate as we are paying for them with our taxes. This area is  
windy and in shade most of the day, so a covered pavilion would  
likely be cold and unwelcoming to performers and their audiences.

Some redevelopment would be positive but needs more time to be considered by the taxpayers. These plans don't mention public washrooms. Where would they be?

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3/05/2022 07:46 AM

Sounds great. Very excited about expanded restaurant patios and events such as markets, etc

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3/05/2022 08:19 AM

Water fountains for persons and pets. Additional heritage/historical signage and markers.

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3/05/2022 11:27 AM

Would really like Victoria to become known for Indigenous art stores and restaurants (permanent or pop-up). Anything that facilitates that atmosphere would be great. Love the Maui vibe that focuses on art stores. Also, figuring out a way to create an Indigenous fusion food culture.

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3/05/2022 12:11 PM

1. More 'pavilions', some with seating, to provide shelter from sun and rain. 2. Traffic calming (when open to vehicles) with zig-zag lane (i.e. not straight through) and very low speed limit.

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3/05/2022 12:24 PM

I really don't think motor vehicles should get access to the space, except perhaps for delivering products for businesses at designated times.

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3/05/2022 01:16 PM

Keep the patio seating up! Walkability is key to our city!

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3/05/2022 01:30 PM

It is a great overall suggestion, the more support towards pedestrian zones for socializing, dining, patios, and cultural influences are incredibly welcomed suggestions. Permanent patios are too successful and welcoming to remove at this point. They provide a great aura and atmosphere downtown.

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3/05/2022 01:42 PM

Permanent restaurant patios instead of banning them June 1.

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3/05/2022 02:02 PM

I'm hoping this passes so more spaces like this can be available in other areas of the crd

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 02:16 PM

Bikes and pedestrians are the most important users of government street to me. I have no idea why anyone drives on it anyway. I feel like delivery drivers should have access to it to support businesses. I love the temporary patios but am hesitant about permanent ones because I feel it will impede special events and parades. I am not sure why there should be a pavilion of any kind as I feel that it will impede the function of government street for cyclists and pedestrians. I love the idea of interpretive signs to provide information about First Nations history but I think that it would almost be better suited to the David Foster path way which includes the amazing spindle whorl pieces that are found along the harbour. Please do not put art work or pavilions in spaces that will inhibit the ability for people to walk through the area. There is nothing more frustrating than trying to manoeuvre around the crowds of people trying to appreciate, photograph something that causes them to completely block a walk way or bike lane

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 02:33 PM

I would very much like to have no cars at all on this street.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 02:34 PM

Just access for bikes, not horses.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 03:02 PM

Honestly would prefer if it were car free all time. Make sure there are busses that service either end and they're accessible stops

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 04:04 PM

This city's downtown has unusually narrow sidewalks and is generally unfriendly to pedestrians. Having more spaces just for pedestrians would do a lot to improve the city's livability, and to make it more appealing to tourists. There are also surprisingly few places to sit. Why is Victoria more car-friendly and less pedestrian-friendly than a sprawling oil city like Calgary?

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 04:22 PM

Accessible water fountain to refill water bottle

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3/05/2022 04:26 PM

Would love to see patio spaces permanently in all restaurant fronts that currently have it and expansion to more restaurants and store fronts.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 05:22 PM

I answered 4 for the unfortunately combined "Access for bikes, pedicabs and horse-drawn carriages at all times" but if I could rate those things separately it would be 5 for bikes, 3 for pedicabs, and 1

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for carriages

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3/05/2022 05:40 PM

Access to toilets and easy to find.

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3/05/2022 05:59 PM

Covered seating for foul weather.

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3/05/2022 06:20 PM

Motor vehicle access should only be for deliveries and people with disabilities (outside of car-free times). This should be a pleasant space in the morning too!

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3/05/2022 06:25 PM

Considerations for large tour busses who typically access government (including hours of idling time). Preference for these to be rerouted off of government.

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3/05/2022 06:33 PM

Street food and outdoor drinking

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3/05/2022 07:55 PM

Would like to see this carfree as much as possible!

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3/05/2022 08:44 PM

No cars during daytime hours please

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 12:38 AM

Preserve the two rows of names on Government St. that outline Fort Victoria. Important feature of Government St. to the descendants of those ancestors.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 07:27 AM

There should be no cars all the time. And there should be lots of event space.

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3/06/2022 07:27 AM

Shifting drive / no drive times will be confusing to drivers and especially tourists. It also makes the proposed design look like an afterthought with a few add ins to a street rather than a beautiful and dedicated gathering space for pedestrians that's always safe and available

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 07:36 AM

Sounds good. Maybe the pavillion could be raised with maybe one or two steps then the canopy. Better for gathering

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3/06/2022 07:58 AM

This all sounds great! PLEASE keep allowing more outdoor patio space. It's been a silver lining of the pandemic.

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3/06/2022 08:04 AM

Leave government street for cars year round. Once traffic is backed to pre pandemic levels it is a necessary artery to alleviate massive congestion.

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3/06/2022 08:04 AM

Please no bikes... we have enough bike lanes in Victoria. This should be 100% pedestrian. The expanded patios for restaurants will create a wonderful buzz during the summer and become fabulous attraction for tourists.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 08:34 AM

I like that the horse drawn carriages are currently limited to the legislature. Ideally we don't have them at all but I don't think it would make the pedestrian space less functional if people smell and see the horse feces on the street.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 09:36 AM

Would like to see Government St. be more like Stephen Ave. Mall in Calgary. Very rare to see vehicles on it, even after hours. Only delivery and repair vehicles should be allowed. Cyclists, skateboards, scooters, etc should be walking to allow better safety for kids and more accessibility. Also, cross streets will require opportunities for cars to cross vs. the 4 way stops currently in place.

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3/06/2022 11:37 AM

Open all of government street to cars full time

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 02:43 PM

No more horse drawn carriages.

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3/06/2022 04:54 PM

I would prefer it to be almost completely vehicle-free. Limited access for delivery vehicles early in the morning, but otherwise pedestrian-only. Shared spaces between pedestrians and vehicles don't work. Pedestrians keep to the edges of the street and vehicles own the middle (this happens even with bicycles and pedicabs). I've seen this happen in other cities. I don't think it's too much to ask to have one pedestrian-only street when vehicles are first-class citizens on every other streets, including two streets immediately parallel to this one! Motorists will complain loudly but a pedestrian-only zone will be a big hit, especially with tourists. They always are.



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3/06/2022 05:06 PM

Indigenous art and other public art installations. Musical art installations. Infrastructure to easily install seasonal lighting and installations.

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3/06/2022 06:13 PM

Please add more shade trees where there is seating. Trees will decrease the air temperature and surface temperature as well as provide shade.

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3/06/2022 07:50 PM

As long as this is a through street some of the time, the need to maintain that access limits what we can do with the streetscape. Why not limit motor vehicle access to deliveries only, in narrow time windows like Occidental Park/Square in Seattle?

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 09:20 PM

Looks amazing! But why not make it car-free at all times?

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 04:19 AM

Why would the horse drawn carriages be included with bikes and pedestrians? It makes it hard to support and confuses the issue. Where is the option for permanently car free?

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 09:39 AM

I do not support closing streets in downtown Victoria at all. It makes it very difficult to drive downtown and I find myself avoiding downtown already. This has an impact on business.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 10:18 AM

Would like to see more attention paid to lighting. I see some old town light standards, but would like you to explore something more modern/interesting. This portion of Gov street is dark (given the height of buildings) and having proper lighting at this end is important. Explore Gateway lighting.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 10:26 AM

Special seating area for elderly or disabled people. Higher benches, wind protection

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3/07/2022 10:59 AM

Widen the sidewalks please—the store signs take up so much space on the sidewalk, and it's cramped, especially during cruise seasons. Horses and pedicabs are not safely accommodated in this model, and carriages would require the removal of the bollards which PROTECT pedestrians. I'm tired of being harassed by car-drivers downtown, when they ignore the pedestrian-only signs and drive down

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government anyway.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 11:00 AM

Public Washrooms. VERY IMPORTANT! Information Kiosks/Maps with QR scan codes

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3/07/2022 11:21 AM

secure bike locking

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 11:40 AM

I see nothing for those are are disabled. We need a car to take us downtown and to access this area. By closing it off, you are cutting us off!

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 12:28 PM

You missed the fact that 2 years of COVID has nearly wiped out those high tax bracket property tax businesses and have zero regard for business and traffic congestion in the area. your preach accessible but don't allow for cars to get close. This is a tourism zone and should be left as it is. Stop wasting money and let the tourist economy recover before driving the final spike in business downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 12:48 PM

How you are going to deal with the extra traffic on nearby streets. I know "traffic" is a bad word at the city, but for those of us who need to get in and out of the area, or who don't see a problem with the existing structures, your questions did not give us an opportunity to respond. As usual, the phrasing in your questionnaire, is designed only to garner support.

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3/07/2022 12:51 PM

Restrooms?

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3/07/2022 01:39 PM

exclude car traffic 24/7

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3/07/2022 01:45 PM

I would like to see the area be pedestrian only, parking on sidestreets for shuttle buses to drop off cruise ship passengers and bikes left at either gateway. This would prevent the high probability of cyclists riding in pedestrian only areas

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 02:15 PM

More security, garbage and recycling cans, more street clean up.

Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:20 PM	No motorized access except deliveries at specified times.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:52 PM	can we have signs in Lekwungen, and bring the language of the people into this space as well? Can there be stalls or shopping devoted to work made by or administered by the local nation, so that they can benefit too from the tourism of this area?
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:13 PM	Nothing right now
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:15 PM	Keep it vehicle free, not just car free.. bikes, pedicabs, etc will be just as problematic to pedestrians as cars.. likely more so
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:29 PM	dark-sky friendly lighting, additional trees, shrubs, and plants
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:35 PM	Reduce the hours for car access. Be sure to have lots of seating. We are sold as a garden city, so have lots of plantings and trees.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:39 PM	Access to tourist buses at all times — cruise visitors especially
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:54 PM	Not enough people to close down the street permanently. Trying to get around the closure from James Bay is way too difficult. Adverse affects to businesses, tour buses, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:00 PM	car access is not needed, other than delivery vehicles at off hours
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:08 PM	A combination of vehicle and pedestrian traffic is the most successful model in North America according to Sr. Urban planner for City of Vic and many other experts in the field. Plus by closing off more streets near Govt St, the traffic is at a dangerous level, meaning it doesn't move in high season and isn't safe for emergency vehicles, bikes and pedestrians have a greater chance of getting hit and cars idling in continuous traffic not good for environment. By closing off lower Govt in a city where homelessness is at an all time high, it will only encourage homeless encampments to be drawn to an area that will have very little traffic in the winter season.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:10 PM	Too cluttered and busy. Let's keep it more open.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 05:19 PM	We need more road repairs around Victoria. Too many pot holes and damaged roads in the city. Please spend more city money on road repairs first.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 09:27 PM	washrooms; childrens play area; clarification of what types of ebikes ie scooters etc. ; what about dogs. how do they fit in? sometimes Gov street is too windy. is it possible to design street to reduce wind or provide lee scape.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:07 PM	I find that with the ever increasing population of Victoria that it is getting harder and longer to get around. With the rework of Wharf St and no left turns off of much of Douglas, Government St was a nice, direct, and less busy option for getting to businesses downtown. I love the downtown area, but with increased parking and accessibility issues, I find myself shipping more and more at malls in order to avoid downtown. Also, it seems that in a time of such out of control inflation and costs to the average Victoria resident, that this could be out on hold until property tax rate increases can be calmed. Perhaps, we freeze property tax rates and propose a budget that spends only what we have. It appears at the moment, that we spend and then decide how to pay for the spending (increase property taxes).
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:20 PM	Vehicle access for delivery vehicles all day
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:30 PM	Anything that would also appeal to kids or ensure their safety and containment in the no-driving times or transition to when vehicles will then be allowed.....it would be great to attract them to downtown more.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 09:11 AM	All store fronts should be high quality. Building maintenance and cleanliness should be a priority to provide an overall more upscale appearance than exists now.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 10:57 AM	Secure bicycle parking/storing for the area. More outdoor seating for local cafes and restaurants.
Screen Name Redacted	Security with teeth to protect the public during the day and particularly

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3/08/2022 11:24 AM

at night. Clear the street people and aggressive pan handlers out and those that sleep in doorways. Otherwise it will fail. Fund Police to walk a beat including bicycle police. Ensure any live amplified music events are restrained and adhere to the noise restrictions in order to minimize impact to residents.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 11:24 AM

I would support incredibly limited access for vehicles at all times and may extend that to the horse drawn carriages as well. With so many potential pedestrians in the area I wonder if the carriages should be considered as vehicles rather than being lumped in with pedicabs and bikes.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 12:02 PM

Clear covered walkway during the rain. But not like the old 700 block of Yates Street.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 04:01 PM

I don't think it needs to focus on the indigenous, government street isn't about reconciliation

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 04:16 PM

As a physically disabled person, who uses an electric wheelchair. I ask that all of the new "Permanent, high-quality restaurant patios" be made accessible for all types of disabilities.

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3/08/2022 04:50 PM

Recognition that Victoria is cold and wet in the winter! Continuous covered verandahs or similar, with overhead heating for the PUBLIC - not just restaurant patrons! Also, provision for 2-way bus route with reasonably high frequency (Wharf St is choked and Douglas St too far away)

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 05:30 PM

This is a great start and long overdue. Having seen even small European cities with pedestrianised streets I never understood the resistance by the Victoria business community. I'd prefer no vehicles permanently after say 10:30 AM. Also, need to go south - pedestrian plazas on government in front of Empress and Belleville in front of the legislature. Victoria should abandon the "little bit of England" reputation and become an authentic Salish cultural experience.

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3/08/2022 09:49 PM

Space for an outdoor farmer's market

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3/09/2022 07:10 AM

1. Make sure Delivery trucks of all sizes DO have access on Government St. 2. Increase Bylaw Officer and Police numbers to

patrol-it's a perfect place for the homeless to hang out. 3.It's a pedestrian mall for shopping and eating, not hanging out to be entertained-keep the people moving, shopping and eating! How many entertainment areas do we need downtown? Of hand I can think of Centennial Square, Bastion Square, Ships Point, and the area the other side of the Johnson Street Bridge and the Causeway. 4. If there is going to be Indigenous Interpretation, you need equally to tell Pre Contact, Contact, and post Contact information.

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 09:25 AM

Very much support making this a permanent car free area (apart from early morning deliveries)

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 09:59 AM

Portion of street by portion of street conveniently misses the big picture about what's happening to cars being able to drive through our city, to how emergency vehicles will be able to get around. By only looking at Government Street we are not considering how cars are supposed to get around town. Douglas Street? Blanshard Street? Each of these has become a driving nightmare. Not by accident, mind you. Voices of drivers negatively impacted by all these "refresh" projects desperately need to be heard. Why? Several reasons. 1. Victoria is a city with way more older folk than many/most cities throughout Canada. We have cars and drive, we take taxis, we take buses. Do you expect more older people will be bicycling in the future? Older people need a way to conveniently get around town. Cutting off our means of transportation is a form of discrimination against those who choose or need to drive. 2. Many of the elderly are not voting, not filling out surveys. We know this. Just look at the city's voting records. Does this mean that a major portion of Victoria simply doesn't care? Of course not!! So, should the city say, "Too bad. We gave you your chance and you didn't take it. You lose." I would hope not. I would hope officials wouldn't be satisfied with skewed representation and would send people around our fair city to canvass/hear what those who for whatever reason aren't voting have to say.

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 10:59 AM

At the moment, there is clear antipathy towards "colonialism". I still feel that the history of that period needs to be recognized. To try to negate its existence would be a failure and not help in the long run.

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 01:13 PM

Please provide a backrest for some of those proposed benches. The backrest is a welcome respite for older folks.

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Access for pedicabs and horse-drawn carriages is only for able

3/09/2022 04:48 PM

bodied people. OK if you make them use accessible vehicles. Bikes present risk for blind people. Lights for neuro-diverse people please. Not black furnishings & test them for accessibility. Pavillion needs to be much more impactful design than shown. Do not support closing so difficult to answer multi-construct questions about car-free time. Patios are exclusive. If you have them, make them pay fair share. Many people can't afford them.

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3/09/2022 07:18 PM

Road surface should be consistent with the sidewalks so pedestrians are not intimidated of using the space. Motorists should feel like they are accessing a pedestrian zone.

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3/09/2022 07:54 PM

Bike stands

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3/09/2022 08:58 PM

Not only do we need an Indigenous Landmark, but we also need a gateway to Government St Old Town shops and F&B

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3/10/2022 07:44 AM

Please take this opportunity to ban cars at all times. We need to wean people off private cars as a matter of emergency, for the sake of our health (air pollution and traffic collisions) and that of the planet (CO2 emissions and climate change). There is excellent cycling and public transport infrastructure in central Victoria so there is no excuse for people who still drive there.

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3/10/2022 09:58 AM

High quality design rather than the very poor quality of recent insertions.

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3/10/2022 11:28 AM

Please just ban cars, cars dominate so much public space

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 01:04 PM

Keep open 24 hours to ALL, including pedestrians, bikes, horses and cars. The timed access for cars is too confusing and isn't working.

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3/10/2022 04:12 PM

I don't see the purpose of maintaining access for private motor vehicles during some times of day; The street is already not a useful through-route for driving, and it would seem to add more complexity without any appreciable benefit. What do we gain from allowing people to drive through during off-peak times, apart from increased noise and hazard? I don't think it's worth the loss of total pedestrian confidence in right-of-way.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 09:32 PM

Keep it pedestrian only. I can see extra permanent covered areas and seating as being a place for homeless people to take over, make messes and then devalue cultural opportunities of the space. Unless the City of Victoria has the tax base to support additional bylaw patrols in the area to prevent destruction of property and can work more actively to police the area with the RCMP, the area will be torn up and graffiti laden within a month. I say updating the street should focus on limiting cars and promoting more cultural events, let the businesses worry about their storefronts and patios but don't police them too much. Think about ways to liven the space and engage your diverse community. What about providing event permits for a nightly food truck festival in the summer, or a downtown business block party or children's festival. Right now, in my eyes, I see the downtown in the day filled with rich tourists and filled with homeless people after dark, especially shady parts are around 7/11 area. Can there be more of a happy, vibey scene after dark? Look to the City of Perth, WA as an example or look how Prague keeps their streets welcoming.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 11:29 PM

I'd propose adding retractable bollards that require a fob or access code, so only vehicles that serve a specific purpose (e.g. delivery, bus) can travel Government St. I don't see the need for personal vehicles along the street anymore.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2022 03:07 PM

In terms of new lighting, it would be nice to transition to light fixtures that point light downward, to reduce light pollution in night sky

## Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 07:53 AM

Retractable bollards are the only way to go.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 10:01 AM

A Lekwungen plaza should be developed at the south end of the Causeway, between the Legislature and the museum. Government street should be maintained with Victorian and Edwardian atmosphere.

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3/12/2022 04:39 PM

See later comments.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 05:28 PM

The Cultural Pavilion is a great idea, but needs to be more than a tent or empty play space. Add some class by designing a true pavilion, perhaps elevated and circular which would work with First Nations themes.



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3/12/2022 11:16 PM

Removing the no-cars restriction at night seems very odd; as its when drunk people are most likely to be wandering into the road. Why not keep it as no traffic, but delivery vehicles are exempted?

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3/12/2022 11:55 PM

As someone that has lived in the immediate area of the inner harbour I consider that Centennial Square is a nice space but the lack of businesses in the square creates a backwater and as a result possibly repels some people from the area except for special events. Independent, local storefronts and restaurants in the Gov't St corridor creates vibrancy and hopefully a sense of safety that may attract locals that currently avoid coming downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 12:30 AM

Extremely sexy bollards, please.

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 07:29 AM

Public toilets. I'd also like to see this stretch covered by an arched glass roof, as in Milan, but recognize the high costs.

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 07:59 AM

Continuous related decor elements, something that ties this area to the whole street. What happened to the red ribbon design proposal?

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 08:18 AM

I would like to see vehicles prohibited from this area for the majority of the time except for required deliveries, etc. and the pedestrian only space expanded further. This works very well in Europe and brings business to an area. When you walk, you shop!

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 08:42 AM

Covered pavilion will have homeless people sleeping in it at night and setting up 24 hour occupancy making it a place people will avoid rather than visit

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 08:49 AM

A pedestrian only government street (except commercial vehicle unloading and crossing intersections) would be the ideal option in my opinion. Let's stop catering to cars!

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 10:40 AM

There is no need for any car access, limited or otherwise. Delivery drivers can have unlimited use of streets during set hours, but please don't allow private vehicles any access. Keep it for the people, not the cars!

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Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:27 AM	If no cars, then no bikes. Both are allowed on wharf street. Bikes weaving in and out of pedestrians, like skateboards are dangerous. Keep trees for shade, or at least potted trees/plants. Pedestrians aren't bikers.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:06 PM	Bike theft deterrents, more emphasis toward tree cover for shade, protected bike lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:28 PM	Why are we still allowing car access at any time? I understand delivery vehicles, but I don't think cars should ever be allowed onto the street. It's limiting the design of Government street for cars even though they'll rarely get to use it. Just ban them and add bike lanes and pedestrianize full time. I also think that personal bikes are fine but horse drawn carriages and pedicabs shouldn't be allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 01:36 PM	The City should be future-proofing the street design to include a streetcar route. Please plant Camas.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 02:13 PM	Please also do this to Johnson St between Douglas and Wharf!
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 02:26 PM	I think you did a fantastic job! I would make sure that the streets are paved with cobblestone instead of asphalt so cars drive slowly. The sidewalks and the roads should be at similar levels so it's easy for people with reduced mobility to access them everywhere. Different colors of cobblestone could differentiate the sidewalks from the car zones.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 02:32 PM	No car access at all
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 03:04 PM	Don't close off cars proceeding from Wharf St to Humboldt St
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 03:54 PM	Most of the vehicle traffic is for business delivery. I appreciate a second lane to ride past. I don't support permanent restaurant patios. I think a lot of space can be freed up by removing the old concrete planters and there is a lot of potential for seating away from the storefronts.
Screen Name Redacted	More covered bike parking

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3/13/2022 04:15 PM

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ditch the cars and horse carriages altogether

3/13/2022 04:40 PM

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The cultural pavilion space is a bit unclear. Will there be events happening at the time? Or like the expos? I think it would be great to place something that people can interact with more

3/13/2022 06:50 PM

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Even more trees and plantings

3/13/2022 07:29 PM

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I have concerns that due to the issue of many people experiencing homelessness in Victoria that a covered pavilion would be used as shelter rather than as intended.

3/13/2022 08:17 PM

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Street needs electronic bollards, they go up at 4pm everyday and can go down for police and emergency vehicles

3/13/2022 11:37 PM

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I would recommend making the transition between sidewalk and road as slight as possible, both for a feeling of complete openness for pedestrians, and to increase accessibility. I would also love for the city to consider planning this around a possible introduction of electric streetcar service down this street eventually. Shared spaces with pedestrians, bicycles, and fixed rail trams are very popular and common in Holland and would be a great way of activating the streetscape while allowing for more flexibility with the transportation of both tourists and local commuters. Having a tram between the cruise ship terminal and Government St would be a great way to anchor these two hubs of activity.

3/13/2022 11:39 PM

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There is no or very little need for none delivery/emergency/maintenance car access on government - it should be car free

3/14/2022 12:48 AM

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Given that the City has recently announced possible land transfers to local First Nations very close to this area, I believe there will eventually be an abundance of recognition for the local First Nations and don't support an art space devoted to First Nations at this location when the city has an abundance of artists from all walks of life. I would support an area to allow for a rotation art display to give recognition to all local artists.

3/14/2022 08:50 AM

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3/14/2022 09:10 AM

The City has been overly-tolerant of dysfunctional behaviour in all of its public spaces so far, such as Centennial Square, Bastion Square, many if not most public parks including (the most egregious) Beacon Hill Park. These are now, or have been in the recent past, dangerous spaces for the public to be. Overnight camping, open drug use and drug dealing, stabbings, illegal bike chop-shops, threatening behaviour, psychotic episodes... it has become the 'stuff' of what is associated with the City of Victoria. If you cannot demonstrate control and diminution of these negative social activities, how can you be trusted to create and maintain new public space that will not simply be taken over by this type of behaviour? So, "what did we miss?".....What is the plan for not having these new public pedestrian spaces simply taken over by someone putting up a tent, making it their hang-out spot to do a drug deal, or just lighting up a crack pipe and threatening people who walk by? Where is the appetite on current Council to do anything other than enable this type of dysfunction? If you have a special event, or food trucks, I would like there NOT to be the accompanying gas generators. When you've had Car-Free Douglas St in the past, it was marred for me by the loud noise of many gas generators. If you allow access to vehicles at certain times, they should be idle-free. There are many, many delivery trucks that do their deliveries in the mornings (or at least there used to be), who leave their engines idling the entire time. Biking or walking up Government St during these times is very unpleasant during those times. Regarding expanded store front space and permanent outdoor restaurant space: I feel uncomfortable giving private businesses 'permanent' access to public space. Can it be done as a short-term lease that can be revoked as the City's needs change, or if there is a less-than-ideal use of that public space? Will those spaces at least be taxed more (annual property taxes)?

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3/14/2022 09:27 AM

Vehicles should be limited to commercial vehicles to supply the merchants.

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3/14/2022 09:35 AM

I think there is enough room to leave one traffic lane open at all times for delivery to businesses; tour buses to be able to drop people off (hop off, hop on). I don't agree with using plazas to effectively block off access to Government St.

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 09:40 AM

I believe shutting down these streets during the winter months is a huge waste of time and resources. After twenty years of watching traffic, we can tell you that with the in-climate weather in the winter months doesn't entice consumers to come out and utilize these

areas. It is a huge inconvenience and deterrent though for those shop keepers and owners of builders to attract guests and run their businesses in the winter months due to the lack of sheer access and having a more vibrant exposure during these months as no one is walking down the street in any amount of numbers worth having your business being impacted with closures. Please reconsider this as a 12 month a year project. Support for the spring/summer months. Hosting interesting events/non intrusive non competing entertainment would drive key consumers and would liven up the area and would be a welcomed addition to differentiating us in greater Victoria. Give Victoria a reason to visit our only downtown in the region.

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3/14/2022 10:01 AM

That the area should be primarily be designed and built for the local population. Yes tourism is very important but they are here today and gone tomorrow. the local are here all the time. Tourists like to be where the locals 'hang' out. Also think of the off times for tourists and what do we want to keep the locals engaged in the area.

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3/14/2022 11:43 AM

Bikes and pedicabs at all times is fine. Eliminate horse-drawn carriages from allowable use on any street at any time.

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3/14/2022 12:29 PM

Anything to bring the street alive during the day and night - Less retail stores would be great

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3/14/2022 02:03 PM

You should provide access to Government Street to Cruise busses in peak season. Your decision to re-direct this traffic away from the scenic highlights of our city is a very poor decision on how to showcase our beautiful city to tourists.

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In general, I'm very in to Indigenous cultural interpretation, but this seems like a difficult spot to provide significant context

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3/14/2022 05:10 PM

The "pavilion" looks like a bus shelter. I'm not sure it's capable of representing the Lekwungen people in a permanent and meaningful way. I don't want bikes in the space during non-car hours. They're too fast and dangerous for all the elderly and/or disabled people living in the City. Limit cars to 9 pm to 8 am max to allow for deliveries. It needs to be consistent or the area won't work as a trusted pedestrian friendly zone. I urge more careful business zoning and screening to gradually eliminate the worst of the tourist tat shops, especially those engaged in really appalling appropriation of Indigenous culture. That merchandise is offensive and when present in conjunction with a

space intended to accurately represent and honour the Lekwungen people, grotesque. More diversity in shops, especially shops that might appeal to locals, would increase use of this new area.

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Child friendly/family friendly features!

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3/15/2022 07:40 AM

Something for families with young children? E.g. things to climb. Covered parking - given the proximity to bicycle routes and waterfront. Love the idea of a covered area for multi-season use.

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3/15/2022 09:39 AM

This is it! More expanded patios, fewer cars! More arts and culture!

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3/15/2022 11:11 AM

Hopefully attractive surface treatments for sidewalks and road surface. Street furniture should have a cohesive appearance and not look home made or temporary. Will also need to be vandal proof

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3/15/2022 11:32 AM

Type of lighting installed significantly impacts my opinion on how to rank priority

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3/15/2022 01:55 PM

I would like to see a referendum held to see whether Victoria residents support this proposal. This council has forced through so many changes under the auspices of Covid without any input from residents. Beacon Hill Park, Clover Point, Simcoe Road and now Government Street. Downtown is dying and this will make it happen quicker. Take a look at Nanaimo and you will see Victoria's downtown future with these ridiculous decision which have a negative effect on the downtown core.

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3/15/2022 03:35 PM

I've always enjoyed Government St. the way it was. Traffic along there keeps the place lively. The current outdoor eating areas, except for a couple, are quite unattractive. Keep the tables on those wide sidewalks, not in the road. Don't take away those trees unless they're actually dead. We know how you love to get rid of trees in this city.

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Reduced sightlines down the street for both reducing car/cyclist speed and allow for pedestrian/seated wind protection (Victoria often has enjoyable outside temperatures but very high winds often deter individuals and groups from enjoying a public place).

Screen Name Redacted 3/15/2022 07:27 PM	I think the opportunity for indigenous to mainly represent the area is great, but it should also be open for others to use as well.
Screen Name Redacted 3/15/2022 10:48 PM	I think bike access is fine, but I am not sure I would want larger vehicles like horse-drawn carriages.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 11:07 AM	I would like to see more significant traffic calming or vehicle-deterrent design at the corner of Government and Humboldt, and a gateway feature design. As the primary entrance into Government st with sight lines to/from the Empress and Legislature, this is an important moment to establish the space and the pedestrian priority nature of the street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 11:55 AM	Garbage receptacles need to look good and be kept clean.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 12:18 PM	Access for ALL emergency services including larger fire trucks
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 12:35 PM	Just want to note that I am pro allowing restaurant / bar / pub patios everywhere in Victoria, not just close to the waterfront.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:32 PM	Timed car-free zones seem overly complicated. Either commit or don't, but it's hard to have the infrastructure you want if you have to support both. I'd vote for not having the car-free zone at all, but this seems to have been decided.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:36 PM	Public washroom downtown?
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:38 PM	Bicycle parking/safe areas to lock up bicycles on the edges of these zones.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:41 PM	total elimination of car traffic, dedicated space for a tent city and harm reduction services Spaces for street food vendors public bathrooms
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:44 PM	ve paid property taxes for over 40 years. Quit dreaming up ways to spend my taxes. You never address the real issue, homeless people, drug addicted people and an increased lack of safety downtown in general.

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We are a tourist town whether we like it or not. People want to enjoy their time here. Cruise ship time is short to take that into perspective. They will go to Government street for souvenirs, and a cold drink. One thing that seems to be forgotten is downtown is not clean, it's filthy! I. Front of shoppersdrugmart is brutal. I would be appalled if I was a tourist. Time to take this seriously and come to the table with pride downtown. Overall is fantastic this dialogue is now on the table, we just have to get it done without all the massive red tape.

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Can we combine Indigenous cultural arts WITH the pavilion and cultural interpretation sites WITH the permanent restaurants and outdoor seating? Why can't we have it all.

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Nothing -honestly this looks really fabulous and would make the downtown a really vibrant destination!

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3/16/2022 01:52 PM

Please consult with a variety of folks who use wheelchairs, canes, walkers, and other mobility aids! You can't know what we experience! Contact [S. 22](#) for consulting with someone who uses a manual wheelchair with upper body strength. Thank-you!

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I would like to see a clear definition of what car free times means? An example of a car free time would be of value. What is proposed to include people with special needs accessibility? This applies to all the 3 proposals.

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Art vendors on the street. This is what makes so many other cities so much more vibrant. They have a chance to showcase their local artisans and allow them the opportunity to sell their work in a very visible commercial area.

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Would be nice to have this be a no smoking zone.

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I support this style of design for the area proposed. But I am more concerned about ensuring there are areas that focus on providing corridors for permanent patios for restaurants and cafes.



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Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:06 PM	Please find a way to counteract the compounding obstacles to driving through down town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:08 PM	I would prefer 100% vehicle free, like city squares in European cities. This is the only European-style 'old town' in Western Canada. It deserves to be preserved as such.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:10 PM	Drinking fountain, bathroom access.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:16 PM	My response to the last question was based on my support for bikes and pedicabs. My response for horse-drawn carriages would be "no support"
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:17 PM	While still possible, car access should be the lowest priority. With other streets surrounding still offering consistent throughfare at the moment, the city has the opportunity to redevelop Government into an example of high quality, efficient, people-friendly street design. Maintaining and furthering the historic architecture and aesthetic look of the street would make for a beautiful location that's full of character and life. Less focus on parking and driving and a focus on human-scale design will create a place that draws people in to enjoy what our city has to offer. This in turn will ideally show Victorians that this design works and creates vibrant and enjoyable spaces to live, shop, work, etc., and be applied to other areas of downtown that currently feel unenjoyable and unwelcoming to visit.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:18 PM	Eliminate all car traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:24 PM	Cars/trucks are vital for shop owners. Cars are vital for dropping off and picking up the elderly and disabled. But, as always, this will be dismissed due to the mayor's hidden agendas of no cars, only bikes. Also a tremendous amount of wasted money being spent as usual.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:27 PM	no more horse drawn carriages. save the animals.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:32 PM	Pedestrian zone. NOT BIKES NOT HORSES NOT powered wheeled equipment that travels over 3 km per hour

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Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:34 PM	Not sure why there is a survey. This City Counsel does what it wants not what the citizens want!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:34 PM	When you develop your "Way Finding" program. Please orient the graphics to the direction you are looking. Although mappers typically always have NORTH up, it is very disorienting for many folks.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:36 PM	No cars please!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:40 PM	There should be public washrooms on Government St. This plaza would be a good place for them. Only vehicles delivering goods to shops and restaurants, vehicle for handicapped people and perhaps taxis should be allowed at any time. It should never be open to general vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:45 PM	Pedestrian walkways have proven to enhance business and pleasure for both residents and tourists!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:48 PM	Expansion of pedestrian and active transportation-oriented space. Complete restriction of access for motor vehicles. I would prefer to see a completely car-free approach.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:48 PM	More trees and landscaping that invites you into space. Signage for shoppers. Fountain, First Nations inspired perhaps and iconic garden look which is what Victoria is known for. Don't cut down existing trees. See through awnings so enticing to walk even in rainy season.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:49 PM	Just clean the streets - downtown is a mess. The major improvement that is needed is regular maintenance not another vanity project by the mayor and council. Wait until after the next election to propose anything that requires further expenditures.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:50 PM	You gotta get rid of the cars. It's a useless street to drive on anyway. No parking, nothing but awkward side streets to get on / off of. Just close it to cars and make this vision you have really inspired. Also, for goodness sake, please stop the horse drawn carriages. No one likes those things <b>S. 22</b> / unfair to the animals. It has to stop.

Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:51 PM	Victoria has a habit of overplanning and over designing public spaces and buildngs. Keep it simple, uncluttered, symetrical rows of trees and benches, and no vehicles except for commercial vehicles at prescribed hours when there are few pedestrians. Control vehicle access with bullards that go up and down. Make cyclists walk their bikes so they don't hit peds and so peds don't have to spend their time watching out for cyclists and street clutter.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:54 PM	Your plan entirely fails to acknowledge that our climate does not allow for an active pedestrian space for at least 6 months of the year.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:56 PM	NO bikes, boards or horse carriages on the street. Just a good way to stop people from walking around because they take up space and bikers do knock people over.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:59 PM	More police presence in all areas of the downtown core, especially in the open-air public spaces, is needed in my opinion.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:59 PM	Use of native tree species, adding plaques with species name
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:00 PM	Eliminate car access full time between Humboldt and Pandora. Only for handicapped and service vehicles. This is the same approach you will find in most major European cities. It works great. Less confusing to motorists as they don't have to figure out when they are allowed on Government st. Simply pedestrian only. If full time is not acceptable then consider no cars from May 1st through Oct 1st each year
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:02 PM	More focus on environmental Sustainability and address light pollution
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:07 PM	More parking for cars. Less bicycle activity. Trees should be early flowering such as cherry trees, and there should be an area of planters for flowers like daffodils. Bronze statues especially attached to seating would be great., Waterfall would be nice
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:08 PM	Where are the Public washrooms? I do not support bikes or horse drawn carriages in this area. This is supposed to be an improvement for pedestrians. Hard to walk safely if there are wheeled vehicles sharing the same space.

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I am concerned that the indiginous representation will overwhelm and therefor detract from the retail that is the hallmark of the entrance for most tourists. A balance needs to be considered carefully to ensure tourists understand this is a shopping area. Although I support the expansion of the restuarants outside seating, the wood fences with tent style tops do not read well as quality spaces and take away from what is being planned here. Perhaps some other form of architecture could be considered.

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WHat did you miss? EVERYTHING. I already avoid downtown because it has become so inaccessible due to the bike lanes, as someone who IS physically disabled this would make all of government street off limits for me, to far to go and knowere near enough to park. S. 22  
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Quit trying to reinvent the city / spend our money before we vote you out of existence next year. The "Together Victoria" cult needs to check themselves and recognize they have done enough damage to my beautiful city / home. The vast majority of the city council, (excluding CT-J, MA, SA) should be ashamed of their; governance style, policies, spending, accessibility, gaslighting and horrible destruction of the city's roads, parks and public image. You will go down in history as the worst city council in the history of BC. I hope you all read this and may god have mercy on your souls!

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All good.

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Nobody's going to want to sit on a bench next to someone S. 22  
S. 22 screaming at nothing. Also, huge miss with tax dollars going to provide seating for restaurants whose owners exploit their workers. The horse carriages S. 22 too! Nobody likes them! They're mean to the horses S. 22 and hold up traffic. S. 22

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Car free at all times

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green areas, cleanliness-hygiene, limited noise. In favour of restaurant patios, but not more bars. horse drawn carriages: who cleans up???

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1. If you have already ruined Wharf Street with unnecessarily complicated bike access do not ruin Government too; keep bikes off Gov. (smart city planning would have been to make Gov a bike and pedestrian zone only-too late for that) 2. Regulate store rents/property taxes on Gov/downtown so that local businesses find it affordable and can create long term business success - not just international corporations/brands. 3. Pick a traffic lane: either 4-way stops or roundabouts; both is an incredibly wasteful way to spend tax dollars that makes navigating ours streets unnecessarily complicated. 5. Cars still exist. I am a 37 year old who owns a condo in James Bay; I almost never drive, but when I do I require clear, easy ways to leave James Bay, to drive easily to other neighbourhoods (for grocery shopping and visiting), to access Esquimalt, etc. 6. underground parking at new museum site and elsewhere.

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In the past; car free days, festivals, and other events on Government St. have been accompanied by a myriad of stalls etc. selling crafts and other goods. I feel this detracts from the ambience of the street, and moves the attention away from the Government street businesses where the focus should be. Government street would feel more welcoming if it was free of these distractions.

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I think it should be made as car-free as possible. Thanks! Also please add water-bottle refill stations. A public washroom would be great too.

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I think it should be pedestrian-only the entire time.

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More policing and handling of aggressive street people

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I'm unsure of what 'car-free' timing means. I support it only if it means (very) early in the mornings. If the improvements make the area more desirable, without motorcycles or trucks revving their engines while you're trying to chat over lunch, then the shoppers will come.

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Does not matter if you have Accessible seating if those who are

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people with disabilities (PWD) cannot even reach the proposed street when there are no close by affordable disability parking spots or senior friendly spots any more. having such stalls at parkades is futile and too far for PWDs to get to the point they want to reach on a particular street they'd like to visit. Victoria is becoming more and more exclusive and less inclusive for PWDs and seniors.

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Needs to be open to tour busses . It is too cold and windy to sit outside. Maybe ok 8 days in summer : (

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Refreshing the area will not help if the city continues to allow homeless to sleep, defecate, take drugs, in storefronts or while a (few) continue to display anti social, occasionally violent, behavior.

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I see this block as the first shopping area exposure for the cruise ship passengers and I don't feel that any one culture (particularly the smallest segment) should be the focus when that does not define Victoria. It would be the same response for anything that doesn't represent all residents. Neutrality is preferred. Further up the street makes more sense. Similar to Chinatown.

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I think vehicle access should only be for supplying businesses. I worry about getting cars out of the Courtney/Broughton street residences. How are they to turn around to get out to Wharf or up to Douglas?

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No to bikes - yes to horses. I'm concerned that new public amenities will just become dirty and ugly.

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Present level of closure on Government Street is sufficient

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Full vehicular access, keeping the double wide sidewalks.

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Lighting can be updated for better light bulbs / taller. But keep the old globe design so Victorian so good. Might be better to specify what cultural opportunity, very vague. But statues are cool. I would love native statues (old warriors politicians or business leaders) complimented among Old world characters like Douglas, Yates, Pemberton would be very unifying. Quebec City has beautiful statues

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and architecture. We have the natural beauty thou :)

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Not happy with carriages going down Government Street. I think the car free zone should be with no motorized vehicles other than emergency services or horses between 9 and 5. Works great in a lot of cities in Europe.

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I'd like to see government street only open to non-motorized traffic all the time and no vehicle access (except for deliveries etc).

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Trying to be "all things to all people" - too much. Keep it simple! Nice paving, good lighting to enhance the architectural features and increase safety. Don't clutter up the spaces with too many "things". It costs more money than required to maintain the space available for ALL to use freely! If it is to encourage pedestrian usage, discourage bikes and horse carriages and remove clutter. They are all incompatible with restaurants outside!

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I don't think horse drawn carriages should be allowed down Government Street. Also important that cars have reasonable access and that the car free time restrictions do not negatively impact the businesses.

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There is no information provided as to what all of these proposed changes to Government Street will cost the citizens of Victoria. All that is proposed sounds like it will cost a lot of money to needlessly glamorize Government Street mostly for the benefit of the businesses and properties located there. To say that there has been nothing done to improve Government Street for 50 years is not correct and misleading. There have been many improvements to Government Street since 1972. The City keeps spending large sums of money on turning streets into bicycle paths while neglecting the basic upkeep of the roads in the City which have a shameful amount of potholes. Before embarking on any more grand plans to expend public money the City should first ensure that the condition of the City's roads are brought and kept up to standard e.g., the condition of Government Street between Superior St. and Michigan Street is shameful as is the condition of Michigan Street between Government Street and Douglas Street.

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No vehicle access at all times.

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I'd love the space to be pedestrian only, with no car, bike, or carriage access. There are enough roads around and fantastic bike lanes that the plaza could be extended. With that extra space it would be amazing to add pop-up shops, floral/craft markets, farmers markets etc.

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Should just be a car free zone (with exception for deliveries/commercial vehicles)

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Public Restrooms with security. Secure bike parking

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Government Street says it all. It's not broken so no need to try to fix it. Use our tax dollars more wisely.

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Do not support allowing cars at any times. These streets should be for pedestrians and cyclists. Businesses will actually get more customers when there are no cars. Think Ramblas in Barcelona. It is time to stop compromising with automobile use. We have enough places for cars. We need pedestrian places free of cars. This should apply to the entire project. The compromisers on automobiles are a failure of imagination.

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Attract new businesses as there is increased empty spaces. Address homeless issue of people sleeping/defecating in the doorways. Replace the Bastion Square anti-police mural with something welcoming.

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You have not said how much time or what times vehicles would be allowed. This would be important in the decision to come down to Government street or not. Car access is important! Reducing to one lane would be fine as long as there are pull out areas for drop off/pick up so as not to impede the flow of traffic.

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All good.

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I believe a small transit train( golf cart) "jump on and off" stopping at each intersection, would alleviate the concerns of shop owners about tourists not having time to get to the south end of Government.



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3/16/2022 08:06 PM

Cars are unimportant, if this is a cultural zone focus on the seating and public usage — not cars being able to drive through at set times.

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3/16/2022 08:26 PM

Moved to Victoria from Vancouver last summer. I think government st is lovely how it is. Love the heritage buildings and rounded trees. Updating can be good but hope it keeps its smaller town charm. Don't make it look overly flashy and modern. Not sure about having horse drawn carriages. Love everything pedestrian friendly. Cultural plazas are a nice addition.

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public washrooms

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Greenspace

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I don't see the expanded store front idea being viable. It just would not get used outside of the summer. Also the permanent restaurant patios need cover and power for heat lamps to make sense all year round but I definitely support them.

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A lot of this sounds good for summer months but could become a gathering place for people with nothing to do during winter the way City Hall is.

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the only thing I would consider is disabled car parking -- I'm a disabled cyclist and I adore more street access for those like myself who feel intimidated by vehicles (whether on foot or bike), but I know some disabled people do have special access needs with vehicles. Not all as some advocacy groups would have you believe, not by a long shot, but my suggestion would be maybe every couple of blocks have a small area of designated disabled parking, either on Govt itself or on adjacent cross streets. Even people who are disabled and need disabled parking almost never are able to find parking immediately outside where they need to go, so do have to walk/roll/etc to their final destination a short distance, thus there wouldn't need to be disabled parking within feet of every business on Govt. Even some special access every second block would be within easy access distance from parking. For future development, I would love to see Thunderbird Park "expanded" to the corner of Superior/Blanshard/Douglas/Southgate, which could point as "markers" from the Lekwungen area at the south end of the

refurbished area of Government to Beacon Hill Park. Right now there is almost no wayfinding for tourists, and it could provide continuity across the downtown/James Bay area. And the idiotic "public art" outside the Landmark building at 605 Douglas could be removed (as most people don't even understand what it is, it looks like a sign for a hotel and the Pepto-Bismol pink colour of the benches looks disgusting with the dirt from passing cars, etc, it's so unappealing and gross looking), and replaced with a totem or other indigenous art to act as a visual "path" from the Royal BC Museum up to the entrance to Beacon Hill Park.

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If there is permanent seating make sure someone cleans it regularly - bird droppings and people leaving a food mess can be unsightly and unappealing. Also, the public spaces feel a bit cold/hard/uncomfortable/grungy here. Anyway to warm up the space would be good (maybe more plants? maybe natural wood). Water features are nice for that too.

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Move the bike lane from Wharf to gov't so James Bay and DT residents can access Vic West more expediently

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Looks good except for the covered pavilion.

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These are lovely ideas, but at the expense of all-day vehicle access. Wharf St. will now be a traffic jam all summer with the new bike lanes and it must be avoided. Douglas St. has limited turns westward, leaving half of downtown virtually inaccessible if Government St. is not available to vehicles. I used to shop, dine and do other business frequently downtown. No longer. This is very disappointing.

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3/17/2022 12:34 AM

I'd like to see this section of the street become strictly pedestrian only: no cars allowed at any time. This would allow the construction of permanent fixtures on the street like tables, gardens, gazebos, and washrooms.

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High quality pedestrian friendly light shade pavement, large slabs -- NOT asphalt, NOT street-brick style, NOT concrete-- street-wide from storefront to storefront, well graded for water runoff. with slightly obvious marking lines for delivery traffic. For winter period geodesic domes the way Uptown had it. Play areas for children with water features AND large grassy patches as at Uptown.

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As much as it is important to "embrace" first nations heritage, please don't over do it. You're trying a little too hard to be so accommodating. How about moving the maritime museum back into that area? Is that not an important part of Victoria's heritage? It's current place on Douglas is out of the way and seemingly hidden.

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It would be good to have the emphasis of the European history somewhere between the Harbour and Chinatown effectively turning Government st into a "chronological street" telling the history of Victoria. You can have the Lekwungen story told at the harbour, A European story told around bastion square and then Chinatown story told near Pandora. Placard, statues or displays in place would make this an active goal not a passive mention.

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Some kind of soft screening between new space and roadway, in order to create a sense defined space.

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This section really doesn't need cars at any time, and large throughways just for horse carriages is silly. Im not anti horse carriage, but believe they should be diverted primarily for Beacon Hill tours, not downtown. There is an opportunity to make this section something worth coming to Victoria for, similar to other well known, destination pedestrian plazas.

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Could the current building heights be maintained, i.e., no new glass skyscrapers to spoil the historic centre. Could the trees that are removed be replanted or at least composted.

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I'd like to be able to enjoy all this as a resident of Victoria — but the City has done nothing for affordable housing for Working Class people in this city. We have NO options. Rent is far more than many of us can afford. I support revitalization, but if the people who provide services and support for Victoria are forced out, what does any of this matter? We also need to be honest about the crime situation in our city. We need a program to tackle bike theft, better, theft resistant bike racks. We need to talk about safety and how daunting the blocks around that corridor of Pandora has become to traverse. This revitalization project is nice, but as a Victorian my priorities are someplace else.

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One of my major concerns for car free times is access for taxi's,

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Handi Dart, and pick up and drop off for persons with disabilities. My sister literally cannot walk a block without a rest required. How do people get delivered and picked up from restaurants or stores in these areas?

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Street vendors

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Vehicle traffic should be limited to deliveries during off-peak times. Commuter/personal vehicles should not be allowed on the street at any time..

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public washrooms

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Not sure where to make this remark - I don't believe horse drawn carriages should be allowed access. Only bikes and pedicabs.

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All cars and delivery trucks must MUST not be allowed from 6 am-1 am. Deliveries and access by autos and trucks must only be after 1 am always.

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-public washroom -special attention to the cultural pavilion so that it will not be used by homeless as makeshift shelter

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public washroom

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It would be much simpler to make this section of Government street pedestrian only. I find the current setup which allows cars sometimes and along some stretches of lower Government very confusing. I often walk downtown and never feel safe using Government as a true pedestrian street because I never know if I'll come into conflict with a car. Obviously, commercial vehicles should still have access early in the morning.

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No cars allowed ever. Every city in Europe has street(s) for pedestrian-only use, and in which most or all automobile traffic is prohibited.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 10:33 AM	Ensure the restaurant patios include cafes that open earlier in the day. I'd like to see a seasonal food market included.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 10:35 AM	Restaurant patios can sometimes amount to giving public space to private businesses. Think about how to ensure these don't interfere with other uses of the space.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 10:50 AM	Restrooms for the public
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 11:09 AM	More indigenous displays will not help business, neither will most of the ideas. And if there are going to be tons of people the horse drawn carriages should not be on the street. So glad I am leaving this city. The last straw is removing the trees.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 11:09 AM	Just a small thing, but would you consider any new or replacement plants/trees be native species? Things like oak, red currant, evergreen huckleberry, madrone, ferns, and so on?
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 11:12 AM	Public Washrooms
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 12:43 PM	I don't know what you mean by new lighting so it is hard to comment. It looks like existing lamp standards which I like. Trees, trees, trees. I miss the tree at Government and Humboldt. I am neutral on patio space for restaurants and expanded storefront space. They should be paying for it if they are using public space.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 12:49 PM	Bollards that mechanically rise up from & sink into the pavement entrance would be fantastic - quite common in similar pedestrian sites in Euro cities and a few in NA.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 01:03 PM	Could the water fountains include bottle-filling? I'm a bit concerned the covered pavilion will become a hangout for homeless people. If this section is one way Northbound, I suspect bikes will end up going the wrong way often, because there's no easy Southbound route (getting onto Wharf bikelane is challenging at most cross streets.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2022 01:13 PM	I'm curious to know if there is any criteria for the type of establishments that are able to rent business locations on govt. ls

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there any benefit in ensuring that local businesses benefit from this prime real estate, rather than corporate chains?

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I think the first nations plaza should blend well with the cityscape. It should feel like a part of the city.

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I think it's important to consider southbound travel by people on bikes. People travelling by foot or by bike tend to take the shortest path (e.g., "desire paths"). Therefore we should either plan for, and explicitly allow, two-way bicycle traffic at least during the "car free" times, or plan alternate routes (e.g., Langley St.) for southbound movement that don't involve going to Wharf or Vancouver.

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one way street on wharf going south and government going north providing wider lane for drivers. i believe this is safer as well

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Permanent covered seating & covered bike racks

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Bike parking, more planters/trees/greenery

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public washroom

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I am fully in favour of making this section of Government Street a cultural destination. Somewhere I'll want to relax, eat and take in a show/ music/ talk etc. I'd be happy if it was fully pedestrianised.

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I miss the days you could walk the street & not see an array of **S. 22** litter everywhere from the homeless. Force them to pick there own crap up or take change and clean it daily so we can have some pride. Better yet hire more police to actually patrol any street & get them to actually deal with some of this craziness that's going on out there. I see more mentally ill people then police daily. In fact I can't remember the last time I saw an officer walking on the pavement. Homeless people need help yes, but they also need structure & guidelines that any other citizens would be required to follow by law. How can we have pride in streets or this city when you can't even walk down a street **S. 22** . I never thought this city would become this. But that is what happens when the streets run themselves but you might not be aware because you probably

don't walk to & from work. Make everyone in your offices do it for a week & then you might have some idea of what needs to be done.

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Ensure there is clear signage using plain language and braille to support the current Accessible B.C. Act's purpose of creating an inclusive community. Consider how to ensure bikes do not put pedestrians in jeopardy if they are biking quickly through this open pedestrian space and a person has a white can or a guide dog.

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There are too many straight lines and not enough small foliage. The edges of different spaces need to have some flow and curvature, and seating should have greenery around it wherever possible. This would reduce the risk of crimes taking place (contact Dr. Robert Gifford at UVic for the research), while making the space more conducive to social interaction and better for children.

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Recycling bins garbage bins with clear signs

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This is the main tourist and commercial corner in Victoria. When the off season hits how can locals and people who live here use the space? Most restaurants and stores are out of price for locals on Government. Have a beacon for locals like UBC/UVIC/Royal Roads mini campus or food court

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Take care not to overdo indigenous culture and special status. Recent freedom convoy antics have highlighted that all citizens must learn to live and work together. Folks are starting to resent and push back on this Council's fixation upon Lekwungens.

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No car access just limited access for delivery and business vehicles like European pedestrian streets

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it would be great if it could be closed to cars and be a walkable space - similar to bastion square.

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looks great! Well thought out.

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I would love if government street was pedestrian only

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Specific consideration for live music. This could involve areas tailored to musicians (space for equipment, covers, electrical outlets, etc) with suitable seating for a small audience.

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In a normal city, downtown is where you find specialist professional, specialist retail, specialists that serve the entire city. The war on cars, the war on parking, the war on public access is part of turning the downtown from a regional asset to a theme park. Will we have to hire Mickey Mouse in a suit and tie to represent what used to be? Minnie Mouse on a bicycle wearing a thrift shop dirndl and a plastic poncho to represent the stores that closed? Insist the planners get jobs with schedules, customers to satisfy and supplies to be received.

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I'd prefer it to be completely car free for at least some of Government street. I work a block from Government (towards the water) and (when not working from home) would still prefer to bike or park further away and walk.

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Why do you even send out these engagement surveys and waste my time and your time (our tax dollars) when the city of Victoria already has decided what they want to do and how? Also, just STOP saying you are doing things "temporarily" when you have every intention of making it permanent at some point!

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We can never have too much music and a show for artists showing their works♥

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More curved, organic forms if including benches and planters.....get away from hard, 90 degree angular forms to something to soften the hard cityscape.....also more trees and bigger trees that exist now, big enough to create a lovely cathedral like canopy along the street.....maybe plane trees that grow to be large trees and are pollution resistant like the ones in Paris. Also large arbours over the seating areas that are covered in grape vines. grape vines are almost care free if they are allowed to grow in the actual ground as opposed to containers.....they are able to find water which will decrease the necessity to irrigate.....the general overall changes should increase the green canopy, which would be in line with the Urban Forest Plan.



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I support access for Bikes and pedi-cabs, however I do not support access for horses. The horses urinate on the street and smell awful. It will be detrimental to the experience. In addition there should be no car access at all, exception for deliveries. There is no reason to drive on government St in this section.

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Places for street musicians and street theater groups to welcome tourists.

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Public washrooms

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A fountain would be beautiful instead of a statue - it could somehow be incorporated with indigenous art :)

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Availability of expanded bike parking.

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Bike friendly bike locking stations/stands. Water fountain. Public washroom. Public seating should be actually usable and comfortable and not intentionally designed to discourage sleeping.

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Water fountains, doggy water fountains, dog poop bag dispensers, space for food trucks

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Trees, rain gardens, biodiversity

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It's Not clear from the concept plan shown but in general as many large trees as possible should be accommodated with adequate planting space. I understand they will be replaced but hopefully there's a net increase in large trees that could grow longer ( not need to be replaced in the future)

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Zones for amplified street performers

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Happy to a tree succession plan. We have pretty good downtown greenery already but I'd love to see even more. Perhaps something

like what they have out front the BC Archives: a native plant garden. That way there's not as great a water and maintenance cost. It could also serve as a opportunity for settler folks such as myself to learn about the land, especially how Songhees and Esquimalt Nations see it and how they like to see it used going forward. Just a thought. Overall this appears to be a very strong plan. Full support from me, a former resident and frequent visitor of the downtown core.

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no schlock 'indigenous' products for sale how will you ensure a quality indigenous market? since you propose this in a prime location, it MUST be of good quality, and I don't mean high priced.

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I think the entire corridor should be car free. There is enough side street access for loading and new spaces could be allotted to ensure it. deleivery people would simply need to walk a blocknor less with a dolly. Also, let's not include horse drawn carriages. It's a weird anachronistic colonial feature of our tourist industry and it should no longer occupy the downtown.

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Specific information on the vehicle accessibility proposed. What about the tour buses. There should be a drop off/pick-up area for tourists to get off of the buses (from Cruise Ship Terminal, eg.) near Government St., walk down the pedestrian part of Govt St., and get picked up somewhere to return to the ship.

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More green space and plants - especially native plants; more focus on nature native to the area.

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Extend car free times and limit delivery hours ( eg: as in Manhattan )

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I would like to see more live performances of music, theatre and busking. Victoria has been lacking this cultural touch for a long time now. I had noticed this void even before the pandemic. Public washrooms will also be helpful. Thank you

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I am not in favour of car free periods.

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A grassy area where people can sit eat or read and children can run around and really get rid of the cars! I'm not sure if a big empty

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pavilion would add much to the ambiance of the street.

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How to keep the area clean and remove graffiti

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Public washroom

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Increased accessible bathrooms

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The street could always be mainly pedestrian only with cars also allowed, like in Europe. Cars never choose to drive on these type of streets because it is so slow with all the pedestrians. But if businesses need to drop something off at their shop with a vehicle, they can.

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A covered pavilion would potentially draw our growing vulnerable populations to camp overnight. Yes to horses and pedicab, buy cyclists already have wharf st. It should be largely designed with the Tourist in mind (and their dollars!). Perhaps consider water fountains or water filling stations. There are also beautiful designs for coin-operated, self-cleaning public washrooms. Perhaps consider strings of lights hanging overhead between buildings (see st Catherine St in Montreal)

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Car free at all times.

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Make sure the stores are varied and interesting. Not all tourist Knick knacks and make it a good quality innovative selection

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Vehicles should be allowed access otherwise you aren't making it accessible for elderly or those with disabilities. Not allowing vehicle traffic also hurts businesses in the area. How will people access businesses on lower Yates street? We don't need more convoluted bike lanes created. There are enough of those on surrounding roads. If you're going to create bike lanes on government, remove them from Warf street.

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I really love all these ideas and know it'll add a lot of value to Victoria,

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thank you. I'd love to see public washrooms / water fountain included, as well as to see the vagrancy laws being enforced (and perhaps strengthened). Otherwise I fear these lovely, livable spaces will be occupied by transients with their sleeping bags and dogs. There's a little cluster of them daily on the sidewalk where Trounce Alley meets Gov't Street near where W&J Wilson used to be. I cross the street to avoid walking past them when I walk to the gym at the Bay Center. It's an unpleasant experience for our tourists too, and is a huge negative towards Victoria's brand to be the transient capital of BC. It's really tragic W&J Wilson had to close that location, it's a beautiful store and they'd been there for years. They had scary, homeless people in their store daily, their staff were afraid to come to work. Thus, if you can keep the transients from setting up camp day/night whenever, then this is a winner of a plan, thank you!

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Disagree with access for pedicabs, bikes and horse drawn vehicles except during motorized times.

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Abundant bike parking with lock-ups designed to get the frame & wheel locked to the rack, adjacent to shops and restaurants

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I really don't want to see loss of parking or access to town by car. I don't think that cyclists make up the majority and therefore I think they've eaten enough of our budget. I would like to keep this street accessible for cars and people with disabilities but I also really like the idea of timed closures for events that will engage our community like concerts, markets. I like Indigenous art and supporting culture and reconciliation, but we have a lot of it. I think we can include all artists in projects. Some variety would be good. Driving downtown is getting more complicated, please keep that in mind.

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Family Public Washrooms

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It was a great street 20 years ago! Tourists loved it!

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Cars do not belong in pedestrian high traffic zones

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I'm a proponent of completely altering this space to make it a cultural/historical focused venue for arts and community, removing the vast majority of commercial activity that doesn't fit this mandate, and

ultimately closing it completely to motor vehicle access and remaking the space, given new opportunities without the restrictions required by motor vehicles.

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Quality and cohesive high quality design over individual cultural / interpretive moments. Art and sculpture should compliment the overall design rather than fight it. Please, no goofy murals.

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Public washrooms. Bikes to follow same times and rules as cars and in one direction only.

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It's a wonderful plan I love it! I'm going to expand on my thoughts here because I don't want to not have a say and I'm just thrilled to know what's ahead for our city and express what I love to see and what I enjoy. \* I'd like more gorgeous black flower boxes throughout Victoria streets with the flowers seen last year on Fort St., beautifully done visually and our hanging baskets too. \* Government at Humbolt - People love food and beer gardens so I'd love to access Indigenous culture along with the food. And, look forward to China town with their foods highlighted. Lots of clean green space please. \* Past Sunday, on Government St., found free bouncy castles by accident, had our grandchild out and we ended up having lunch on Government St. with him taking part in the fun, it was delightful. \* I've experienced beer garden seating in Sapporo Japan which consisted of street blocks of wooden seating at very long tables so you chatted with others, and each block section was a different beer so in Sapporo we sat at the Sapporo beer garden tables, but you could do Mexican with Corona's and Belgium or German beers all with quick food to grab, sit, and drink a beer. It was amongst trees in downtown Sapporo throughout the month of August, we tourist and people who worked in the bldgs and shops surrounding, all came out on lunch hours, and got food and surprisingly a beer, but it seems no big deal it's was all very civilized and respectful, enjoyed by business people, families visitors with dogs, something I'll never forget and thoroughly enjoyed this highlight. \* And, in Comox one day there was a few musical trio's playing their type of music, one being calypso music with dancers in their beautiful frilly dresses just in the middle of the road, and the public joined in, clapping, watching, joining in dancing. It was maybe 3 hours about 5:00 pm to 8pm, again memorable. Different small musical groups playing to keep it close to the street and public to be part of and join in. Nothing loud or blocking. \* And, in Australia, we found families are all together enjoying a glass and eating with their children outside walls open air restaurants and pubs. And children being entertained and it's all free. Water fountains could be used in this family seating area. \* In Thailand the open air markets are a

huge attraction, we saw adorable little animals, and so The SPCA for sure could have their "Adopt a Pet Day". It was an all day outing when going to this place, so from morning to night we had lunch, snacks and dinner and brought back many gifts. I do love to see the horse and buggies and what child doesn't want a horse and buggy ride or to pet the horses. Thank you for listening and having just moved in on Government Street, this plan makes me feel very fortunate. \* Last - I appreciate no traffic on the street and very limited am vehicles and side streets are close enough for delivery people. They don't need Government St., it's a short area of town, use side streets, short blocks so it's workable. And, a public bathroom is necessary at each end. I know one is going in but a second is needed when the public is invited to spend time downtown, please provide one more public bathroom especially on the china town end at Pandora. Thank you.

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There needs to be motor vehicle access. Also, how about fixing the potholes on my street before spending money on something that is already in good enough shape.

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There are already extra large and efficient sidewalks on Government Street. The amount of construction for these proposals, would disrupt businesses and they've already been disrupted by Covid and by blocking off Government Street. If you want more people to patronize the downtown, which is what is needed, then return the Parkades to 'worry free, pay later parking' with all of the stalls given a forest for free. Also, make Street parking free on Sundays again.

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minimize car traffic. Sure, commercial vehicles need access during off hours, but if you want a successful pedestrian mall, eliminate the traffic. Need public washroom at both ends of project.

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Support businesses designed for locals instead of businesses designed for tourists only. Increased green features to create a more peaceful environment or buffer from downtown noise, including layout to reduce large crowds for those who find them uncomfortable. With the exception of vehicles necessary for businesses, it would be more enjoyable to keep the area limited to pedestrians only, with the exception of vehicles for those with reduced mobility.

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More permanent street patios

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We do not need horse drawn carriages throughout downtown. It

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reduces usability of the space for everyone else and we really do not need to be exploiting animal labour for profit and entertainment. We should prioritize public space allotment that benefits everyone and not just those who can afford to pay a fee. I do not believe expanded business space should be prioritized over increased free public access areas. Secure bike parking would encourage more cycle transportation as bike theft is a real barrier currently.

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There needs to be high quality secure bike parking. Most employers aren't set up for employees biking and their bikes are vulnerable for 9-10 hours at a time in a high crime area. This needs to be fixed.

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Panhandling, sleeping, tenting, grocery carts, not allowed

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It is what I do not want included, horse drawn carriages banned, period.

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If there are permanent restaurant patios, please make sure there is adequate pedestrian space around the patio similar to other pedestrian spaces along the street. Otherwise, it can feel like a slalom when trying to walk and is very uncomfortable.

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I would like to see Government Street returned to the pre Covid state so vehicles could traverse at all times for the sake of the business owners who depend on unfettered access for all patrons.

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Given how well the current trees define the street, I don't see this reflected in the sketches. Placement of trees at the proposed plaza at Humboldt and Courtney appears haphazard. It doesn't look like there are actually many trees in this area. I don't understand how the City would achieve "expanded storefront space" - aren't the buildings privately owned? I don't see any mention of plantings other than trees. This is a prime tourist area - I assume that any new lighting would include a strategy for seasonal displays of flowers. Any new lighting should be designed to allow for special overhead lighting for festivals, seasonal lighting.

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It is important for this spot to always be carfree to allow for permanent fixtures. Also I think the First Nations areas being thunderbird park and surroundings of the museum should be more fully developed with the funds rather than this small cement city block

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Should be car free at all times (permanently restrict motor vehicle access); not only this stretch of Government, but a longer segment overall.

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I think the inclusion and recognition of indigenous land is super important, but I do not believe it necessary to widen already broad sidewalks and i also do not think its needed for another space for outdoor programming when we already have spaces like bastion square, market square, city hall, and the extensive inner harbour walkway where buskers and events have successfully utilized in the past.

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permeable ground cover; indigenous plant communities, not just individual trees; food forest; permaculture principles;

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not needed streets are empty businesses are leaving because of hard to access older people are not going there to hard to access you are grid locking Victoria with blocking off streets and bike lanes making it impossible to get around causing more pollution due too idle time You should leave business to owners of businesses Victoria has the highest opium overdose death rate in B.C. because of your decision how too deal with drugs not one rehabbed person .maybe that should be a priority not screwing up more streets Businesses are going to be your new opium victims

**Optional question** (576 response(s), 487 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q4** Special features for Government Street between Courtney and Yates could include the following. Please rate your level of support for each feature from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest support and 5 being the highest support.

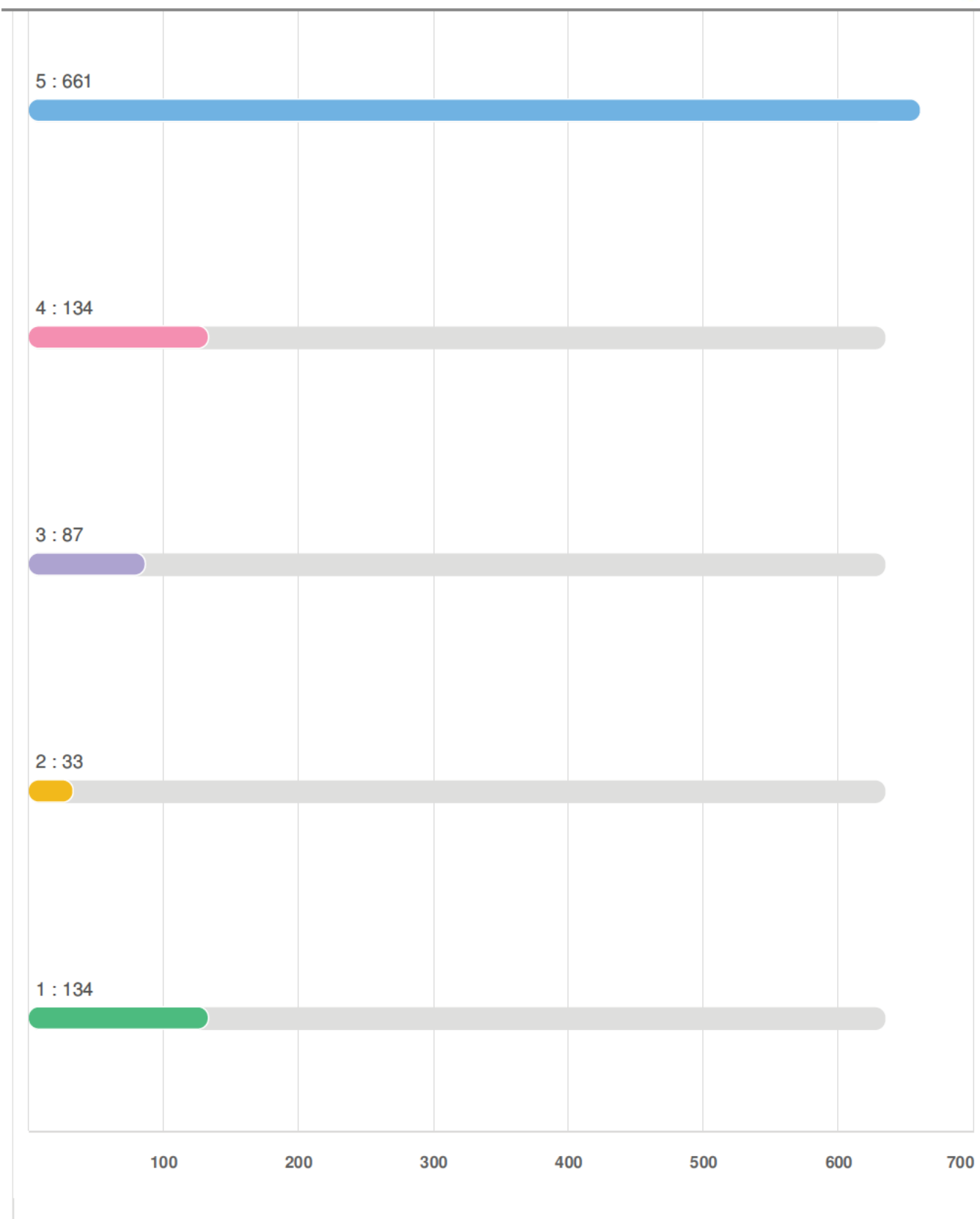


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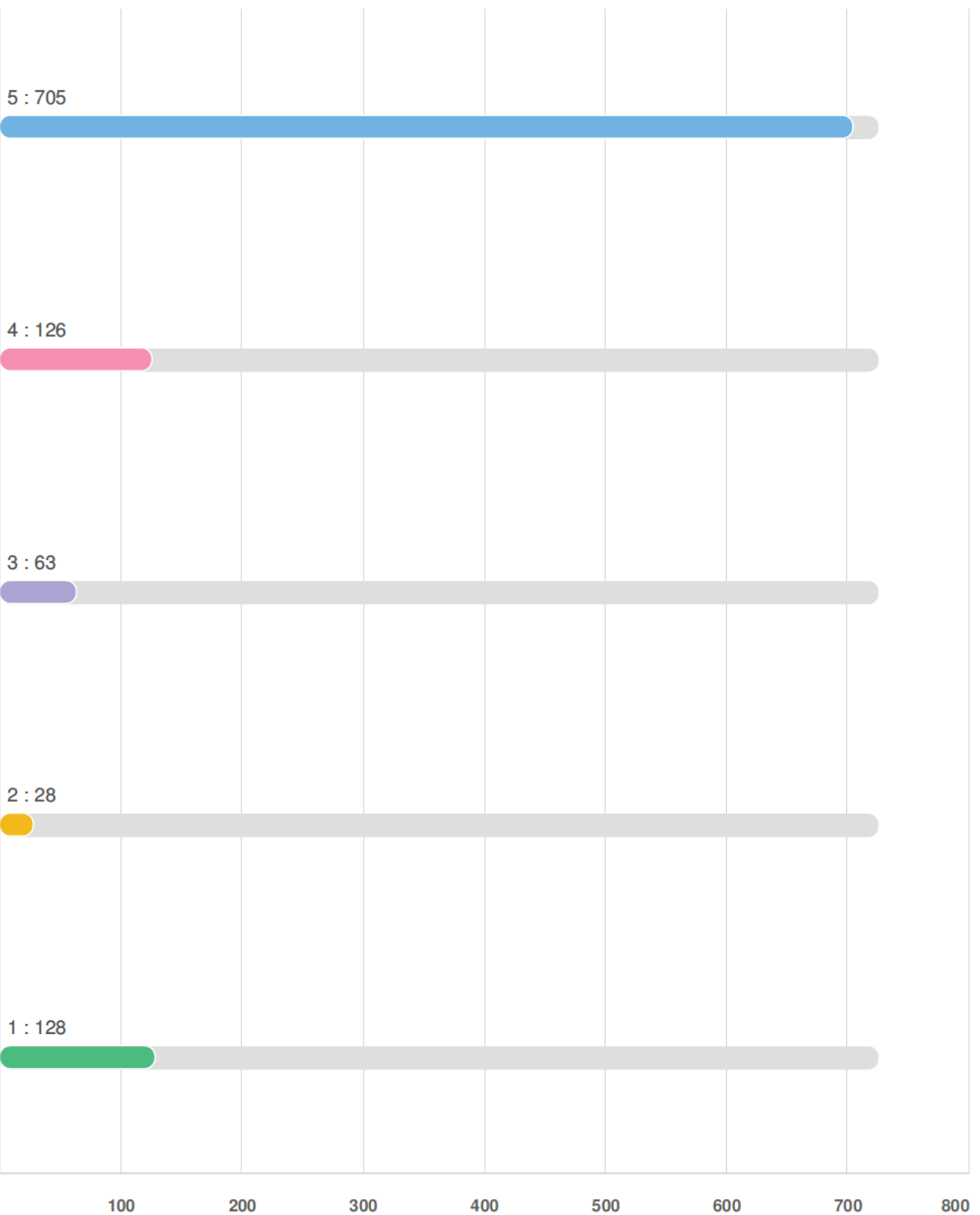
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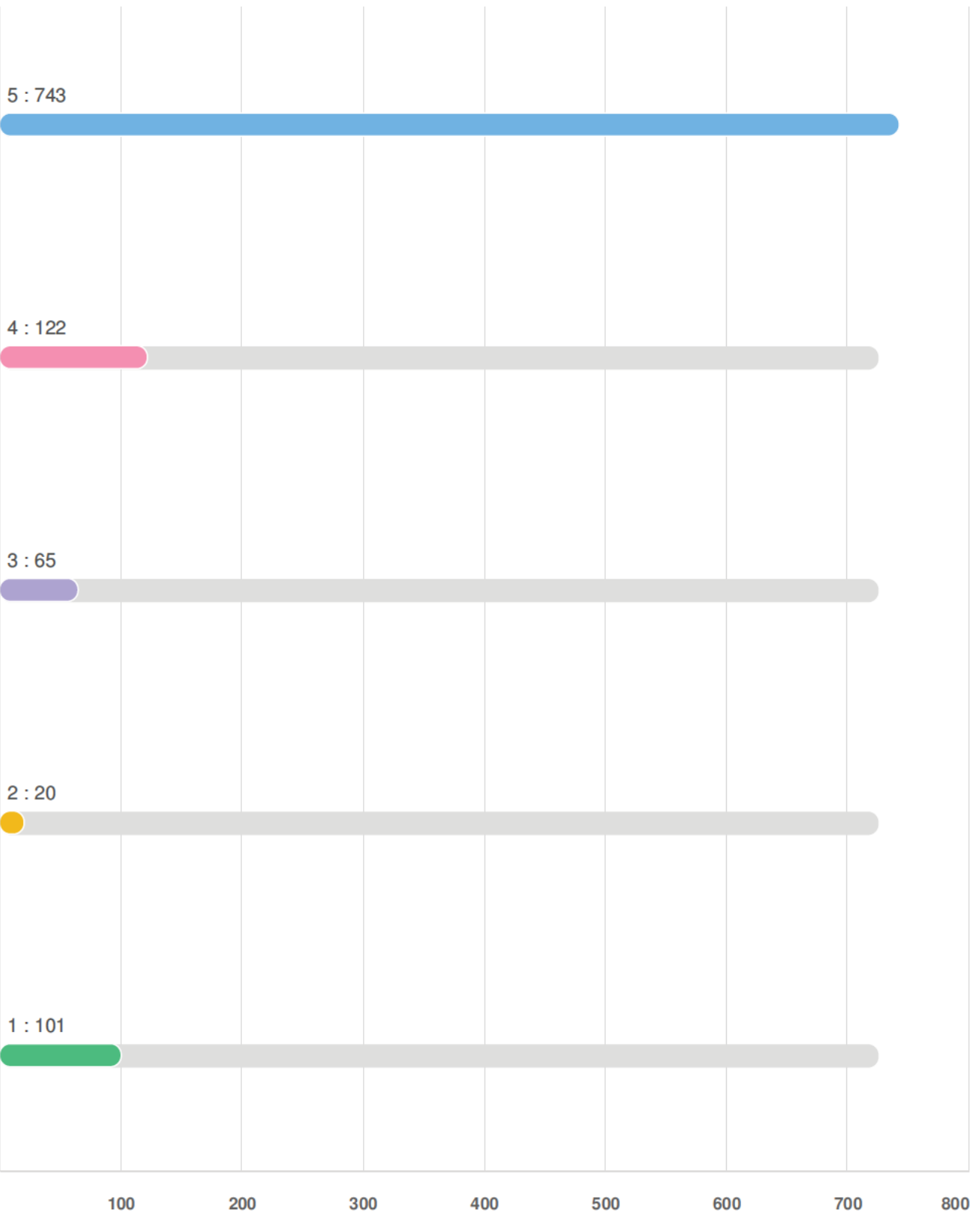
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**A reduced vehicle lane width to make more room for pedestrians and community programming**

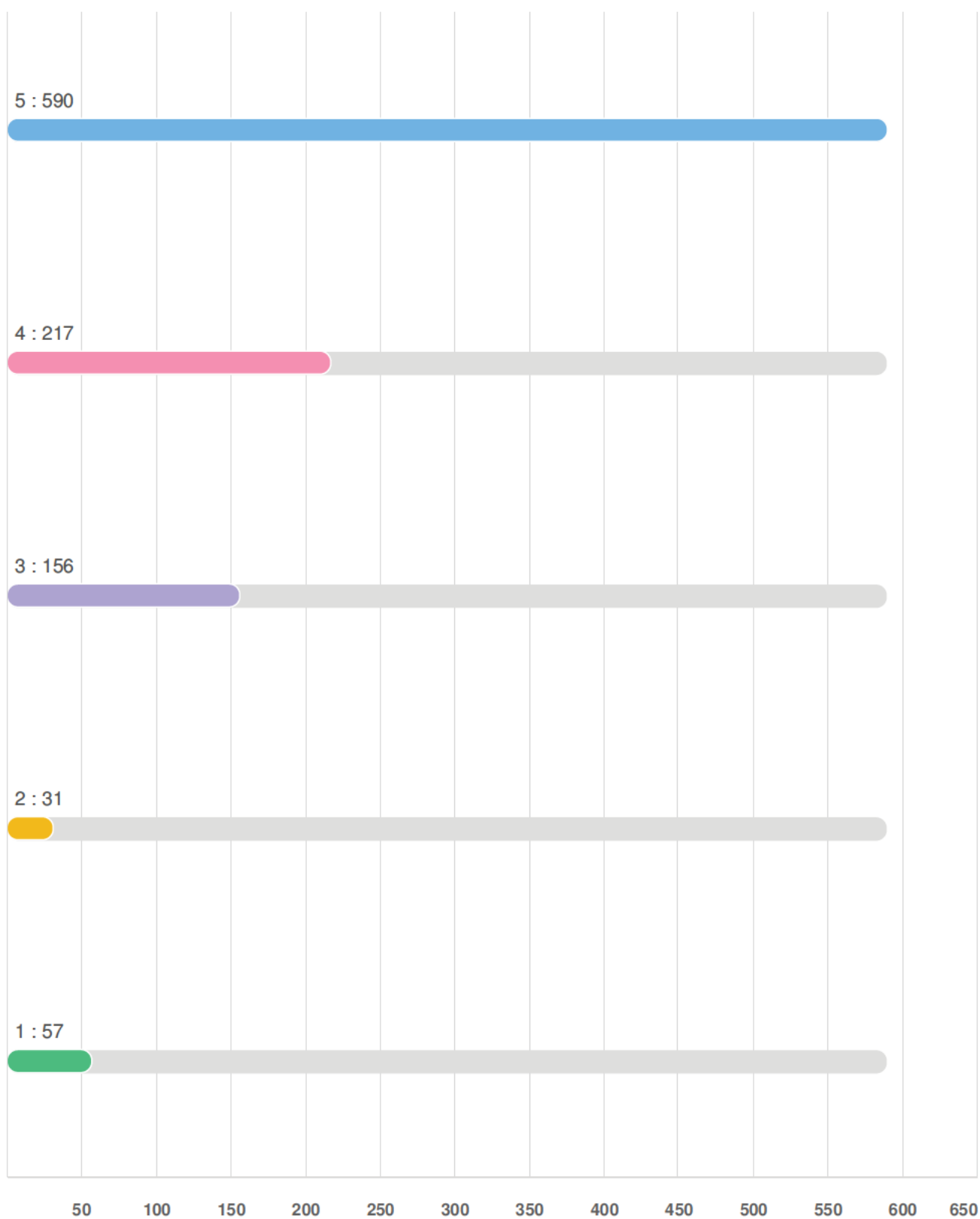


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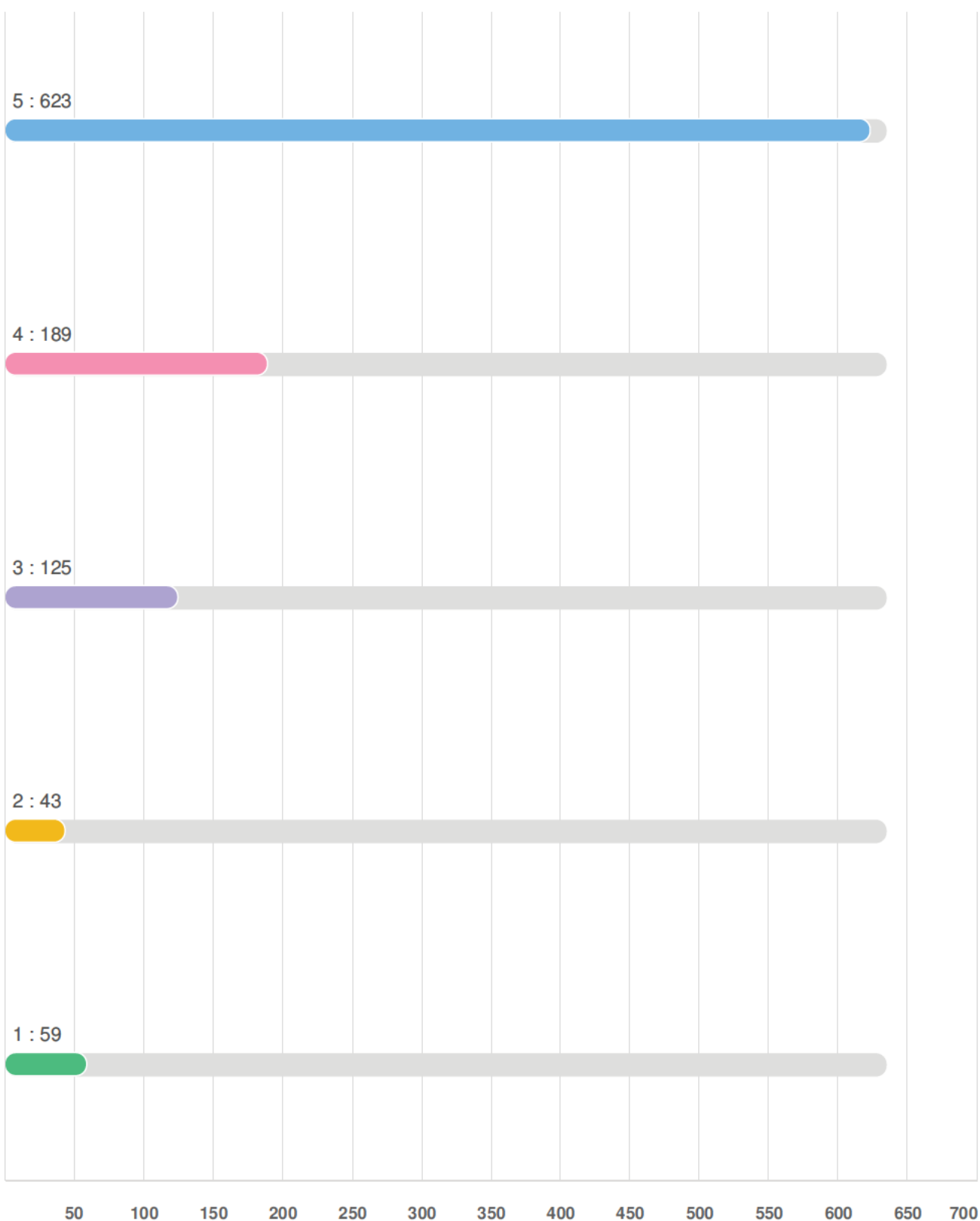


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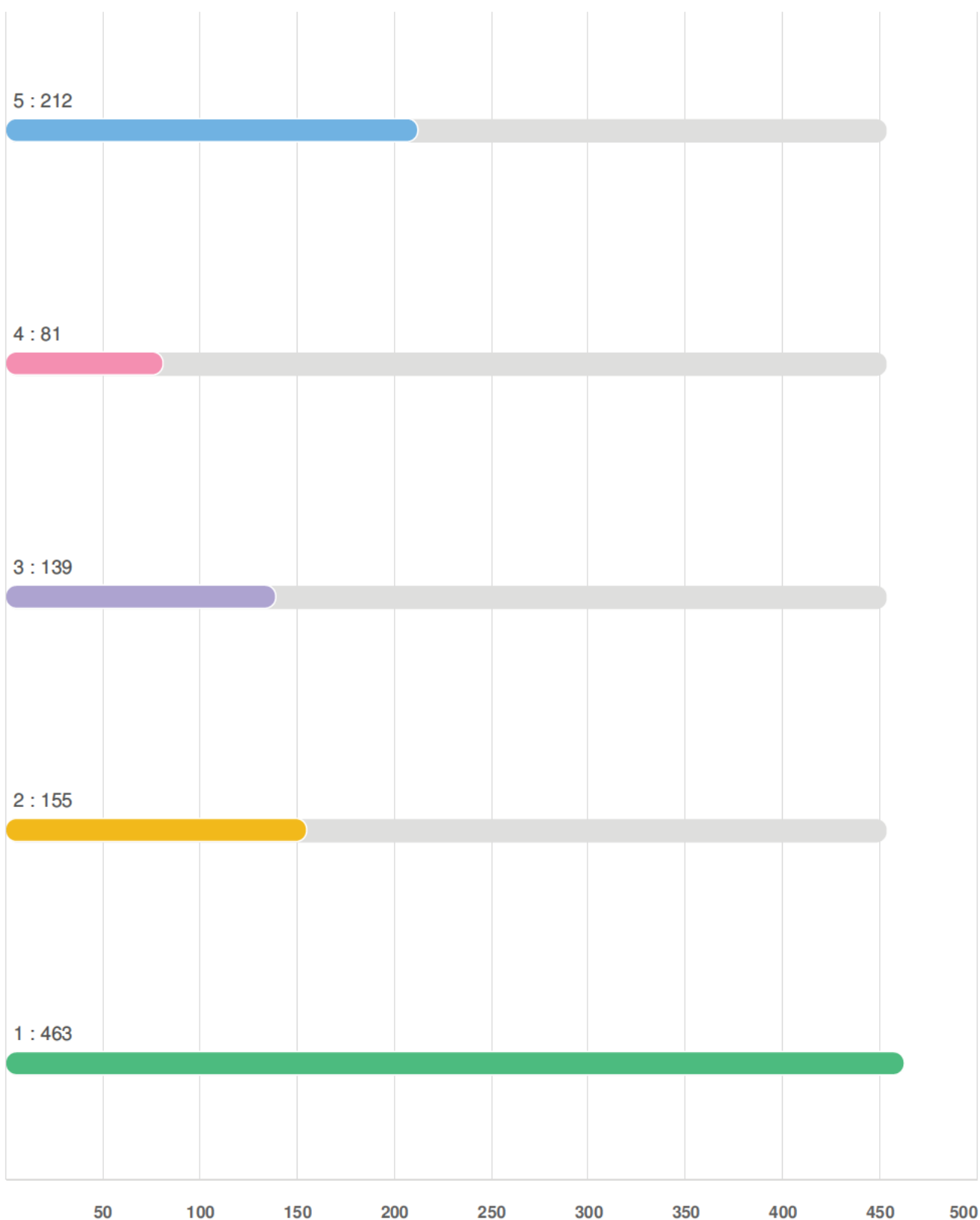
## New accessible seating areas



## New trees

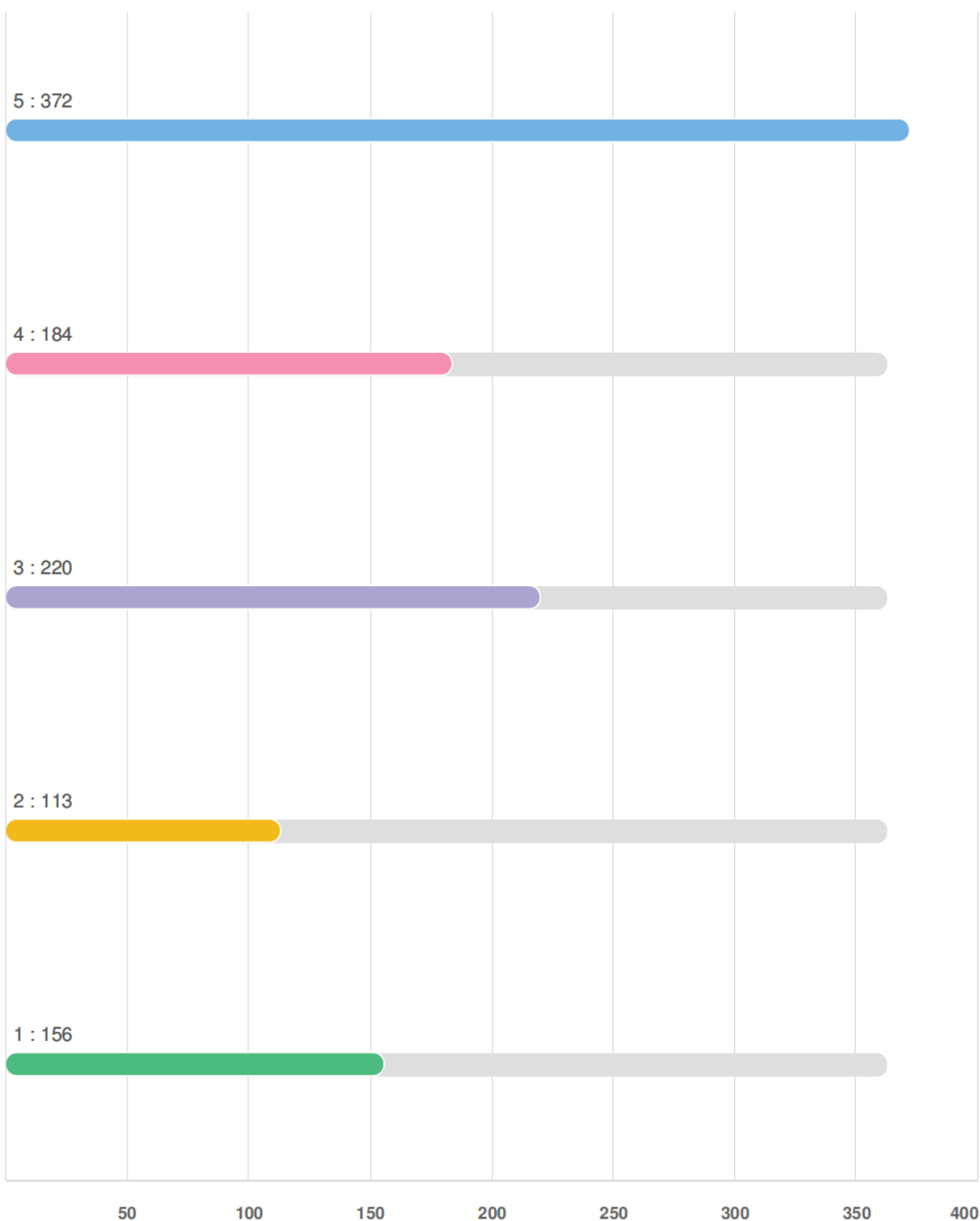


### Continued access for motor vehicles outside of timed car-free periods

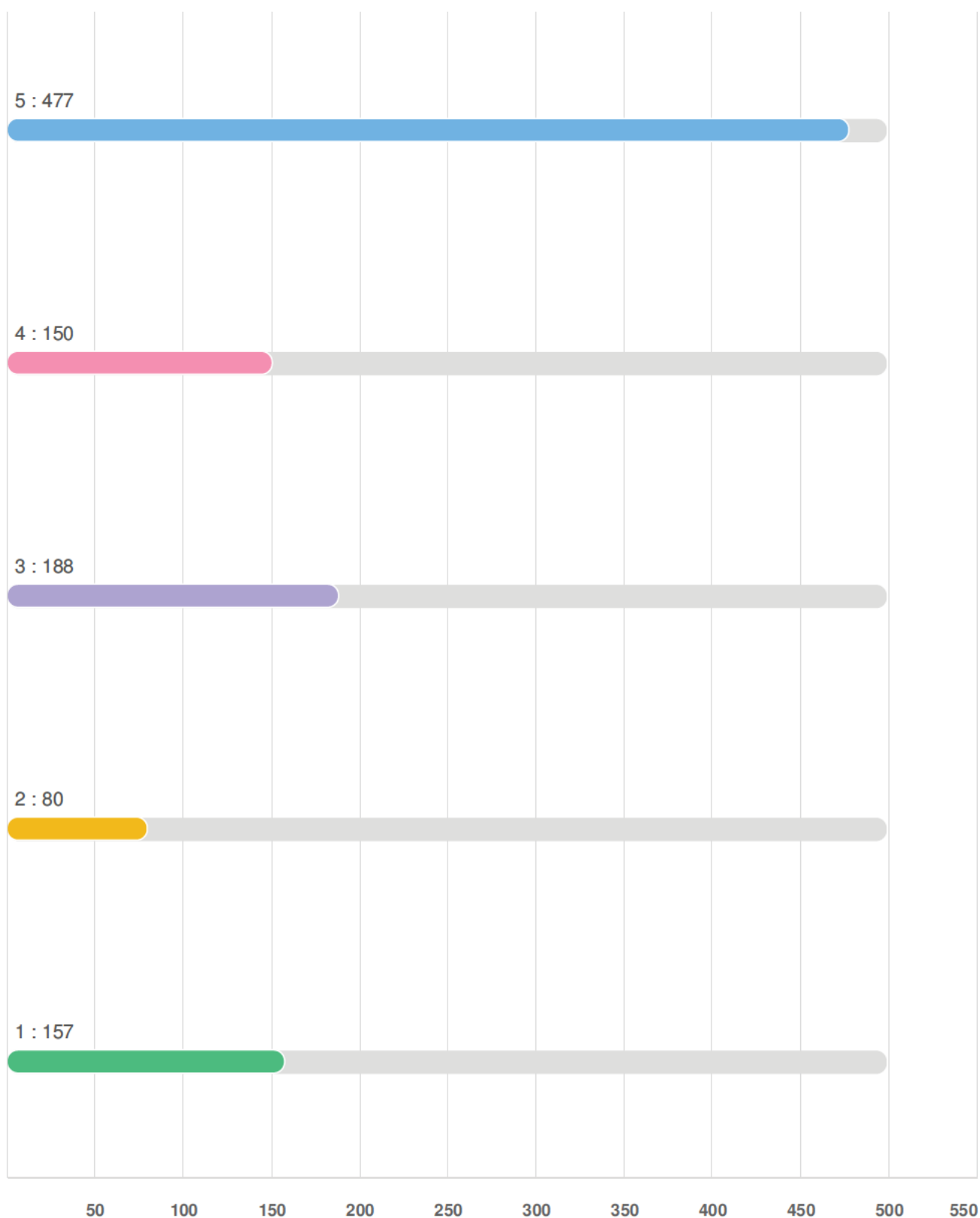


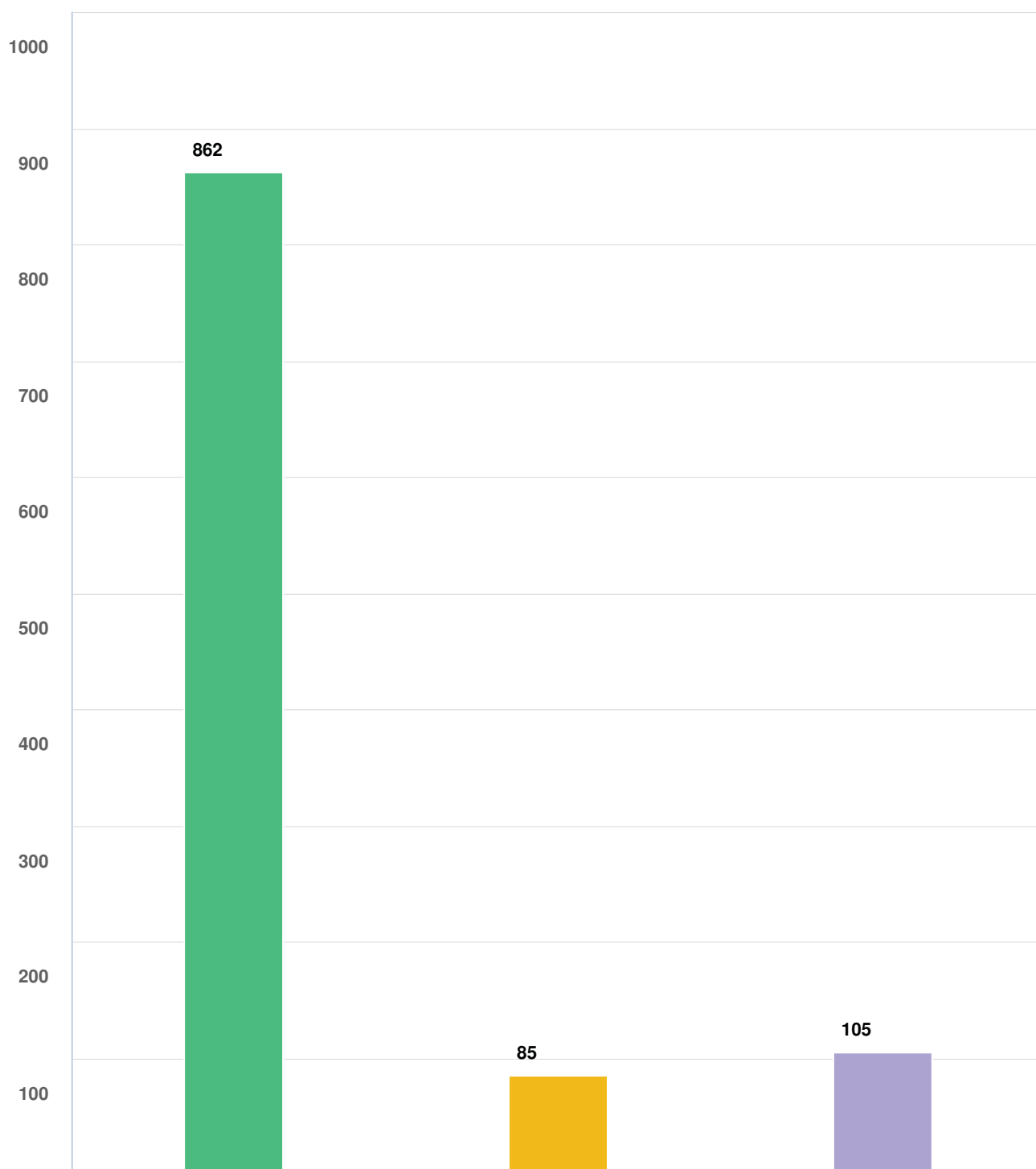


### Commercial loading zones outside of timed car-free periods



### Access for bikes, pedi-cabs and horse-drawn carriages at all times



**Q5** What is your overall level of support for what is proposed for Government Street between Courtney and Yates?**Question options**

☐ Don't Support ☐ Neutral ☒ Support

Optional question (1052 response(s), 11 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q6 What did we miss? What would you like to see included?**

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stop trying to social engineer - want area to be 'organic'; not programmed by the City

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Make it completely car free apart from restricted delivery times and emergency vehicles

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No private cars at any time.

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Again, your wish to maintain motor vehicle traffic in this area is timid and out of step with municipal planning worldwide. Your unwillingness to contemplate that even a single street in this city could permanently exclude motor vehicle traffic is just sad. The idea of "permanent" dining patios is one that requires more information for evaluation. Even now, the public doesn't know whether the temporary patios require businesses to pay rent, or if they are being allowed to alienate public space for private profit. What would be the plan for the proposed "permanent" patios?

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Design the actual roadway to feel like it belongs to people, not a space temporarily allocated from cars to pedestrians. Consider red brick pavers and other traffic calming measures.

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The current shaped trees on Government Street are very attractive. I hope they will not have to be replaced.

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No changes until after a review AFTER THE CRUISE SEASON RESTART.

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Differentiate between bikes and horses. Incorrect grouping.

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Less land wasted on cars, more reclaiming public space for people. More bike parking, including secured bike parking.

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What are the timed car-free periods? Would it be simpler to just ban

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cars entirely, except for commercial and handicapped loading zones?

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I support this as well! Although, I cycle and walk down government street often (I work in the area) and without barriers to block vehicle access or enforcement I see a lot of cars going into the area outside of the allowed times. Maybe pedestrians just move out of their way but I don't think we should have to do this. I have had quite negative interactions with a few drivers who turned into a pedestrian only zone either hitting the blue pylons or when they have already been hit or removed. I think there needs to be concrete barriers during the car shutdown period or else enforcement by police or bylaw. Truthfully, I don't understand why car access is needed in this stretch anyway. Many cities have pedestrian only areas that are permanent and all day. There are many other streets downtown that serve the same directional purposes as government. Related, I would love to see Wharf St have a similar car free design. It seems like a tremendous waste of waterfront space to be given to cars which often jam the road, run the crosswalks (I haven't almost been hit before) and generally take up more space than is necessary.

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Even when the world becomes electric, there will still be a need for vehicle lanes downtown. It is already difficult to drive anywhere downtown, let alone find a parking spot. Reduced vehicle access will only make this worse for businesses and residents.

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I'm not sure i completely understand the option of car traffic outside of timed car free zones. My desire would be for no cars, is this the question? Also commercial deliveries must have access but those need to be at certain times of the day. probably very early in the morning. My other comment is about trees. Please please do not plant them surrounded by concrete..in the ground. there are many options available to modify their health,,,some kind of turf block or permeable surface treatment. to me this is a requirement that can't be overlooked.

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A tourist concierge (part-time position from May to Sept for students enrolled in tourism programmes) at the intersection of Government Street and Humbolt Street.

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Should be fully car free except for delivery trucks.

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Allow commercial deliveries only, no public cars, or fast vehicles, no

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bikes, scooters, electric skateboards above pedestrian speed

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Same comment as above: writing again: I support making this section of Government Street completely car-free (with the potential exception of commercial vehicles needed to supply businesses along this stretch). I appreciate that having car-free times is intended as a compromise between competing objectives. But a pedestrian zone that still has cars zooming through it at certain times of day isn't really a pedestrian zone at all. I commute (by bike) along Government Street and regularly see vehicles disregarding the currently-posted timed vehicle bans. For what it's worth, I want to add my voice to the "no car" side of the debate. I also think it's a mistake to have parking spaces or "vehicle drop-off areas" (are these the same thing) on Government St. The whole idea, as I understand it, is to revitalize it as a cultural space. Parking spots/"car drop-off areas" are the opposite of that.

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Would love to see a level roadway, ie no distinction between the sidewalk and part time roadway beyond maybe a row of embed bricks. Add raised intersections at all cross streets so crossing traffic has to transition to meet government (except maybe fort st)

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Please ensure outdoor seating and structures are complementary to the historic/heritage atmosphere of downtown. For example, the current ugly red boxes and other modern seating that has been installed is not the design that should be used. Beautiful, classic, victorian era benches with the advantage of modern technology are what should be installed. My support for the last bullet does not include bikes. I am very supportive of pedicabs and horsedrawn carriages but Victoria cyclists are notoriously rude and dangerous. They should not be encouraged to cycle in pedestrian areas for safety reasons.

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No motor vehicles -- outside of those used for deliveries or emergencies -- should be permitted at any time. Furthermore, the car-free zone should be extended to Pandora.

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as possible, focus on merchants serving local residents rather than tourists

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As above, shade is imperative. Mature, large, canopy-providing trees need to dominate.

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Expanded car free hours (noon is too late to start).

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Do away with the horse drawn carriages. They are slow to be behind and the poor animals are a sad sight. They should be in nature, not on hot concrete with cars all day.

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None of these measures support the businesses. Talk to every business owner on those streets. They have the most to loose.

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Please try to remove car access to create a pedestrian only space.

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I would prefer reducing the car access hours even further to just early morning delivery times.

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more pedestrian friendly and bikes too! less cars

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There should be no access for vehicles at all, with the exception of commercial/delivery vehicles directly providing service to business on the strip.

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Pretty sneaky to include pedi-cabs & Horse Drawn Carriages with bikes so as to indicate a higher support for bikes.

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Not sure I answered correctly but I don't think there should be any cars, ever here. Delivery trucks between 7-9 am only.

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Wrecking downtown

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I am really reticent about any trees being cut down.

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I think this looks great! The only thing I wish to see is for the timed pedestrianization to happen at least an hour earlier. On weekends I like to go for morning walks around Downtown and wish Government

Street was free of cars not only in the afternoon. I started going to Murchies for my coffee this summer but hate waiting around until 12!

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Flower Gardens, water features

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Covered bike parking. This is rare in the City of Victoria, but given our rainy-ish weather, would provide an important amenity to those arriving by bike.

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Permanent 24/7 pedestrian only zone. Timed allowances for essential delivery trucks etc.

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Again the strange inclusion of 'timed' before car free zone. Also no to horses downtown please. One would think we have a handsome cab based economy.

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Need areas for dogs and be explicit about the secure bike parking.

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Need permanent vehicle access

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SEEMS LIKE JUST A LITTLE TWEAK HERE... TOO BAD NOTHING CREATIVE

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Traffic needs to flow for locals, delivery trucks and tourists

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3/03/2022 07:04 AM

I would like this section to be pedestrian only as well

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Allow electric vehicles only

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covered bike parking

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Keep vehicle traffic open



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Yes, yes, yes please make the city one for artists, vendors, community outside and beyond car circulation and store/restaurant spending. I would love to see playful architecture and design - like the musical railways in the Yates St Parkade. And a consideration for soundspaces and sound design. What are we going to be hearing, on Government street? I want to hear the sound of a vibrant city and community, live music, laughter, chatter, birds, water.

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Courtenay st to Yates st deliveries only within set times. Require view st parking under Bay Centre to exit to Douglas st only

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No bicycles.

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Who is going to picnic downtown? We have lovely parks for that purpose. With fewer workers returning to work full time downtown the reduction of parking will not entice locals to return to using downtown. For health purposes (ie. Covid) I support the ability of restaurants to have outdoor patios but that already diminishes parking. Until the complete end of Covid I will not be using transit and so without adequate parking I will not be returning downtown to shop or to go to restaurants unless there is parking nearby.

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Access for bikes and pedicabs, yes—NOT horse-drawn carriages, which I oppose outright due to animal welfare.

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As in my comment on the previous zone, continuous street cleaning to remove seagull poop because it's an outdoor eating area. Thank you.

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Interesting lighting that creates a consistent ambiance for the area.

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Make it care free all the time, like pedestrian areas in European city centres

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Again. A dedicated stage. If this city is to become a performing arts centre as the music strategy suggests then areas for performing must be designated.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:29 AM	Pedestrian zone at all times
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:33 AM	Don't change the lighting
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:35 AM	I have COPD and you are cutting off Government St to me and many other people who can not walk long distances...including visitors who are older...as I said before, if you want the street assessable, try having it for all
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:36 AM	Sounds wonderful!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:36 AM	Again, not a thing. Please see comments above.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:39 AM	I don't think there needs to be more trees in the middle of the street. There should be more space to expand engagement and access...trees block this. Let's expand patios, let's include space for special events and live music, beer gardens, markets etc. As with the previous entry I don't think that cars really need access here. Nor bikes or horse drawn carriages...let's fully commit to the pedestrian play and have infrastructure that reflects that (aside from commercial vehicle access during off times. Keep in mind that cab areas will need to be prioritized on cross streets so there would be some loss of permanent parking there.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:44 AM	Same as above re Bike access.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:44 AM	Concern about horses, pedicabs, bikes where pedestrians not expecting faster traffic than other pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:53 AM	Great design. I would like to see a fully car-free street all-day, every-day, year round.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:53 AM	Bikes and horse carriages should not be allowed on Government St. Bikes should stay on bike lanes. Horse carriages should be banned from Victoria.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:55 AM	No vehicles, please no vehicles. Enhanced bike lockers and parking please.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:58 AM	Details of time car free periods. I believe it should only be for early morning delivery and emergency vehicles. Not sure about horse drawn carriages. Could be problematic.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:59 AM	I have no problem with the horses but please don't lump biking (a form of transport) in with horse drawn carriages (a tourist novelty)
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:00 AM	Notices to available public washrooms, possibly increase access by permission and joint agreement with local businesses to washrooms or European style public washroom unisex washrooms installed nearby
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:00 AM	Make it car-free all the time
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:02 AM	Commercial trucks are on such a limited time frame in the morning to finish deliveries that pedestrian safety during those hours is a secondary thought to commercial drivers.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:02 AM	Not going far enough - should be 100% pedestrian
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:16 AM	I believe it's Bourbon Street in New Orleans that allows delivery trucks and street cleaning every morning, then it becomes a pedestrian only zone. This seems to work well.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:16 AM	Given how much chaos the bike lanes have caused, I'm not sure we can block off this road to cars. I support blocking off the lower part of government (Humboldt to Courtnay) but not this section. If we don't allow access to downtown for cars, only tourists will be wandering this pedestrian street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:18 AM	Keep the existing trees as long as possible. They are beautiful full grown trees and the public loves trees!

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:26 AM	Delivery vehicles are important. Private vehicles are not. Restrict off-hours access for private vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:30 AM	Again, feel area fine as is.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:32 AM	Better public transit
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:32 AM	Same answer as above. Funding needs to go to more important projects.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:36 AM	Sound supervision of security. Cooling stations for heat waves.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:42 AM	I like everything about the design.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:42 AM	I do not support the use of cars in this area. Since there is no parking, there is no benefit to cars there except to cut through to go somewhere else. Public restrooms should be included. The dearth of public restrooms is a failure in urban areas.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:48 AM	bike storage, as much greenery as possible, public bathrooms in downtown,
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:50 AM	I'd much prefer no private cars ever on Government Street. Taxi access for handicapped only, and full access for horses, pedicab, and bicycles
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:03 AM	Continue Lekwungen cultural designs throughout each phase, and ensure that there is purposeful space for Indigenous owned businesses in support of meaningful economic reconciliation. Establish purposeful spaces for buskers and on-going year round performances.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:11 AM	Motor vehicle lanes require bollards that retract during vehicle times and are in position to prevent vehicles during car-free times. Otherwise vehicles ignore the signs as is evidenced in the current car-free area of Government St.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:13 AM	More pedestrian seating and public restrooms for women
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:16 AM	Public washroom, there is definitely a lack downtown. Pretty much just the mall or market square and market square is sometimes gross.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:17 AM	Same comments as before DO NOT REMOVE TREES WITHOUT REPLACING THEM!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:17 AM	No car's anymore ,closed see Europe !!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:23 AM	Vehicle access at all times
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:23 AM	Again, the whole concept of eliminating cars is wrong. You are creating a disaster waiting to happen by reducing the lanes for cars, especially during a disaster.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:24 AM	I don't think there should be space for parking. This should be car-free. Perhaps early morning loading would be acceptable.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:27 AM	Please prioritize not creating an even more backed up traffic situation. If you have to diverge traffic from Government st. at certain times (more details please??), will there be a logical alternative present? Added parking spaces available? Convenience and safety is important for both pedestrians and drivers. Please don't forget the drivers, as some people have no other way to travel (elderly, physically challenged, etc). Thank you.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:32 AM	While again, this may be good for people who live down town, getting there and parking will be more restrictive. I also worry about the general traffic congestion being worse.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:32 AM	As noted above, I believe that cyclists should be required to walk their bicycles during car-free times to avoid hazardous interaction with pedestrians. Slower-moving (and more predictable) horse-drawn carriages and pedi-cabs should not present problems.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:38 AM	Bike lanes and free roaming pedestrians need clear boundaries
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:48 AM	Commercial truck access only. No cars, please.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:49 AM	Plaza where people (locals and tourists) can just sit and hang out. Sunny spot preferred, and water feature like Trevi Fountain. It would become an international draw.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:51 AM	Less space for cars and more space for pedestrians at all times not just certain times along this corridor.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:52 AM	I am unsure how I feel about the horse drawn carriages having access to this area at all times. On the one hand, I think it is better for them to be in areas without cars, but on the other, I think they should be confined to beacon hill park, or not exist at all.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:59 AM	As noted previously, please DO NOT bring horse carriages downtown. I have no issue with bikes and pedicabs as an alternative. I know that the current members of council have stated that trees will be replaced with native species only, but cherry blossom trees are a huge tourism/attraction for people in 'off season' times, so it lends itself to increasing traffic for locals. I live on view street and see 'blossom tourists' in my area every February.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:00 AM	Bike lock up
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:03 AM	As I said above, the proposed centreline dividers continuing up Government Street from Humboldt could include trees intended to replace the trees now in the sidewalks, some of which, when they reach their end of life, may be removed and not replaced. This would have the effect of reducing barriers to mobility on the sidewalks during times when vehicular traffic is allowed, while still maintaining that beautiful green canopy. Also, as I said above, I am okay with small retail sidewalk booths, but not if they are to be used as expanded sales vehicles for existing brick-and-mortar businesses. Let these booths be limited for use by small independent merchant/manufacturers producing local products. And, as before, public toilets would be appreciated, at least every three to four blocks.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:10 AM	Add to fountains a misting feature for those really hot summer days?
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:11 AM	Same comments as above.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:16 AM	Same comment as for Humboldt to Courtney: I'm worried that covered pavilions and more seating will attract sleeping places for the hard-to-house. More bike parking needed.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:18 AM	Continued vehicle access at all times. You block one road off and it creates congestion elsewhere. The city of Vic just doesn't get it, we aren't going downtown as much.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:24 AM	cars
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:30 AM	bicycle access at all times
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:43 AM	No cars please Draw inspiration from European plazas since the buildings are older On government street it gives it that charm. It doesn't always have to look sleek. Novi Sad, cultural capital of Europe for 2022 has a wonderful downtown area
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:51 AM	Any trees and plants should be native BC trees and plants Recognition of and space for buskers and other street performers More and nice, clean, public washrooms
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:54 AM	No cars only the ability for commercial truck access
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:08 PM	what will bring people there are business that are worth shopping at on the regular. we need incentives for local business operators to showcase their best work on our most beautiful streets. the city should incentivize landlords with tax cuts or something to bring in local chefs, boutiques, jewelers, bakers, liquor stores etc. - stores that you go back to because they make great things. currently, the shops are largely focused for the first time tourist - a tacky victoria shirt, key chain, whatever. Once a tourist does it once, they don't need to do it again.

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It is unclear how it would work for bikes, pedicabs and horse carriages if this zone allows one-way car traffic, would bikes, etc, only be one-way allowed too or two way for bikes and carriages? Where do they enter safely, just Fort street and Pandora are protected with crossings and it seems unclear whether bikes and carriages are allowed between Humboldt and Courtenay. Added seating is good to see. Will there also be speed bumps to slow cars down and make it more pedestrian friendly? Water drinking fountains with dog water and bottle filling capabilities needed here too. Loading zones should be on the side streets with parking (including accessible parking on the side street but as near as possible to Government street. What about more patios here? This was my favourite patio spot before but now some of the patios are gone :( Consider additional seating at or near where cruise ship buses stops are as people are often tired and waiting there for their bus after a day of walking. An accessible public washroom.

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I'd like to see the area a no car, no scooter, no bike zone...make this a place for pedestrians to walk, socialize, sit & relax, shop, and enjoy the area.

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Close down tourist souvenir shops! Higher quality shops and restaurants. No chains.

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Street food vendors

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leave it as is but open up one lane for vehicles

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More interpretive historic plaques on buildings. Outline footprint of Fort Victoria. Interactive electronic tourist information kiosks/maps.

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Pedi cabs and horse drawn carriages are traffic and should be excluded from pedestrian zones to ensure pedestrian safety and access.

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Less touristy



Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:25 PM	I think that the whole project should be car free except at specific times for loading/unloading at shops where there is no other access
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:41 PM	Please see above comments regarding horse drawn carriages. The grouping together of horse drawn carriages with bikes and pedi-cabs assumes that we think those three activities are equivalent. They are not.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:48 PM	Green it up and include public art throughout the area
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:13 PM	I'd like to see this space become a pedestrian zone. No cars at any time, except for maybe early AM deliveries that would support the businesses getting their supplies in. It would be very exciting to see Victoria leading the nation in creating a pedestrian friendly downtown comparable to the incredible spaces one finds in the downtown areas of many European cities.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:13 PM	Regarding motor vehicle traffic, I suggest it be like many European Squares, where the only vehicles allowed are trucks supplying the restaurants and stores in the early morning hours. Bicycles should be dismounted in this area, but horse drawn carriages and pedi-cabs be allowed at all times.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:17 PM	NO CAR FREE TIMES - if it's supposedly to be accessible, provide parking for those who can not walk a long distance to get there, rather than blocking off their only way of getting there
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:30 PM	I don't see the need for vehicle access other than deliveries and those should be done before 9:30am to allow fully free pedestrian zone the rest of the day.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:41 PM	I would prefer to have only pedicab, no horse-drawn carriages on Gofeement street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 03:08 PM	I like what Uptown did with the splash pad. Check out "Rainbow Park Splash Pad" in Saint John, NB. I was there last year, and it was packed with laughing children! Maybe we can something similar to that, or like the Uptown splash pad, in Bastion Square.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 03:13 PM	Taxis, disabled, cars
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 03:28 PM	Leave Government St. alone.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:05 PM	kids play structures and space for food trucks
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:07 PM	see my #5
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:10 PM	Motorcycle parking so a full space not taken up
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:25 PM	Any point on government street, you could create a section for community urban gardening, even if it's just for herbs like on Blanshard street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:52 PM	my response on Number 4 matches the fact that I would really prefer to have Government Street CAR FREE completely. Delivery yes but no cars, enough roads adjacent for traffic. And focus on making it a safe, free walking and touristic attraction and for locals also. Also trees with big leaves, and healthy, not like the trees (oaks) on Dallas Road that are having a difficult time to grow and will take forever to provide any shade.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:52 PM	Absolutely need to include vehicle access.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:04 PM	The addition of public washroom facilities are a must in my opinion.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:19 PM	Be careful about the number of suitable entertainers!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:01 PM	why new trees? This was not explained clearly. Also - why set up walking places downtown when I can't afford to shop or eat there, and there are people passed out in the doorways.
Screen Name Redacted	Make speaker pods around the street like uptown does that will play

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some nice music while you walk through the area.

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Victoria should be a pedestrian city with less cars entirely. Turning this into a pedestrian only street is a great start!

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Pedestrian-only area should be extended to Yates. View St should be permanently dead-ended at the entrance to Bay Centre parkade. Designated taxi areas could be set up on View/Fort/Courtenay for restaurant patrons after 9pm or something. Pedestrian-only times should be extended to 3am on weekends to allow intoxicated patrons space to spread out.

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Some green spaces and areas for children to play in. They can be small. Like tiny urban forests. In either this area or one of the other proposed areas.

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accessibility of vehicles for wheelchair/mobility users, for seniors, for parents with little kids, for our tourist who expect proper accessibility with vehicle usage for the same reasons as citizens do, in order to actually get to government streets locals stop all these road screw up and discrimination ...

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Public Washrooms!!!!

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I would prefer to have motor vehicle access restricted to only commercial vehicles. Although there is a plan for clear signage, people sadly don't read. I worry that there would be confusion about when vehicles are allowed to access the road. I would prefer the area from Humbolt to Yates become an outdoor pedestrian mall like Sparks Street in Ottawa. Right now, vehicles travelling south on Government street already have to turn right onto Yates Street, rather than continuing straight. And the intersection at Government and Wharf/Humbolt Street is very busy. It would make the area a lot safer and enjoyable to just remove general traffic from the area.

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So far there are no public washrooms, very important to us older folks!

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I would like a completely private car-free zone at all times. Deliveries permitted with special access (eg a pass card to lower bollards- I

have seen this used in Bordeaux, France). If present, a thoroughfare for bikes, pedi cabs and horse carriages needs to be separated from the pedestrian areas. Pedestrians should not need to watch out for them. Bikes need a nearby but not necessarily through-the-middle route. In place of pedi cabs and horse carriages which are tourist businesses, offer a continuous hop on, hop off circulating tram service for anyone in the zone.

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You missed making this a pedestrian only street, banning cars, and pushing deliveries off to side streets.

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3/03/2022 10:18 PM

Pedestrian only all the time, no vehicles, vehicle access via cross road only

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3/03/2022 10:20 PM

See comment on bikes in first section.

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3/03/2022 10:36 PM

Grass patch down the middle and more patios!

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3/03/2022 11:18 PM

Limit space and opportunity for community events, performances, concerts, etc to keep noise minimal for residents of government street.

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3/03/2022 11:28 PM

Expand car free areas to other streets

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3/04/2022 12:02 AM

Would also love more public art or artistic elements incorporated, and child-friendly spaces and design (eg interactive in some way, perhaps climbable)

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3/04/2022 06:58 AM

again: eliminate vehicles except delivery trucks completely

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3/04/2022 07:29 AM

I support expanded walkways, but do want to point out that people who live in these neighbourhood are affected by street closures; it makes living in a neighbourhood less appealing. Not everyone works an office job that works well with the road closure times. Horse carriages should be limited as to where they can go- they distract drivers, create traffic jams, and should not be downtown. They should not be included with bikes in this survey at all.

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3/04/2022 07:41 AM

Car-free periods should be extended to absolutely no cars except deliveries to businesses, perhaps. Think Europe. Think Istiklal Caddesi in Istanbul. People are tired of being surrounded by cars, always having to watch out for injury or death. The more car-free areas in the city the better. Get rid of the roadway along Government. Nice brickwork or the like will make the pedestrian landscape more appealing. S. 22

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3/04/2022 07:49 AM

We don't need vehicle access here. There are more local-serving retail on this section of Govt, but a retail strategy would enhance the experience.

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3/04/2022 07:59 AM

While I like the restaurant patios, there should be patio areas accessible to people who aren't at a restaurant. Do the restaurants pay an added tax or fee for the use of the public space? It seems that they should as it's a tax payer funded amenity from the looks of things here.

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3/04/2022 08:17 AM

Improved lighting for night-time safety.

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3/04/2022 08:23 AM

Public art. Musicians.

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3/04/2022 08:31 AM

I'd like assurances cars can move across the intersections so we can keep traffic flow happening east/west. I'd also want to ensure the businesses affected are on-board with this change. They have been adversely affected by the removal of traffic/parking etc in the downtown core.

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3/04/2022 08:56 AM

Well defined lane for bicycles - bikes and pedestrians do not mix well.

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3/04/2022 09:34 AM

Same concern as above. More art galleries, lower rent so that the interesting and quirky aren't kept to Johnson Street. Make walking Govt.Street part of a whole engaging environment.

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3/04/2022 10:36 AM

Perhaps something that highlights multiculturalism in Victoria. Victoria has a growing population of people from all over the world who bring their rich cultures with them. It would be great if they had some

opportunity to share them somehow within this particular public space. Also, something to highlight black history and black culture in Victoria (and B.C.). Also, opportunity for vendors of street food would be great and would offer folks lots of dining choices on Government Street (in addition to the "high-quality restaurant patios").

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3/04/2022 11:48 AM

washrooms

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3/04/2022 12:00 PM

covered areas for use during winter/rain

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3/04/2022 01:46 PM

Would love to see a continuation of the sidewalk across the street to support the emphasis on pedestrian zone.

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3/04/2022 02:23 PM

traffic allowed at all times

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3/04/2022 03:43 PM

seating: I'd like to see flexible seating ... I think you created something like this for the car-free downtown event, gigantic stairs, amphitheatre, blocks, launch areas ...

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3/04/2022 04:40 PM

DO NOT PUT MARKETS OR KIOSKS ON ANY OF THE STREETS THAT HAVE BUSINESSES. The businesses that are in buildings are paying the highest rents and city taxes in town. Adding any of these to the streets will be taking away from the potential businesses that are already there. The street does need areas where Taxis and delivery (Uber eats, Etc) can come during the night. The street needs to be open 24 hours,

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3/04/2022 07:40 PM

You missed the cost of any of these items. Even an estimate would be appropriate as we are paying for them with our taxes. Again, this area is in the shade from noon onward. Maybe limiting the plans for outdoor seating would be smarter. The sunny side of 700-800 block of Fort St. might be more practical than Government St. Where are the public washrooms going to be?

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3/05/2022 08:11 AM

I disagree that horse drawn carriages should be included with bikes since they are so much bigger and are more like cars than bikes.

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Wind-blocking installations so it's not as uncomfortable in the winter.

3/05/2022 12:49 PM

Let stores put their displays out on the sidewalks. Accessible seating that's not owned by any one restaurant, but available to all. Real chairs and tables that can be removed in the winter.

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3/05/2022 01:16 PM

Please get rid of the horse-drawn carriages. They're just touristy nonsense that annoy actual residents, plus it's not good for the horses, especially in the summer heat.

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3/05/2022 01:30 PM

It is a great overall suggestion, the more support towards pedestrian zones for socializing, dining, patios, and cultural influences are incredibly welcomed suggestions. Permanent patios are too successful and welcoming to remove at this point. They provide a great aura and atmosphere downtown.

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3/05/2022 01:42 PM

Permanent restaurant patios instead of banning them June 1.

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3/05/2022 02:16 PM

Sounds good but I'm not sure we need sheltered picnic spaces. Love the idea of spaces for markets. I think keeping temporary patios for businesses is great but worry that permanent spaces would impede parades and special events. Big support for commercial loading times. I'm not sure why anyone needs to drive on government outside of loading and unloading goods for government street businesses. Priority access should be bikes and pedestrians. The seating that is currently in place between Humboldt and Courtney St is nice but please make sure that the street remains functional as an active transport artery

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3/05/2022 02:33 PM

I would again prefer pedestrian/non-motorized vehicles only.

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Access for bicycles, but not pedicabs or horses.

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3/05/2022 03:32 PM

Restaurant/pub/cafe patios

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3/05/2022 04:04 PM

see above

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3/05/2022 05:22 PM

I answered 4 for the unfortunately combined "Access for bikes, pedicabs and horse-drawn carriages at all times" but if I could rate

those things separately it would be 5 for bikes, 3 for pedicabs, and 1 for carriages

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3/05/2022 05:40 PM

Any construction must be done one block at a time. The stores on the street cannot survive a long shut down. I would suggest closing only one block for construction starting Oct 1st and ending November 15. The next block to be constructed would be Jan 5, 2023- to Feb 20th. The next block would be Feb 21 to April 5th. The next block of construction would be April 6th to May 30th. All would be complete by June 1st 2023. The pedestrians would be able to access all store fronts the entire time construction is underway. It is very, very important to have pedestrians and access to all store fronts all of the time construction is taking place. The maximum shut down should be two days total to any single store front. Night construction should be a priority. All furniture should be stock piled before construction starts to assure a smooth flow of construction and minimum harm to existing stores.

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play space space for children.

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Through vehicle access should be restricted as much as reasonable at all times. Local access for deliveries only?

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Street food and outdoor drinking

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3/05/2022 07:55 PM

Love the idea of performance spaces, try would likely need to be covered given our weather though

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3/05/2022 08:44 PM

No cars during daytime hours

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3/05/2022 09:16 PM

How would accessible parking on street work if it is a timed car free zone? That is not clear. Would it be on every block here?

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3/06/2022 12:38 AM

Preserve the two rows of names of pioneers of Victoria who line the outline of Fort Victoria.

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3/06/2022 07:27 AM

Same comments. Make this a true central plaza with no cars, no carriages, bikes or pedicabs. Commercial loading can happen from



side streets. Would be a shame to miss out on the full potential of this space just to keep some intermittent vehicle access. Carriages shouldn't be driving through the middle of there space either. At least one section of government street, preferably this one, should be fully pedestrian only. This space was so well used last summer when pedestrian only compared to central plaza which is underutilized, barren and unsafe feeling

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3/06/2022 07:58 AM

I don't support horse drawn carriages. It's an old tradition that doesn't need to stay. Victoria can find alternatives to bring in tourist dollars that doesn't involve live animals in a downtown paved environment

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3/06/2022 08:04 AM

Leave government street for cars year round. Once traffic is backed to pre pandemic levels it is a necessary artery to alleviate massive congestion.

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3/06/2022 09:36 AM

Horse carriages are not safe for pedestrians. Neither are pedicabs. Make the whole street for pedestrians only with vehicle access only for emergency vehicles, repair vehicles. Delivery spaces should be on side streets. Also, cross streets will require lights in order to provide opportunities for cars to move vs. the 4 way stops currently in place.

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3/06/2022 11:37 AM

Keep the lanes current size, open all of government to cars all day

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3/06/2022 02:43 PM

No more horse drawn carriages.

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3/06/2022 04:54 PM

Same as previous comment - should be almost entirely vehicle-free. There is really no need to pander so much to vehicles. Trust me. The world won't end if we have literally one street that people can't drive on.

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3/06/2022 04:58 PM

cars should not be parking on Government street at all

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Restaurant patios

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I would like to see more street vendors and food trucks and local

3/06/2022 06:12 PM

markets in this space, especially farmer's markets. I would also be interested in attracted locals, not just tourists, and having less gimmicky junk sold as "souvenirs"

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Where will bathrooms be located? More trees to provide shade, and a rain garden with soil to absorb run off.

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3/06/2022 07:50 PM

Again, why limit the car-free zone so much?

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3/06/2022 09:20 PM

Same comment - car-free at all times, please!

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3/07/2022 04:19 AM

Horse drawn carriages should not be included with axivw transport options.

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3/07/2022 09:39 AM

I do not support closing streets. They become a hangout area for homeless which is already a massive problem downtown.

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3/07/2022 10:26 AM

Being the best street in Canada should not be the goal.

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3/07/2022 11:00 AM

again with the public washroom and information Kiosk.

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3/07/2022 11:40 AM

Same as above. I see nothing for those are are disabled. We need a car to take us downtown and to access this area. By closing it off, you are cutting us off! The sidewalks are already wide enough, you do not need to take more room for them.

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3/07/2022 12:28 PM

Businesses, taxes and rents are the highest in the city on government street. Support the businesses. The parking already taken away is limiting traffic to the core. The asinine commercial loading zone/passenger zone parking spaces need to be changed back to free parking after hours. The city does not have the population to support businesses on their own so we need to keep people coming down. Deal with your crime issues first. Get Victoria back on track from the devastation created by your actions during COVID.

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Preserve existing trees. They are our #1 weapon against climate

3/07/2022 12:48 PM

change. Loss of parking in an already frustrating parking situations. With the increasing numbers of electric cars, Council should stop ganging up on drivers. We don't all live within walking distance, plus some of us have disabilities or are elderly. The cruise ship industry is polluting, and bad for ocean life, including whales. I know you want their dollars flowing into the city, but it comes at a cost. After experiencing the bad decisions made at Clover Point, you have lost the confidence of many citizens. Recently, we tried to give some visitors (seniors) the thrilling experience of watching the waves, and the wind surfers on a windy day. There were no parking spaces available at Clover Point, and very few pedestrians as it was a cool, windy day. Citizens have long memories for disastrous decisions, like that.

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3/07/2022 12:51 PM

I like the idea of small & comfortably designed stands for sitting & watching little shows

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removed car traffic 24/7 only timed delivery vehicles

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3/07/2022 01:45 PM

Again I would like it to be pedestrian only, with access for commercial loading only, no bikes or pedicabs or vehicles

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3/07/2022 02:15 PM

More security, garbage and recycling cans, more street clean up.

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Commercial deliveries at predetermined times. One-way traffic only, north bound from View to Pandora.

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3/07/2022 03:15 PM

See above re/ bikes, pedicabs, etc

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3/07/2022 03:35 PM

No horse drawn carriages. Shorter times for car access, they only need a couple of hours access in the early morning for deliveries.

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Access to tourist buses at all times — cruise visitors especially

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3/07/2022 03:54 PM

Not enough people to close down the street permanently. Trying to get around the closure from James Bay is way too difficult. Adverse affects to businesses, tour buses, etc.

Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:00 PM	same, car access is not needed for the street
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:08 PM	Traffic and pedestrians need to continue, as it's the proven best working model.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:10 PM	Keep horse drawn carriages away north of Belleville. How are they going to get back? Wharf Street is already far too congested at any time of day to allow horse carriages. Your Government St plan's scope misses entirely any impact on Wharf St.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 05:19 PM	Please repair city roads first
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 07:22 PM	Bike access is important, I imagine this as too busy of a place to be safe for horse drawn carriages.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 09:27 PM	children's play area, washrooms, bike lanes if there is two way traffic. Are any of the rooftops accessible with a view of inner harbour?
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:20 PM	Please get more input from existing businesses. Your plan if implemented doesn't give adequate recognition and promotion of long term businesses.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 09:11 AM	I do not support bike parking in this zone. Can parking for bikes be made available on the side streets?
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 10:57 AM	Secure bicycle parking/storing for the area. Bicycle lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 11:24 AM	See 3 re. security and policing and noise concerns
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 11:24 AM	Similar to my comment above that I would support incredibly limited vehicle access including limiting horse drawn carriages.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 01:37 PM	Vehicle traffic has to be addressed. There are major safety concerns that have been created with closing Government Street to vehicle

traffic already, and you're about to make it even worse. Pedestrians don't pay attention when crossing an intersection. They don't wait for cars and cars don't wait for them. It's difficult to turn off Broughton on to Warf Street normally, let alone once more traffic is forced on that road. This is not going to be good to attracting people downtown.

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3/08/2022 03:51 PM

New trees should be "non/low allergenic species"....

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3/08/2022 04:50 PM

see #3, and continue the 2-way north-south bus route I mentioned

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3/08/2022 09:49 PM

Water fountain for people to sit around. I'm just thinking of Quebec City around the Via station, they have a beautiful water feature where you can have a meal from one of the local restaurants, sit amongst the trees and relax without hearing vehicle traffic.

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3/09/2022 07:10 AM

1. Why the change between Humbolt to Countney, and Courtney and Yates? KIS Principle! Keep It Simple! There's enough confusion about bicycle lanes.

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3/09/2022 09:25 AM

Kid friendly design - play area??

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3/09/2022 01:13 PM

Please provide a backrest on some benches for older folks.

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3/09/2022 04:48 PM

Will bike parking include adaptive larger bikes? pedicabs and carriages not wheelchair accessible, so differential access. Horses create barriers with their droppings. Seating must be high-contrast and tested for accessibility. Trees must be low allergen (and all plantings). Can't answer questions about car-free pedestrian friendly. You can be the latter without the former. Fix step-up store entrances when re-doing sidewalks

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3/09/2022 07:18 PM

Road surface should be consistent with the sidewalks so pedestrians are not intimidated of using the space. Motorists should feel like they are accessing a pedestrian zone.

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3/09/2022 08:58 PM

Consider the structures/ seating as they will attract the homeless. With no cars on the street and less people off season, the homeless

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will find a way to use the structures.

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3/10/2022 07:44 AM

Please take this opportunity to ban cars at all times. We need to wean people off private cars as a matter of emergency, for the sake of our health (air pollution and traffic collisions) and that of the planet (CO2 emissions and climate change). There is excellent cycling and public transport infrastructure in central Victoria so there is no excuse for people who still drive there.

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3/10/2022 09:58 AM

Removing the trees is a dreadful idea.

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3/10/2022 11:28 AM

Please just ban cars, cars dominate so much public space

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 01:04 PM

Keep Government Stree open 24 hours to ALL, including pedestrians, bikes, horses and cars. The timed access for cars is too confusing and isn't working.

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3/10/2022 04:12 PM

Again, I think we would be better served by simply removing private cars from this street altogether.

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3/10/2022 11:29 PM

There is no need for personal vehicles on this stretch of Government, either. View St and Broad St can be reconfigured if necessary to provide access to the Bay Centre parkade.

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3/11/2022 03:07 PM

Just make it car-free. I appreciate the need for commercial loading areas/times to support the local businesses, but this stretch of Government, especially during cruise ship season, should just be car-free

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3/12/2022 07:53 AM

Retractable bollards. Other than restaurant patios and expanding food trucks/bikes, please don't expand businesses into the public realm.

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3/12/2022 10:01 AM

For full length of Government Street, access to vehicles should be limited to a 1-2 hour period in the early morning, a system commonly used in European pedestrian zones. Rising bollards would allow access to emergency vehicles.

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3/12/2022 04:39 PM

See later comments.

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3/12/2022 05:28 PM

Please do not cut down the trees that exist. They have lots of years ahead of them as they are visibly healthy. The argument of meeting some sort of access on sidewalks is nonsense, as the overall design is making room for wide routes. The trees are a part of Victoria's character which people love. They are also bird habitats. If you ignore public feedback regarding the trees, please don't plant magnolias as they don't last nor hold up visually. If you want to increase accessibility without chopping trees, created better rules for sandwich boards scattered everywhere. Also - "places to display and shop" should be in bastion square and such places to draw audiences. Government doesn't need those. Also - "Gathering places" are just places for people to keep residents up all night. So if you are going to have these spots, please make sure they are not near living or hotel, or future obvious sites.

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3/12/2022 11:16 PM

Barrier-free isn't necessarily a good thing; bollards save lives

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3/13/2022 12:30 AM

Get those cars outta there! Secure bike parking would be nice too.

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3/13/2022 06:59 AM

Make the entire pedestrian zone permissive for the consumption of alcohol.

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3/13/2022 07:29 AM

Public toilets

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Continuous related decor elements, something that ties this area to the whole street. What happened to the red ribbon design proposal? This portion of the concept looks bland compared to the "entrance" portion.

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3/13/2022 08:18 AM

Again, I believe the focus should be on car-free with vehicles only allowed for required delivery, etc. times.

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3/13/2022 08:42 AM

Water features - attractive and help cool the air and make calming sounds. Make sure the new lighting does not add to light pollution

Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 09:56 AM	It would be great to see the curb between the sidewalk and travel lane eliminated so that when the street is closed to traffic, pedestrians feel it's 'ok' to take up that space.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 10:40 AM	There is no need for any car access, limited or otherwise. Delivery drivers can have unlimited use of streets during set hours, but please don't allow private vehicles any access. Keep it for the people, not the cars!
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:08 AM	Absolutely NO horse-drawn carriages please! Secure bike parking!!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:27 AM	Bikes, skateboards, etc should not be lumped in with horse drawn carriages . Bikes and skateboards are different, and dangerous weaving in and out of pedestrians who always have to be on the lookout.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:06 PM	Bike theft deterrents, more emphasis toward tree cover for shade, protected bike lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:28 PM	Why are we still allowing car access at any time? I understand delivery vehicles, but I don't think cars should ever be allowed onto the street. It's limiting the design of Gouvernement street for cars even though they'll rarely get to use it. Just ban them and add bike lanes and pedestrianize full time. I also think that personal bikes are fine but horse drawn carriages and pedicabs shouldn't be allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 01:36 PM	I would like historical plaques on pretty much every building giving its construction date and any interesting details available.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 02:13 PM	Please also do this to Johnson St between Douglas and Wharf!
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 03:54 PM	Again, I don't see why those restaurants need permanent outdoor spaces. I think the existing narrow lanes accommodate the small amount of traffic we currently have.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 04:40 PM	ditch the cars and horse carriages altogether



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3/13/2022 06:50 PM

Urban rooms and places to meet seem like a really great idea, not sure to what extent they're incorporated in the current design

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3/13/2022 07:29 PM

Not sure about the public seating. Might be ok here and there under shade trees where you could look at a tourist map or make a phone call but can't see strangers socializing, as might be envisioned. I am reluctant to say it but I fear that public seating will become a magnet for "undesireables"

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3/14/2022 12:48 AM

This area should be car free outside of emergency, deliveries and maintenance

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3/14/2022 08:50 AM

I would prefer that it stay focused on pedestrians without access to skateboards, bikes, pedi-cabs and horse-drawn carriages. Access for deliveries outside of vehicle-free time zones.

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3/14/2022 09:27 AM

Again access should be limited to commercial vehicles and at scheduled times, ie early mornings or mid afternoons.

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3/14/2022 09:40 AM

We believe shutting down these streets during the winter months is a huge waste of time and resources. After twenty years of watching traffic, we can tell you that with the in-climate weather in the winter months doesn't entice consumers to come out and utilize these areas. It is a huge inconvenience and deterrent though for those shop keepers and owners of builders to attract guests and run their businesses in the winter months due to the lack of sheer access and having a more vibrant exposure during these months as no one is walking down the street in any amount of numbers worth having your business being impacted with closures. Please reconsider this as a 12 month a year project. Support for the spring/summer months. We are also absolutely opposed to having street retail in front of our shops. Our main purpose is to lease retail/service concepts and this would be in direct competition to our business where we actually pay taxes 12 months a year. In the design concept you show a cart of flowers which we deem in complete competition to our retailers. We should be the ones bringing in these uses or pulling them out to the street not the city. Again this is our business not the cities business to be in. For example on March 13 there was an event hosted on Gov't St. for St. Patrick's Day and the organization had Hazel's Ice cream Cart on the corner of View and Government St. which is in direct competition of Marble Slab on the exterior of View St./Bay Centre entrance. Why? This hurts our retailers who pay the taxes ultimately. This should never happen. Markets and kiosks should not be a

consideration in front of retailers this is a deterrent and a distraction to our core businesses. Adding uses not within the downtown could be a consideration after proper consultation with the large retail facilities. Maybe a food market would be a consideration but it must be professionally curated and of a high quality. Hosting interesting events/non intrusive non competing entertainment would drive key consumers and would liven up the area and would be a welcomed addition to differentiating us in greater Victoria. Give Victoria a reason to visit our only downtown in the region.

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3/14/2022 10:01 AM

That the area should be primarily be designed and built for the local population. Yes tourism is very important but they are here today and gone tomorrow. the locals are here all the time. Tourists like to be where the locals 'hang' out. Also think of the off times for tourists and what do we want to keep the locals engaged in the area. Many of the shops should be also thinking about how to draw in the Greater Victoria residents. ....than they might not have to rely on tourist dollars.

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3/14/2022 11:43 AM

Please restrict loading zones and deliveries to only outside car-free hours. Also, consider adding sheltered public seating.

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3/14/2022 12:29 PM

Again, less store fronts more restaurants/social places to bring the street alive

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3/14/2022 05:10 PM

No bikes. Public restrooms with toilets/urinal space separated by a sinks and baby change room from a nursing/babycare and resting room. These need to be safely accessible which means not hiding them in the darkest side area possible. They can be attractive, maybe with an outdoor covered seating area outside the interior resting room. In designing, make sure the spaces men need to access end clearly before women arrive in their spaces so any man past a certain point is obviously suspicious. This is especially important for disabled women who are easy targets of opportunity. Urban room looks like a fancy way to say wide sidewalk with trees & a little unnecessary breakfast bar. Combine the features of the performance areas, currently with too little spectator room, with the covered display area (shown as another breakfast bar thing) and the meeting place. Have a covered area for performers and exhibitions, a few rows of inclusive seating and then more seating with some tables for meet ups. Inclusive seating means people using wheelchairs, walkers etc can sit among the others on their mobility aids instead of being forced to either get on to a hard flat surface or be segregated at the back. Any breakfast bar style seating needs to be at normal height and include

spots for people with mobility aids. We need to incorporate more actual green space, grass or decorative flower beds, to avoid flooding by providing access to the earth for run off. Parking for cars with gov't disabled cards only and bicycles on side streets. Downtown Vic needs a lot fewer cars parked on streets.

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3/14/2022 05:59 PM

Child/family friendly features!

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3/15/2022 07:40 AM

In pedestrian-only areas, consider something for families with young children - e.g. features for climbing, etc. Hope to see plentiful public and accessible seating in sociable formations, in places with access to winter sun and summer shade. Aim for 3-4 season usability. Accessible/disabled parking nearby (e.g. side streets). Consider a few spots for street vendors (carts not trucks)? add liveliness, a few places to grab a quick bite for downtown workers, and a place for new businesses to incubate.

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3/15/2022 09:39 AM

Make it all about pedestrians. CAR FREE.

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3/15/2022 01:55 PM

As put previously, leave the downtown as it is. Trying to soften the impact by attempting to allow horse drawn carts is a farce. Council already tried to ban them a few years ago.

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3/15/2022 03:35 PM

How nice of you to consider commercial loading zones as essential! I'm sure any business along there expecting a delivery will thank you.

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Be sure the vehicle travel lane is winding as well as narrowed. Force drivers to manoeuvre around slight curves in the street design minimizes speed while providing a more pleasurable pedestrian experience: breaking up views down the street and reducing wind tunneling effects. Along these lines, allow restaurant patios to hug the storefronts and push walkers and street furniture into the centre of the space. Don't create restaurant patio choke points where groups and pedestrians are forced to walk between servers and patios and buildings.

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This is too difficult for our delivery drivers, as well as customers who cannot park 3 blocks away to walk to the store that they need.

<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 11:07 AM</p>	<p>I support the timed car-free zone extending to Yates St. At a minimum, having a two-way cycle/wheel corridor on this block would greatly improve non-vehicle access and navigation along Government st. I would like to see the form of this zone be less linear and car-centric. with narrowed vehicle lanes there is an opportunity to have more variety in the sidewalk widths to allow for different sizes of public spaces along the street. Introducing gentle curves in the vehicle lane would also contribute to slowing traffic.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 12:18 PM</p>	<p>Access for ALL emergency services including larger fire trucks</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 12:35 PM</p>	<p>The assumption is that commercial loading zones will be timed in concert with suppliers so as to minimize disruption.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:35 PM</p>	<p>Any plans for secure bike parking?</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:40 PM</p>	<p>This is an opportunity to introduce cultures in addition to First Nations featured in the first section. It could be British, French, Japanese, Ukrainian, many others who make up the cutrual faric of Victoria.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:41 PM</p>	<p>Dedicated space for homeless people to set up tents Dedicated space for outdoor public market Spaces for street food vendors Dedicated space for drug related harm reduction facilities Public bathrooms</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:44 PM</p>	<p>Same issue. Spending all this money to tart up a street that is not safe enough.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:49 PM</p>	<p>this looks great!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:52 PM</p>	<p>Cars suck!!! Get rid of them completely! While I can understand access for commerce, that could even be on other streets, most people use dollies or pallet jack trucks. Car-free Government Street, please!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>3/16/2022 01:53 PM</p>	<p>In terms of the new trees question - I would say, it the choice is between trees and no trees then absolutely yes, trees. However, if it's just a matter of the importance of replacing, I would say - when</p>

necessary (when it's dying or dead).

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Art vendors on the street. This is what makes so many other cities so much more vibrant. They have a chance to showcase their local artisans and allow them the opportunity to sell their work in a very visible commercial area.

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There needs to be greater focus on creating a permanent corridor that businesses can expand into, and this should be the primary focus of the design. The City of Victoria should also be wary of trying to incorporate too many criteria into the overall plan, which risks an underwhelming result. Considering forms of public seating further than what already exists (concrete tree planters and benches), in my opinion, is a waste of time. Why sit on Government Street, when I can go down to the inner harbour for a much more enjoyable atmosphere? The City of Victoria has an opportunity to create a vibrant space, and support local businesses with this redesign. If the end result is similar to other corridors which look good on paper, but in reality are seldom used, I would rather see this project cancelled and the funds deployed elsewhere, such as supporting mental health initiatives in Victoria. Please be bold in working towards this vision.

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Fix the rest of downtown. Make it feel safe again.

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I would prefer 100% vehicle free, like city squares in European cities. This is the only European-style 'old town' in Western Canada. It deserves to be preserved as such.

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Drinking fountain, toilet.

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no support for horse-drawn carriages

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Not sure if horse drawn carriages need to be going up government street. Also greatly support the removal of the current trees. They remove so much visual space on Government street and impact the amount of space for mobility and pedestrians. Take up too much space although I'm a supporter of added green space, I think removal of the trees in those locations can provide additional green space and plants/trees in different areas

Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:24 PM	Way way way too much TAXPAYER money being spent for these petty projects.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:27 PM	no more horse drawn carriages. save the animals.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:32 PM	Pedestrian zone. NOT BIKES NOT HORSES NOT powered wheeled equipment that travels over 3 km per hour
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:36 PM	No cars please.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:42 PM	More bicycle parking please :)
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:45 PM	Please use native plants,trees,and grasses to catch pollutants before they go into our sewers!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:48 PM	Expansion of pedestrian and active transportation-oriented space. Complete restriction of access for motor vehicles. I would prefer to see a completely car-free approach.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:48 PM	Don't cut down trees. Glass awnings. Traffic study for alternative routes for cars and the congestion that might add to more cars idling and CO2 emissions on Douglas and Wharf. We are on the tip of an island and all roads converge. Good lighting for nighttime safety. Lots of flowers and shops that are trendy and not all touristy. Consider local people all year round too and restaurants that are affordable.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:49 PM	See above
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:50 PM	Again, just embrace closing the street to cars and quit supporting animal abuse with the carriages.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:51 PM	Make this a ped only environment, no bikes, cars or horses with exception of commercial deliveries at restricted hours when peds are minimal. No extension of store fronts and patios should be of same size and design so there's symmetry to the street and they don't block

ped flow on the street or more appropriately pedestrian mall.

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Your plan entirely fails to acknowledge that our climate does not allow for an active pedestrian space for at least 6 months of the year.

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Walking while avoiding getting hit by bikes, or the rest. They will take up all the space so why bother making it pedestrian friendly when including more obstacles

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more police presence.

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Use native tree species and add plaques with species names

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More focus on environmental Sustainability and address light pollution. Too many mature trees are already removed from this city.

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Important that the trees are early blooming like Japanese flowering cherry trees. Do not need to be native to Victoria. At the moment people are drawn to the downtown because of the flowering trees and daffodils. More planters with flowers. More car access. More support for local businesses. Waterfall would be nice

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Where are the Public washrooms? Again, I do not support bike/pedicab/horse carriage usage of this corridor. It should be only Pedestrian usage.

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I don't think pedestrians should have to make way for bikes, pedicabs and horse drawn carriages. I would be ok with bikes in a bike lane only as they move too fast and people will be looking around and should not be required to look out for potential dangers.

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WHAT did you miss? EVERYTHING. I already avoid downtown because it has become so inaccessible due to the bike lanes, as someone who IS physically disabled this would make all of government street off limits for me, to far to go and knowere near enough to park. **S. 22**  
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Keep the bicycles to Fort St. or Douglas Street. Quit ruining our traffic infrastructure. Maybe add some available street parking that you have taken away. I may be some electric vehicle charging stations to incentivize clean transportation other than bicycles. The large majority of citizens in this town are elderly, and it is ignorant to think everybody can ride a bike at all times.

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Everything good.

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Again, this is not going to be a pleasant space unless you do something about severely mentally ill and addicted people who are going to make it unattractive for everyone else

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The more pedestrianized that Government St. becomes, the better for the whole of the Downtown as it will create a pedestrian safe, focal corridor between the harbourfront and Old Town. with relatively easy pedestrian access to the greater downtown area via the quiet road sidewalks that cross Government St.

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Car free at all times

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we're concerned about increased noise and drunkenness

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See above. Trees on gov should be fruit bearing cherry blossoms. Local planting can be elsewhere.

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Ditto

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The new trees should be food trees! Apples, pears, hazelnuts, etc. Also please add water-bottle refill stations.

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Proper and visible policing.

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As above, I am unclear of the meaning of 'car-free timing', and I



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believe it should be limited to very early hours.

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Does not matter if you have Accessible seating if those who are people with disabilities (PWD) cannot even reach the proposed street when there are no close by affordable disability parking spots or senior friendly spots any more. having such stalls at parkades is futile and too far for PWDs to get to the point they want to reach on a particular street they'd like to visit. Victoria is becoming more and more exclusive and less inclusive for PWDs and seniors.

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Needs to be car friendly

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Same as above, Refreshing the area will not help if the city continues to allow homeless to sleep, defecate, take drugs, in storefronts or while a (few) continue to display anti social, occasionally violent, behavior.

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It should only be car free for special events on weekends.

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Again, how to get cars parked on Courtney, Broughton, etc. turned around to leave the area.

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no bikes unless they are being walked.

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Present configuration is OK, probably more than what is needed

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Plus good with a timeless traditional look as possible. They tried modern in the 70's with those planters and that's why they look bizarre now. Cherry blossoms?

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No horse carriages or pedi cabs in pedestrian areas or in car-free zones. That is a recipe for disaster.

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I'd like to see government street only open to non-motorized traffic all the time and no vehicle access (except for deliveries etc).

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Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 05:38 PM	See previous comments - declutter space and beautify the finishes so they are decorative and highlight the architecture. Make it picture postcard worthy!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 05:42 PM	Again, do not think horse drawn carriages are appropriate on Government street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 06:39 PM	Bikes make it dangerous for pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 06:53 PM	I'd love the space to be pedestrian only, with no car, bike, or carriage access. There are enough roads around and fantastic bike lanes that the plaza could be extended. Would love interactive art instalments with the extra space.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:10 PM	My biggest problem with Government street currently is the one way nature of it for bikes. I don't want to have to divert at yates when riding my bike southbound.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:18 PM	Should just be a car free zone (with exception for deliveries/commercial vehicles)
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:22 PM	Public Restrooms with security. Secure bike parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:47 PM	Cars should be eliminated at all times.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:56 PM	Same comments as above. Downtown needs a good cleaning. Seagull and pigeon issue for eating outside.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:57 PM	Once again - timed car-free zone times have not been noted so this can not be fairly voted on.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 07:59 PM	All good.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 08:02 PM	I believe a small transit train( golf cart) "jump on and off" stopping at each intersection, would alleviate the concerns of shop owners about

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tourists not having time to get to the south end of Government.

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Too many cars. Commercial loading is not negotiable of course but all other vehicle access should be limited.

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Again, much of this works great for the sunny months but for the several cold, rainy months maybe not so much. Also, consider including cooling areas, trees, etc. as our climate keeps warming.

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Love it

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If someone is playing music at a restaurant or on the street ensure there is still a loading zone available for them. Same as the first section of street, it would be nice to see this area be cleaner and "warmer" feeling. Plants, water, help with this, and other natural materials.

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limit seating. People should be moving, walking. no picnics.

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These are lovely ideas, but at the expense of all-day vehicle access. Wharf St. will now be a traffic jam all summer with the new bike lanes and it must be avoided. Douglas St. has limited turns westward, leaving half of downtown virtually inaccessible if Government St. is not available to vehicles. I used to shop, dine and do other business frequently downtown. No longer. This is very disappointing.

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I believe that a dedicated pedestrian only street would be better here. It would allow for more permanent facilities to be built where vehicle traffic exists today.

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High quality pedestrian friendly light shade pavement, large slabs -- NOT asphalt, NOT street-brick style, NOT concrete-- street-wide from storefront to storefront, well graded for water runoff. with slightly obvious marking lines for delivery traffic. For winter period geodesic domes the way Uptown had it. Play areas for children with water features AND large grassy patches as at Uptown.

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It would be good to have the emphasis of the European history

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somewhere between the Harbour and Chinatown effectively turning Government st into a "chronological street" telling the history of Victoria. You can have the Lekwungen story told at the harbour, A European story told around bastion square and then Chinatown story told near Pandora. Placard, statues or displays in place would make this an active goal not a passive mention.

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I think this plan is appropriate for this section, though if it weren't for the commercial loading issue, could be transitioned to be pedestrian only over time as well.

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Not sure that bikes, pedi-cabs & carriages are a good mix when the area is for pedestrians. Would only replace the trees when they are dead, not before, if that is possible.

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See above. Great ideas, but my priorities are affordability and for Working Class Victorians and safety for citizens. Maybe we ought to look at how Berlin recently tackled the problem of unreasonable sky-high rents? If that's too radical, maybe we should immediately implement a Vienna-like strategy for public housing.  
<https://youtu.be/LVuCZMLWko>

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I wonder how it all will fit but in general these changes sound workable.

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Mobile vendors

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public washrooms

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Not sure where to make this remark - I don't believe horse drawn carriages should be allowed access. Only bikes and pedicabs.

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All cars and delivery trucks must MUST not be allowed from 6 am-1 am. Deliveries and access by autos and trucks must only be after 1 am always.

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-market kiosks should have a uniform design, style and well spaced to provide a harmonized look in keeping with overall design -include

'kiosks' for musicians who have been vetted and receive kiosk location based on talent, musical variety along entire Government street

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It would be much simpler to make this section of Government street pedestrian only. I find the current setup which allows cars sometimes and along some stretches of lower Government very confusing. I often walk downtown and never feel safe using Government as a true pedestrian street because I never know if I'll come into conflict with a car. Obviously, commercial vehicles should still have access early in the morning.

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No cars allowed ever. Every city in Europe has street(s) for pedestrian-only use, and in which most or all automobile traffic is prohibited.

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Public restrooms

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What's with picnics again? You've already ruined several areas saying they were for picnics. Forget the picnics and think about real business.

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Just a small thing, but would you consider any new or replacement plants/trees be native species? Things like oak, red currant, evergreen huckleberry, madrone, ferns, and so on?

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Public Washrooms

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Maintain an access lane for vehicles from View Street down Government to Yates during the daytime. Block it off completely at night, similar to what they do on Granville in Vancouver.

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I am happy to see more trees, but do not like to see established trees gone before their time. I am neutral on patio space for restaurants and expanded storefront space. They should be paying for it if they are using public space.

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Restaurant patios are great, but should be limited and managed (new

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fees?). Private fenced-off space of public right-of-way must not dominate for financial benefits of select businesses. Ensure plenty of truly public gathering, sitting and wandering spaces...

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If this section is one way Northbound, I suspect bikes will end up going the wrong way often, because there's no easy Southbound route (getting onto Wharf bikelane is challenging at most cross streets. The current trees are often sheared awkwardly on the car side, which looks silly. It would be great if new layout fit trees better.

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(1) Somehow, this entire area of Government Street needs to be designated 100% smoke-free. Right now, the city plazas (e.g., Janion Plaza) are quite unpleasant since numerous people come and sit there to smoke. I find it very unpleasant to sit or stand in these places for very long since I am nearly always confronted with second-hand smoke. While cycling up and down the All Ages & Abilities bike lane on Fort St I am frequently having to inhale second-hand cigarette/pot smoke from people standing on the edge of the sidewalk curb (right beside me!), having a smoke. Please, somehow, figure out how to make this a 100% smoke-free zone. (Or provide an enclosed air-tight cubicle for all the smokers to smoke in....) It is ironic that I am frequently cycling or walking, helping reduce air pollution, but having to inhale others' second-hand smoke. Can every space be categorized as 7 m or less from a door or can the entire street be zoned as "park" so that all forms of smoking can be banned? So few of us smoke but it appears to be increasingly harder to avoid breathing in second-hand smoke and have access to clean air. (2) Pedestrians also need to be reminded to look out for cyclists. Frequently, pedestrians walk straight in front of me when I am cycling up or down the Fort St All Ages and Abilities bike lanes...the pedestrians are not obeying the traffic lights (they are crossing when the light is red for them but green for me as a cyclist. I have almost cycled straight into a pedestrian multiple times and it has not been my fault; many of them have apologized to me profusely afterwards, for not looking before walking straight in front of me (while knowingly disobeying the traffic signal.)

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Is there a way to have bylaws making it more difficult for people to do fundraising on this street? every time I walk down it I get pestered to support something. I don't mind this sometimes but it's almost certain I will have to engage this.

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Again, I think it's important to consider southbound travel by people on bikes. People travelling by foot or by bike tend to take the shortest

path (e.g., "desire paths"). Therefore we should either plan for, and explicitly allow, two-way bicycle traffic at least during the "car free" times, or plan alternate routes (e.g., Langley St.) for southbound movement that don't involve going to Wharf or Vancouver.

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one way street on wharf going south and government going north providing wider lane for drivers. i believe this is safer as well

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Plans to ensure safety and cleanliness overnight

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Bike parking, public art/murals

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accessible all gender public washroom with counter for diaper changes and sink for washing up

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This section of Government would make indeed make a great market street. Again, I'd be happy to see limited to no access to cars, only to commercial loading.

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Same as above.

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100% support the Tally-Ho carriage changes. How will the streets be kept clean with the horse-drawn carriages using pedestrian pathways?

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Leave old trees - add new ones to grow up

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Some kind of adult play area with sports, games, music (i.e. giant scrabble board, basketball hoops, giant swing that powers lights, hammock, lounge chairs, skate park etc.).

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Again, more curved lines and smaller greenery.

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The design of the bike rack in front of Munro's are terrific for parking bikes. It's also very crowded. More racks like that would be welcome

all along Govt. I like the park my bicycle where there are lots of people around, it's less likely to get stolen. The single u-shaped racks is really hard to use when you want to lock up your front wheel too.

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No car access just limited access for delivery and business vehicles like European pedestrian streets

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Is vehicle access outside of timed car free access really necessary? Would prefer no vehicles at all outside of times when they are allowed.

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I understand there needs to be commercial traffic, but it would be lovely to see pedestrian only

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Areas suitable for children to play, such as small play equipment or areas with barriers from street.

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Private businesses on private property. When the patios rot who's going to pay to fix them? Not the new tenants for sure ...

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Permanent car-free would be better up to Yates, in my opinion. With car access starting at Yates.

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See above

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More curved, organic forms if including benches and planters.....get away from hard, 90 degree angular forms to something to soften the hard cityscape.....also more trees and bigger trees that exist now, big enough to create a lovely cathedral like canopy along the street.....maybe plane trees that grow to be large trees and are pollution resistant like the ones in Paris. Also large arbours over the seating areas that are covered in grape vines. grape vines are almost care free if they are allowed to grow in the actual ground as opposed to containers.....they are able to find water which will decrease the necessity to irrigate.....the general overall changes should increase the green canopy, which would be in line with the Urban Forest Plan.

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I would like Government Street—as much as is possible—to be



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pedestrian friendly and restaurant friendly. If possible I would like the street to have no curbs, no distinction between walk and areas that service trucks could use at certain times. In short, I want it to look like European pedestrian streets where people walk freely from one side of the street to another and sit at cafes. I applaud the enclosed restaurant areas now in use on Government Street—it was essential so they could survive COVID restrictions. But now that we're moving back to normal let's standardize the look and remove the make-shift appearance of these enclosures.

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I support access for Bikes and pedi-cabs, however I do not support access for horses. The horses urinate on the street and smell awful. It will be detrimental to the experience. In addition there should be no car access at all, exception for deliveries. There is no reason to drive on government St in this section.

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Places for street artists to draw "sidewalk" art and street musicians.

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Public washrooms

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Again, increased bike parking, particularly secure parking.

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Wondering why there is no mention of Indigenous art or acknowledgment in this section. Considering we're on stolen land, if they want a presence, they should have one.

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Could market or kiosk space also be used by food trucks or bicycle based vendors

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Stormwater treatment and biodiversity

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Zones for amplified street performers

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Timed vehicle access needs to be enforced by significant infrastructure at the entrance and exit to every single block along the stretch. Signs alone do not work. Every block needs infrastructure that is substantial enough to physically prevent car access.

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well maintained washroom/s

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Same as above. If not car free, then access should be very limited - say, from 1 am - 6am.

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Parking somewhere around there.

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**S. 22**

**S. 22** . I designed and built the patio that is in your promotion material. FYI, this patio will be reinstalled by mid April. I am also a former director of the DVBA and the Bastion Square Revitalization Committee. 1. I support the street as pedestrian friendly and for festivities. In addition to the Christmas Parade, Halloween and other family festivities, is it possible to have the May Day Parade march down Government Street to begin the summer season? 2. Restaurant patios have expanded significantly in Bastion Square, eliminating stall spaces for the long running Bastion Square Market. Is it possible to create an area for street markets, such as the sidewalk along the 1200 block federal government building? That stretch is not particularly interesting for pedestrians. 3. To reach the harbour from Chinatown, bicyclists riding down Government must turn right at Yates, then left at Wharf. Confusing, awkward and dangerous. Is it possible for bicyclists to ride down Government from Yates to the harbour? That would make cycling much more friendly. 4. The avenue of hornbeams is a major element on the streetscape. Some people love them, some people hate them. Some say remove all trees to reveal the beauty of the building facades. Be careful what you wish for. Before making a rash decision, that issue should be thoroughly investigated. (I am also a retired Professional Forester.) 5. Pan handling and related activities have been an increasing problem for the downtown business community. Despite considerable expense including hiring security guards, installing security cameras and alarm systems and building gates in deter negative activities, problems persist and seem to be getting worst. Ask Geoff Young and Alan Lowe, both former tenants who had their offices broken into. Is it possible to red zone Government Street to reduce such activities? 6. Lighting is such a major element of design. Make it beautiful and safe at night. Also can building facades be high lighted, especially for the Christmas Season. Retain a good lighting designer for this task. And please do not use blue Christmas lights as in the recent past. A blustery wintery evening along Government Street is already cold

enough.

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Bathrooms

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Please see above

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I don't support car free periods.

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3/20/2022 09:07 AM

Missing: How to keep the area clean

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3/20/2022 09:22 AM

More accessible bathrooms

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3/20/2022 09:25 AM

Get rid of parking on the street. When you go to a vibrant downtown, it is great because of the community space. No one goes downtown and thinks, wow, what a wonderful place, look at all this parking. It would be amazing if victoria could add underground packages to get the cars off the street.

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3/20/2022 09:32 AM

No bikes. They have Wharf st. If bike parking is to go ahead, consider anti-theft plan given our continued chop-shop activity. Shaded areas are always good, but, again, they draw certain crowds overnight. Will there be plenty of garbage & recycling containers? Will there still be hooks for our signature hanging baskets?

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3/20/2022 09:37 AM

No car access at any time.

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Make it kid friendly. Maybe include games for kids-hopscotch or a playground device or something safe to engage them

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3/20/2022 09:50 AM

It's important to consider this impact throughout the year. Picnics can only occur realistically June through September maximum and that's when we've had a warm weather year. Victoria is more often windy or cold unless you're in direct sunlight. So to spend tax payer dollars to create an environment that only a few can enjoy during select times of the year is irresponsible and short sighted, much like picnic point

was. This space will be wasted if it's permanently created for all year round. Consider making it temporary for May through September each year, allowing traffic to flow in the winter months. It is getting harder and harder for residents to enter and exit James Bay which will be compounded during a major emergency. It would be lovely if no one drove but until we create communities that allow people to access what they need locally, this won't happen. You're focusing on the wrong things.

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3/20/2022 09:56 AM

Absolutely no food trucks which will take away from existing restaurant and food businesses.

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3/20/2022 10:10 AM

More good quality bike parking adjacent to shops and restaurants

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3/20/2022 10:32 AM

I like a lot of these ideas but I would like some clarity about what a timed car free zone exactly means. New trees but let's not tear down old ones if they are healthy. I would like further definition of what reduced Car Lane looks like. Will a normal car be able to drive there? Will there be problems for deliveries to businesses? Pandora became a nightmare with the bike Lanes so that the delivery trucks and the buses block traffic constantly. Let's not do that again. Bikes, pedi and horses are not the priority for most RESIDENTS.

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3/20/2022 10:48 AM

Family Public Washrooms

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3/20/2022 11:05 AM

People need access to shop downtown! The new development with unbelievable amounts of concrete and middle of road "beautification gardens" are ugly and dangerous! And bike lanes...concrete, reduce right lane turns causing immense car idling! My husband bikes everywhere and finds the bike lanes, dangerous and sometimes useless!

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 11:07 AM

The design can not "have it all". Delivery vehicle only access -- no cars. no car parking.

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3/20/2022 12:15 PM

-publicly available washrooms -ensuring that there is a good mix of business and uses (particularly close to Yates), to maximize consistent foot traffic throughout the day and evening

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Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 12:16 PM	Public washrooms. Picnic tables to enjoy own or purchased food.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 12:35 PM	Any vehicle activity during closed times should be highly regulated with a significant permit requirement but moderated by the challenges faced by the specific business. It seems that the open hours should be adequate for regular business requirements.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 12:55 PM	High quality lighting, perhaps the "art" could be a program to light the heritage facades of buildings.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 01:05 PM	Bikes to follow same rules and times as cars. in same direction only. Lack of clarity provided regarding "continued access for motor vehicles outside of times car free periods." This is confusing and ambiguous in. the context of the design concept. Public washrooms?
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 01:18 PM	Another public washroom please. You invite people, they require another facility in addition to the one being discussed /passed by the city currently.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 02:01 PM	I don't believe in the privatization of public space (i.e. restaurant patios). Also, patios are only useful for a few months of the year, and even then, they are burning egregious amounts of propane for heat.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 02:23 PM	We live in a climate that is cold, dark and rainy for most of the year. The downtown and especially Government Street, was dead all winter long. Not being able to drive on Government Street caused other streets to be highly congested and was a detriment to businesses without cars being able to drive on Government. Having Government Street closed for pedestrian use, ONLY in the summer, makes more sense.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 02:29 PM	Eliminate traffic. We had food and beer this summer outside at Bard and Banker. Cars were looping by, revving engines. Not peaceful.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 02:59 PM	Support businesses designed for locals instead of businesses designed for tourists only. Increased green features to create a more peaceful environment or buffer from downtown noise, including layout to reduce large crowds for those who find them uncomfortable. With the exception of vehicles necessary for businesses, it would be more enjoyable to keep the area limited to pedestrians only, with the

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exception of vehicles for those with reduced mobility.

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3/20/2022 04:07 PM

I like that the current trees are nicely manicured and shaped. It brings a lot of character to the area. New trees should also be like that.

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3/20/2022 04:56 PM

Panhandling, sleeping, tenting, grocery carts, not allowed

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3/20/2022 05:21 PM

Found the 'vision' confusing re the when & where vehicles will be allowed

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3/20/2022 05:27 PM

Do not include horse drawn carriages.

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3/20/2022 06:20 PM

For commercial loading access outside of timed motor vehicle access periods, ensure that these loading areas are for businesses that have no other choice but to have loading outside of 'regular' hours. There are many businesses along Government that can access back alley areas. Please limit the amount of interaction between vehicles and pedestrians!

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3/20/2022 07:37 PM

Leave Government Street as it has been. There is nothing wrong with leaving old town the way it is.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 07:55 PM

Again, we appear to be losing the really pleasing rhythm of trees along Government Street. Placement of trees appears haphazard. Trees don't appear to have the same topiary, pruned appearance which I think is very urban and really adds to the effect and appeal. I'm concerned about permanent restaurant seating. What if a restaurant disappears or the use in a building changes? And then you are stuck with a permanent seating area. Something more flexible - to allow for changes in use over time would be better. Doesn't have to be flimsy - just able to be taken down and relocated, even if it requires some effort. Accessibility should include the idea that elderly people who are in vehicles also have the chance to enjoy the streetscape, lighting and trees - from a handibus, a taxi, or a private vehicle. Elderly people with dementia and / or limited mobility aren't necessarily in a wheelchair or walking. We need to plan for them to enjoy the street on a short, vehicle outing as well. (This was missed at Clover Point - I used to drive my mum down to enjoy looking towards the sunset and Metchosin. Now at sunset, she can sit in the car and look east. Not so good.)

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3/20/2022 09:04 PM

Car free at all times. If a compromise is needed, there should only be a single (one way) car lane during timed periods. We need to create fully pedestrianized streets that allow carriages and other non motorized vehicles (e.g. pedi-cabs, bikes).

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3/20/2022 09:23 PM

Yet again I cannot stress this enough, but the sidewalks are already generous enough in size, I strongly disagree with the widening of these sidewalks. I also think it is ludicrous that you would tear up perfectly fine trees, just to replace them. This is an unnecessary cost to the public taxpayer. I used to reliably use Government street to drive to multiple destinations including access the downtown core and I find the constant reduction of vehicle time for the street frustrating.

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permeable ground cover; indigenous plant communities, not just individual trees; food forest; permaculture principles;

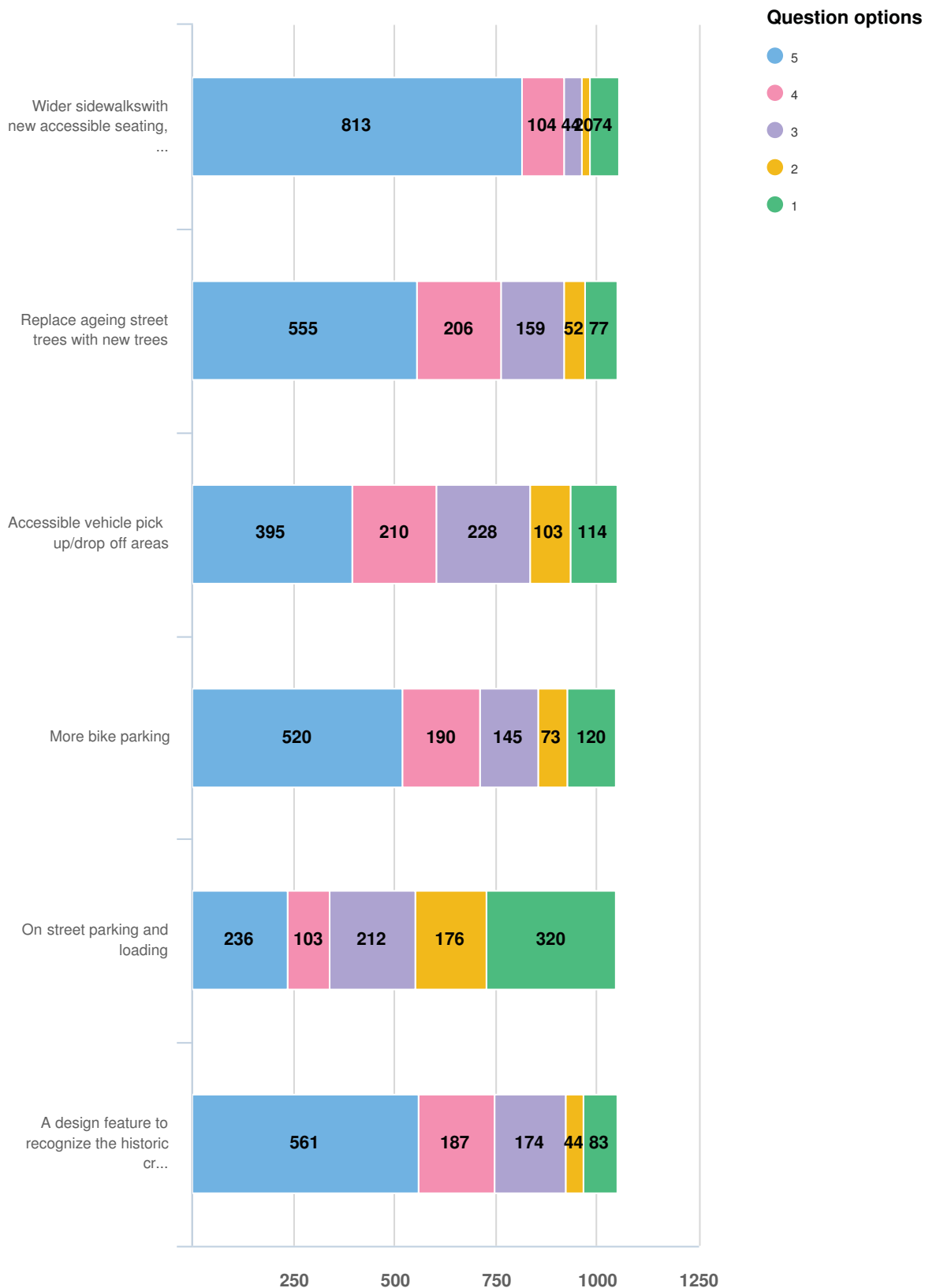
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3/20/2022 09:55 PM

You do not take seniors in to consideration they need access to the streets that they were road taxed on are you going to rebate road taxes as now you have reclaimed this property who is going to pay for this not publicly wanted white elephant . Why do you not have a public vote on these issues look at bike lanes bikers do not pay for the changes or use them cars do

**Optional question** (461 response(s), 602 skipped)**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q7** Special features for Government Street between Yates and Pandora could include the following. Please rate your level of support for each feature from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest support and 5 being the highest support.



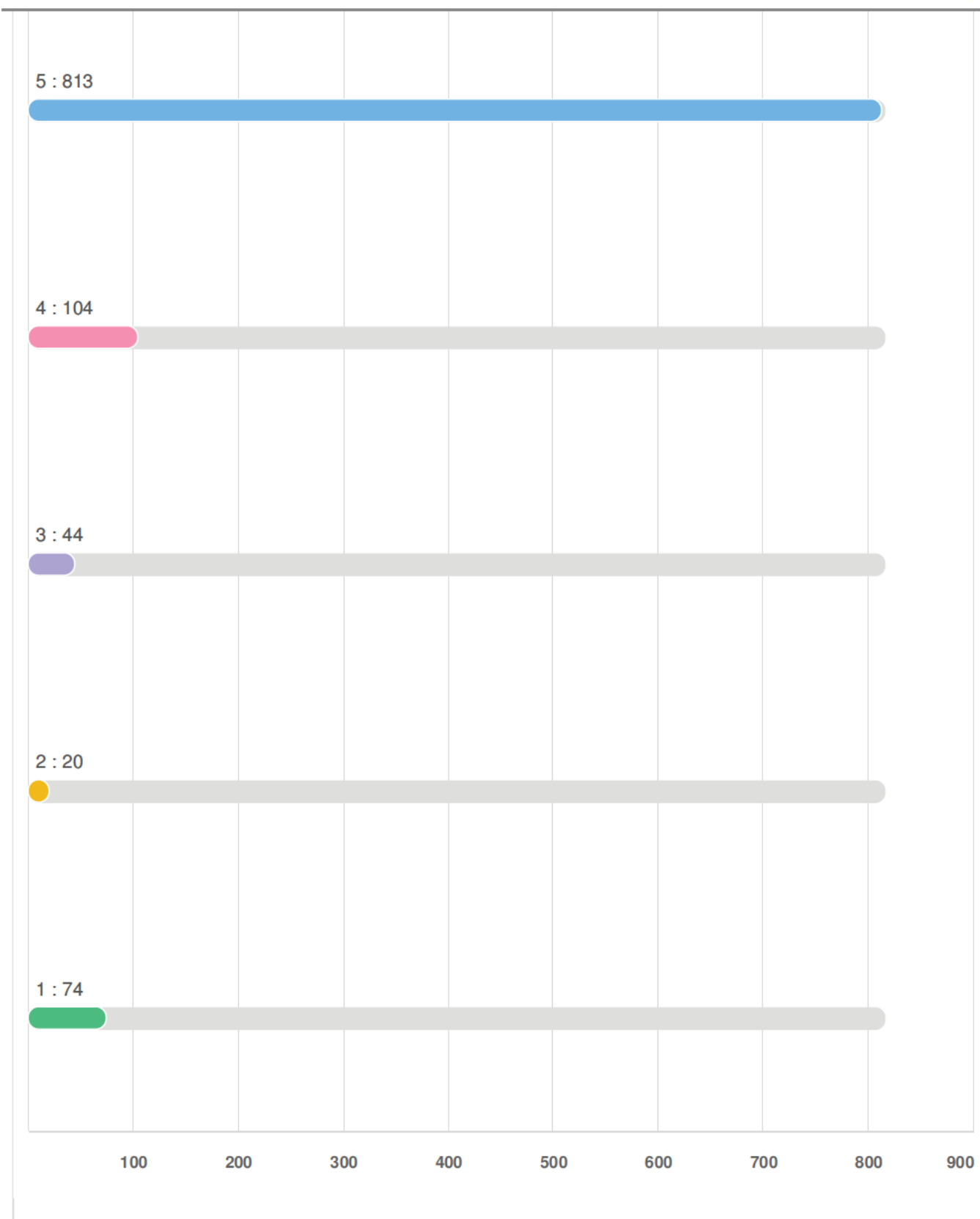
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Question type: Likert Question

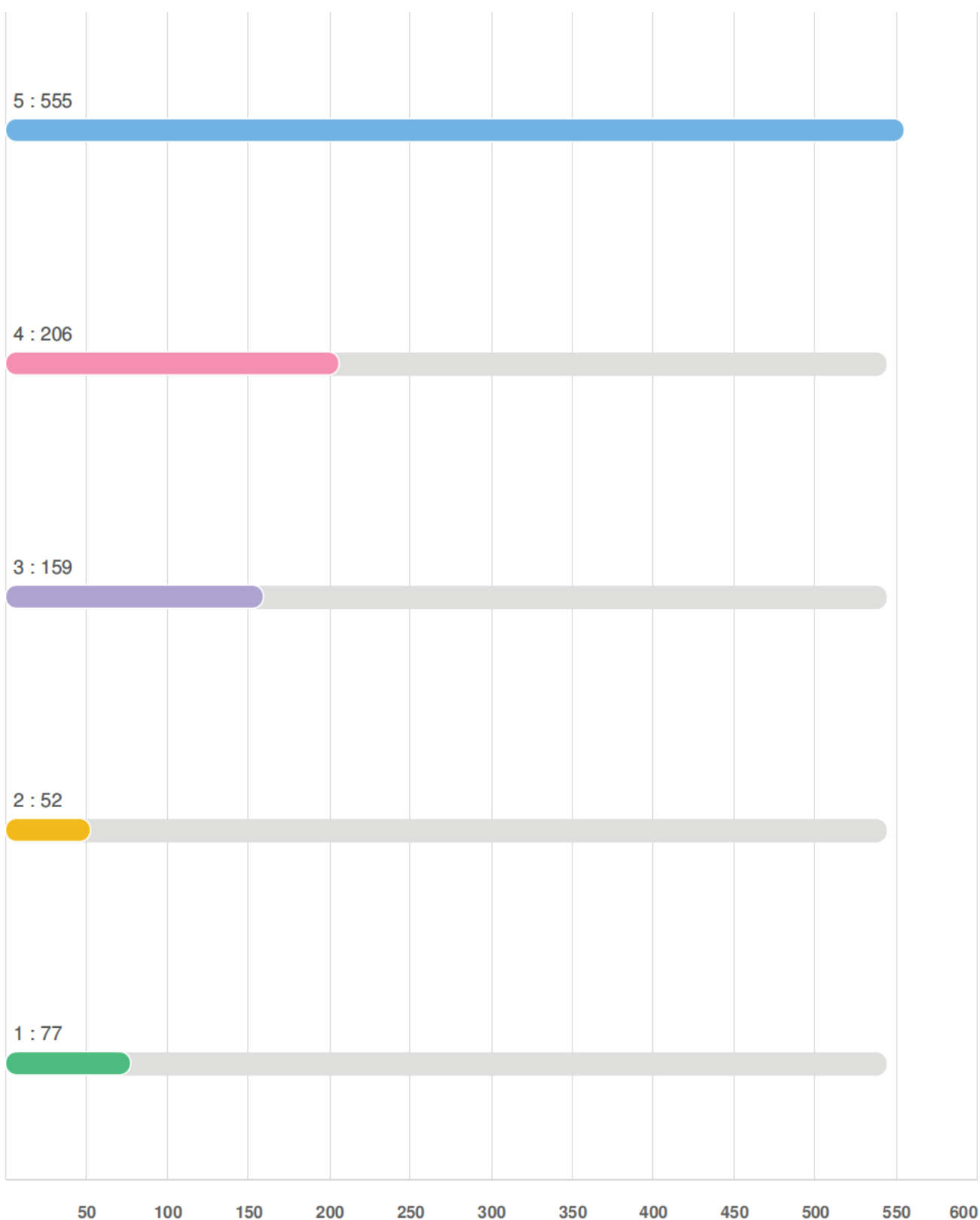


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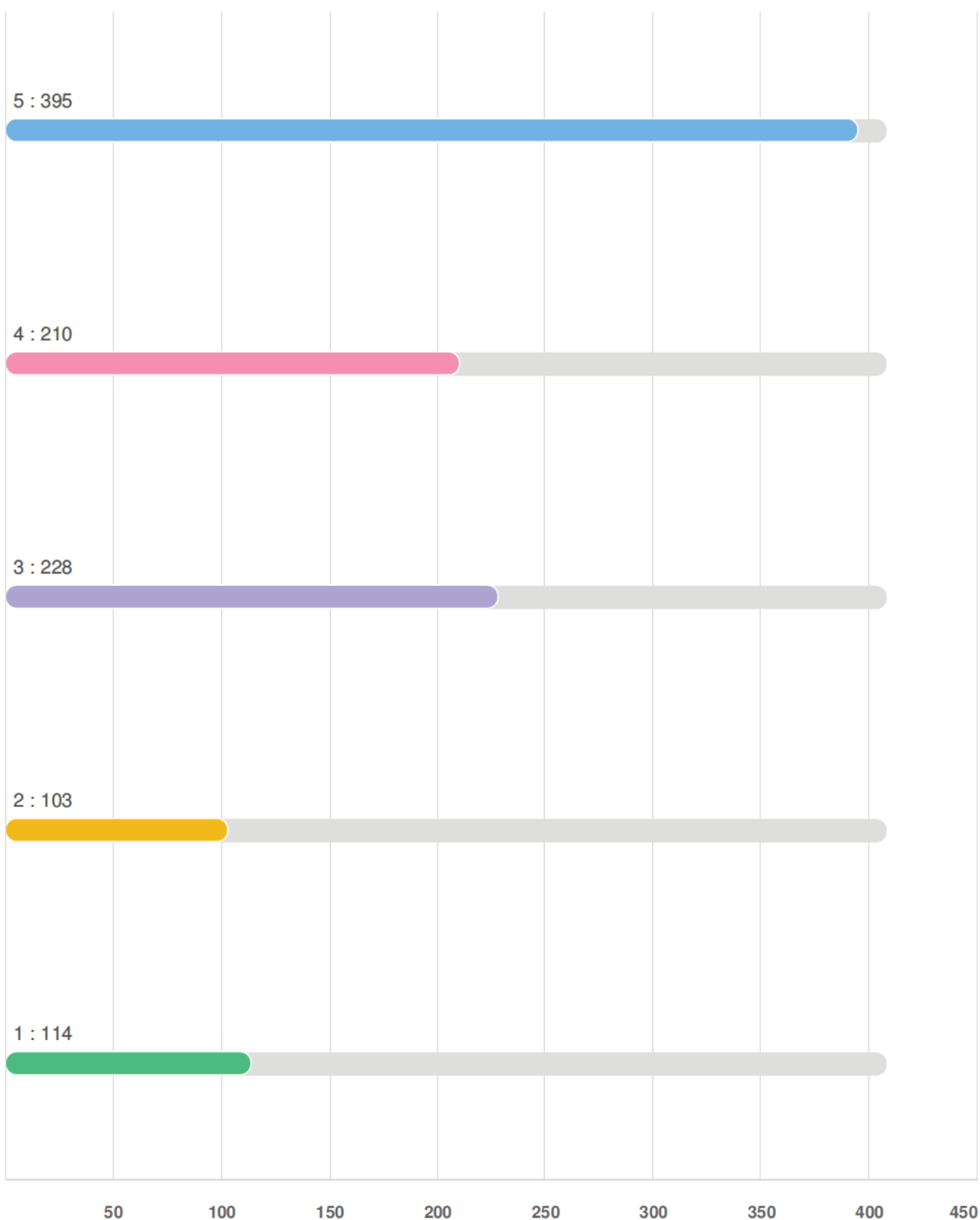
Wider sidewalks with new accessible seating, patio spaces, bike parking and lighting



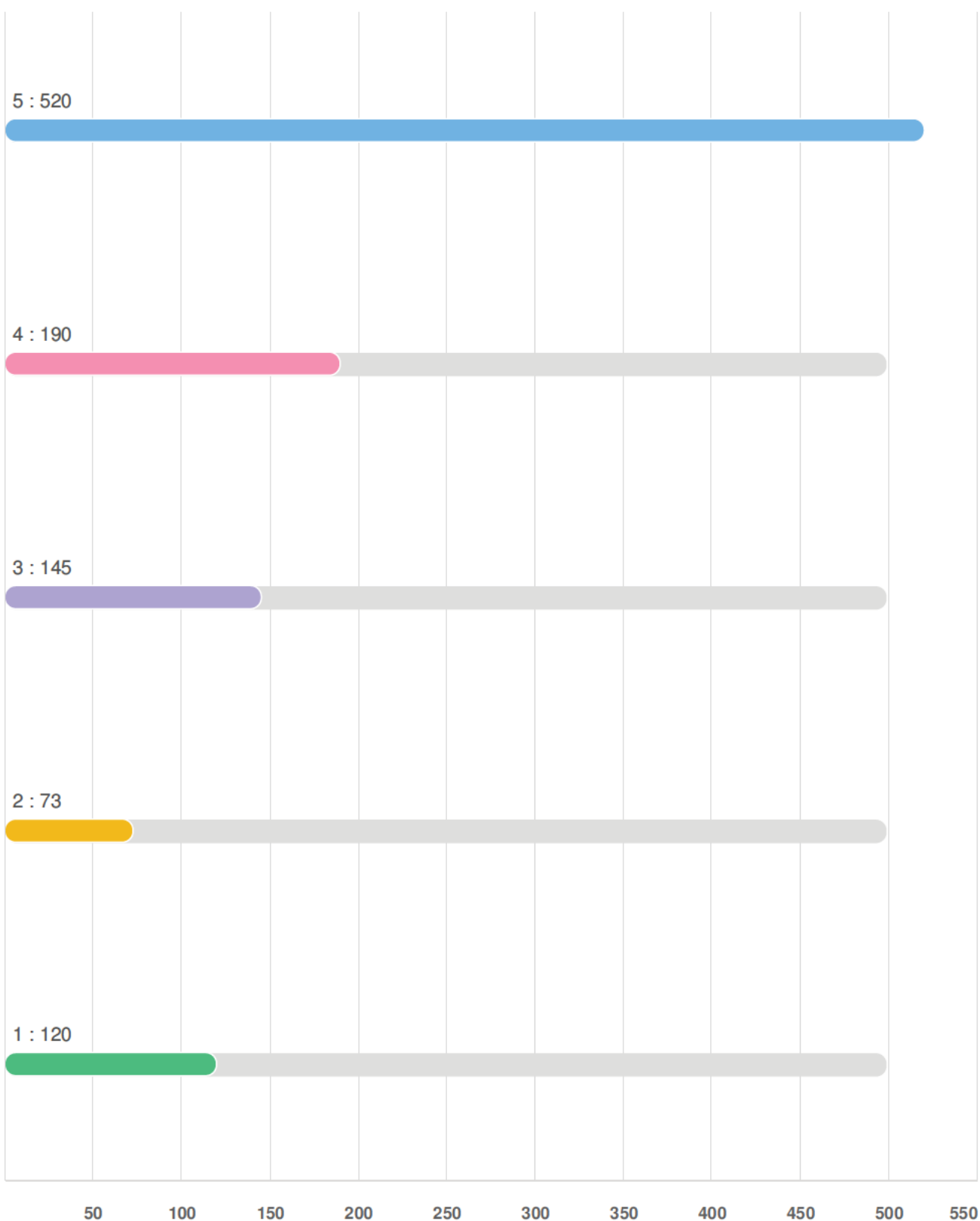
## Replace ageing street trees with new trees



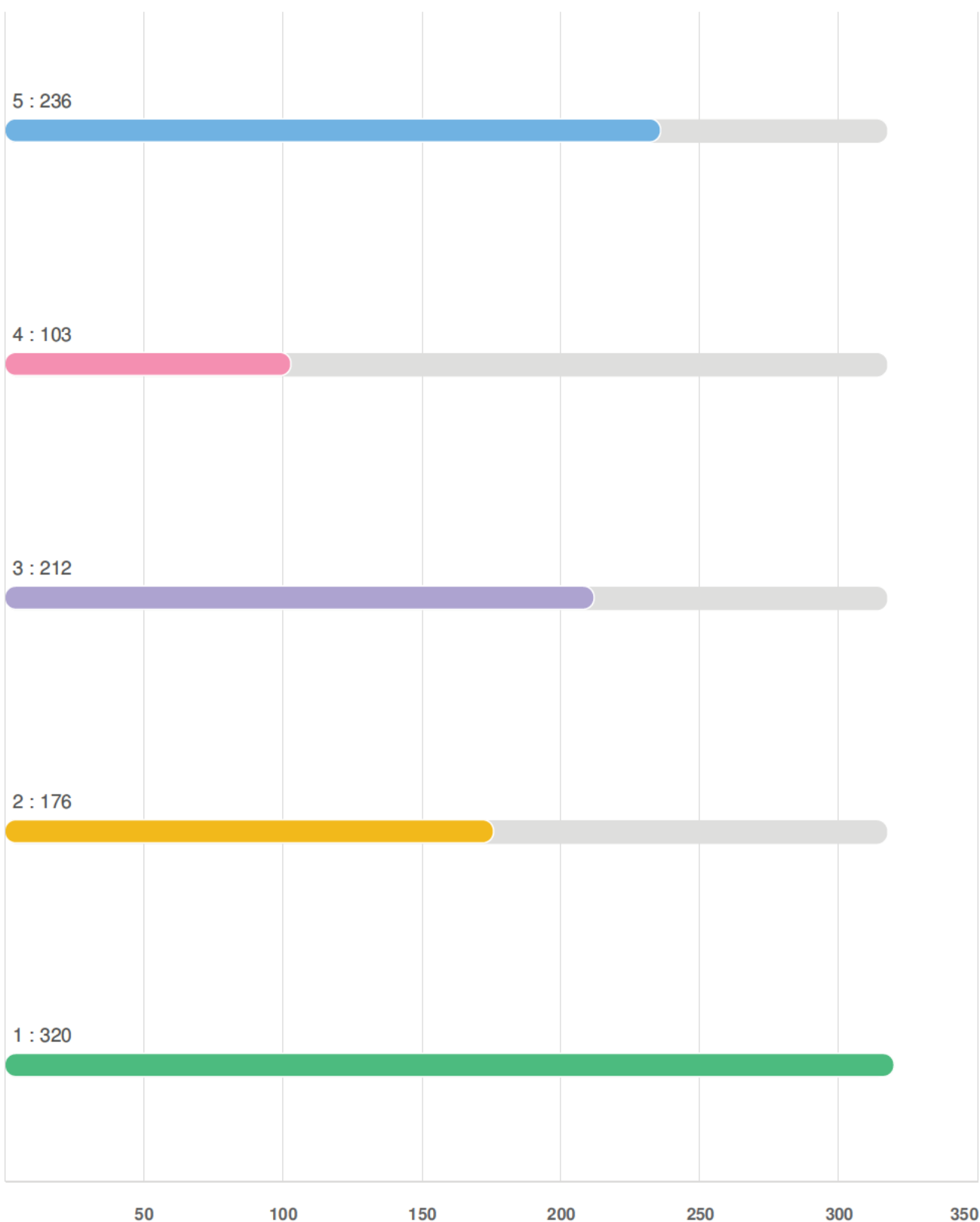
## Accessible vehicle pick-up/drop-off areas



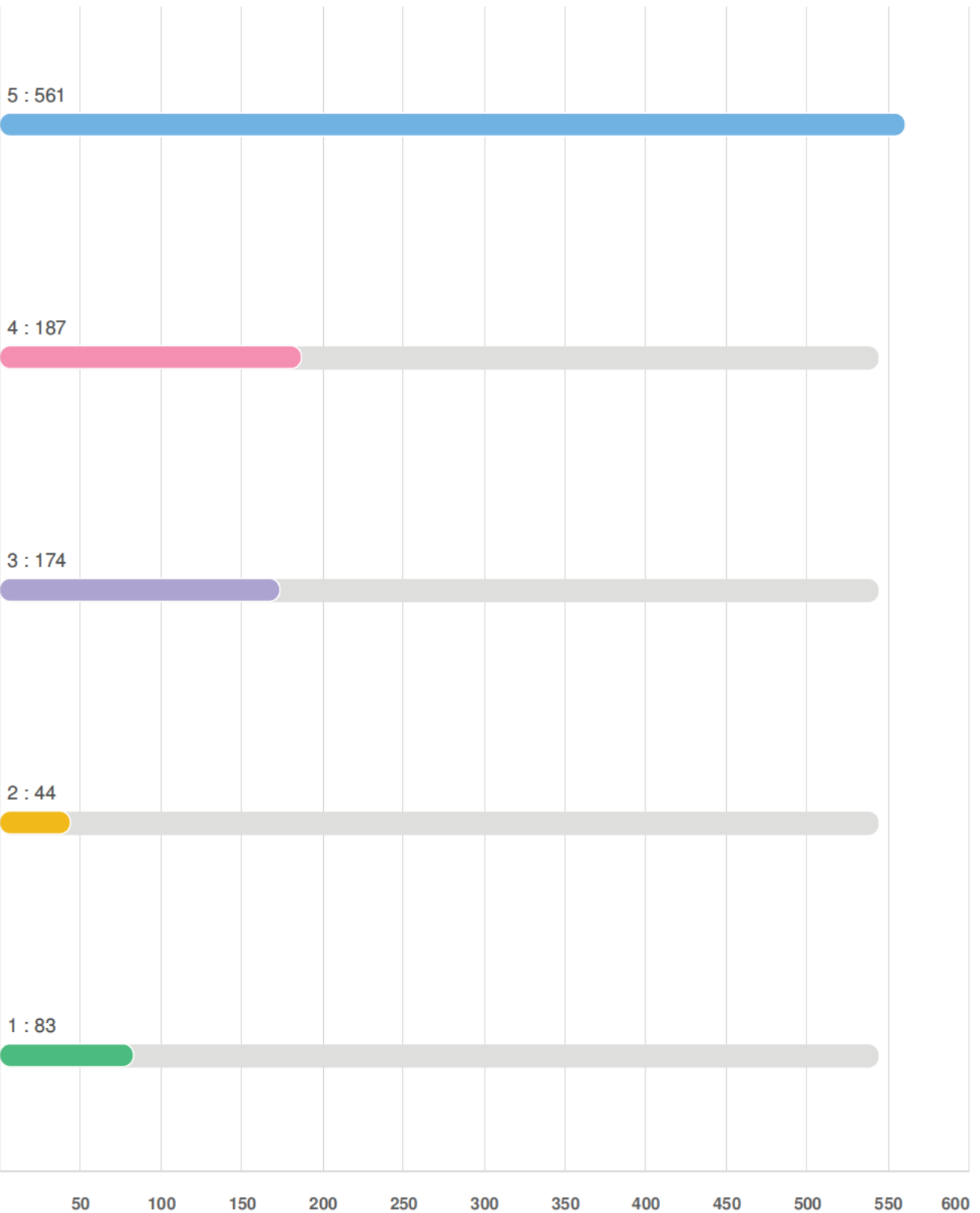
## More bike parking

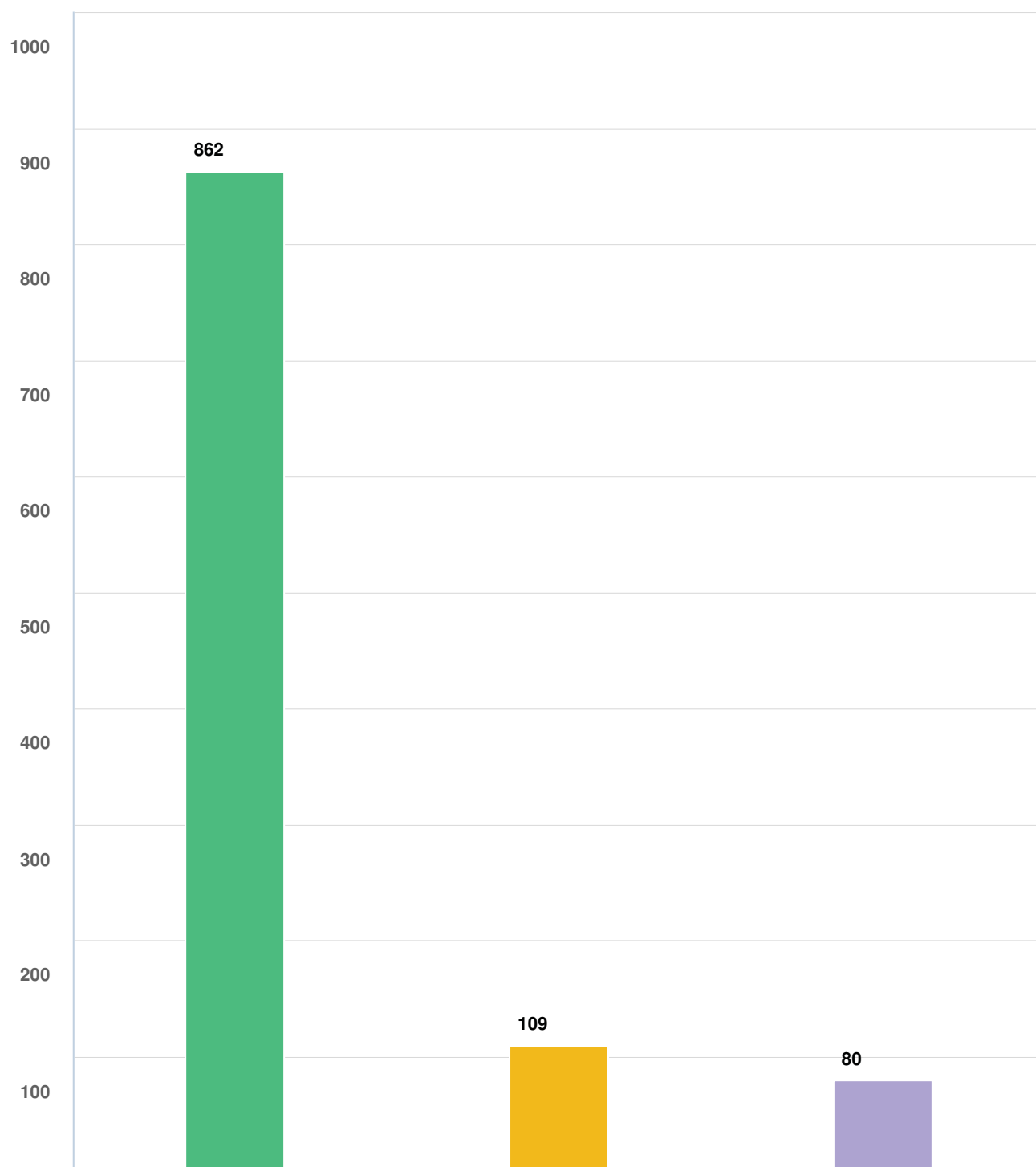


## On-street parking and loading



### A design feature to recognize the historic creek and former boundary between Chinatown and Old Town



**Q8** What is your overall level of support for what is proposed for Government Street between Yates and Pandora?**Question options**

☐ Don't Support ☐ Neutral ☒ Support

Optional question (1051 response(s), 12 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



**Q9 What did we miss? What would you like to see included?**

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3/02/2022 11:10 AM

Make it completely car free apart from restricted delivery times and emergency vehicles

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:10 AM

No private cars at any time.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:13 AM

Have you considered rehabilitating the creek? This is being done worldwide; can it be done in this instance, or not? The idea of the "design feature" marking the boundary between Chinatown and Victoria isn't itself a bad one, but the City is almost sure to do it in the blandest, most uninteresting way, while desperately signaling a commitment to anti-racism, and it would be better not to do it at all.

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3/02/2022 11:25 AM

Have you consulted young kids or adolescents on what they would like to see? The businesses in this area do not support a lot of street life. Make this area suitable for street food, buskers and young people, so that most pedestrians don't end up congregating only in the pub zones near the Irish Times and Bard and Banker. and Monroe's How about some cool maps incorporated into the road that provides an educational component (eg water cycle, whale migration, etc)

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3/02/2022 11:27 AM

The pedestrian, car-free time should be from 10:00 a.m. rather than Noon. The street should be bricked or otherwise changed to match the sidewalk. Removable bollards, like at the Parliament Buildings, should be installed at both ends.

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3/02/2022 11:29 AM

This work seems to be in order. Again a review with the Local Business community with regards to the CRUISE SHIP SEASON RESTART is in order BEFORE any work should be started other than DRAFT DESIGN PLANNING.

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3/02/2022 11:38 AM

Less land wasted on cars, more reclaiming public space for people. More bike parking, including secured bike parking.

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No cars would be our first choice, but your proposed plan is a good compromise.

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3/02/2022 12:11 PM

I would love to see it go further and only have drop off points for buses or accessible vehicles and commercial loading but no other vehicles.

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more green space/trees if possible

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3/02/2022 12:31 PM

My desire is to see less access to vehicles. This is a very small area of the geographic area of the downtown. please push some boundaries regarding continued access. make it special

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 01:31 PM

As above, a small but always present VICPD team that have expanded duties related to emergency response, first aid, tourist support, event support etc.

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3/02/2022 02:09 PM

Same comment as above: writing again: I support making this section of Government Street completely car-free (with the potential exception of commercial vehicles needed to supply businesses along this stretch). I appreciate that having car-free times is intended as a compromise between competing objectives. But a pedestrian zone that still has cars zooming through it at certain times of day isn't really a pedestrian zone at all. I commute (by bike) along Government Street and regularly see vehicles disregarding the currently-posted timed vehicle bans. For what it's worth, I want to add my voice to the "no car" side of the debate. I also think it's a mistake to have parking spaces or "vehicle drop-off areas" (are these the same thing) on Government St. The whole idea, as I understand it, is to revitalize it as a cultural space. Parking spots/"car drop-off areas" are the opposite of that.

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3/02/2022 02:09 PM

Would like to see the two street be very narrow with a cobbled or bricked surface and a design that implies cars visiting pedestrian space

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3/02/2022 02:11 PM

Please ensure patios, outdoor seating and other features complement the historic character of downtown. The ugly boxes currently lining the streets should be replaced.

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3/02/2022 02:19 PM

I would like to see car free times on this stretch as well. If not, we need to make sure cars physically cant go faster than 30km/h. slight turns, speedbumps, something other than a perfectly straight runway.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:54 PM

I would like to see less focus on vehicle circulation in this section. An example from another city that would be a good option is Argyle Street in Halifax. Cars are permitted but the lack of curbs and chicanes/obstacles make it very clear pedestrians and cyclists are the priority. Make it safer for bikes as well as pedestrians. The current plan will result in a gap in the bike network between the shared street segment south of Yates and the protected bike lanes north of Pandora.

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3/02/2022 03:08 PM

No motor vehicles -- outside of those used for deliveries or emergencies -- should be permitted at any time. Furthermore, the car-free zone should be extended to Pandora.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:20 PM

as possible, focus on merchants serving local residents rather than tourists

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3/02/2022 03:31 PM

In all the diagrams, there are trees, but none of them are providing the necessary shade. More trees - more shade - more habitat for birds, etc.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:36 PM

Car free needs to extend to Pandora. This is a big miss. The city needs to be bold on pushing back on car dependency through downtown. Douglas should be used for cars, and I would be happy if more space were given to cars on Douglas (ie. remove bike lanes on Douglas) and removed from Government. We have seen from other cities (ie. Paris) that being bold has positive effects.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:54 PM

Do away with the horse drawn carriages. They are slow to be behind and the poor animals are a sad sight. They should be in nature, not on hot concrete with cars all day.

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3/02/2022 04:05 PM

Remove cars altogether

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3/02/2022 04:40 PM

Again, try to encourage more restaurants in this area.

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3/02/2022 04:50 PM

make bike lock up secure

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3/02/2022 05:25 PM

Do not permit street parking. It is a waste of space. There are multiple parades and lots in the downtown core. Car people do not need access to street parking. Limited 5-10 min pick up drop off zones make more sense given the heavy pedestrian traffic in the area. Prioritize transit access over private vehicle access. Wider sidewalks and plenty of trees in a renewed urban canopy should be priority while minimizing private vehicle traffic.

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3/02/2022 05:40 PM

So much emphasis on bikes. There are more people who dont ride bikes and spend money than do. How many of the 100's of thousands of tourists ride bikes? How many Residents of the CRD from Sooke to Sidney ride their bike here? Your emphasis is focusing on fair weather bikes and theres no evidence that they spend more money or gravitate to these areas than folks who walk, bus or drive.

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3/02/2022 06:00 PM

If car traffic will still run through here some way please keep it moving (something like timed pedestrian crossing lights?).

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3/02/2022 06:50 PM

I hope to see vehicle speeds being limited to 30 km/hr. 2-way traffic is fine but instead of asphalt, perhaps include paving stones/bricks for vehicles to drive on to slow them down like on Garbally Street in the Selkirk Waterfront area. Please no centre line for vehicles! This kind of delineation of space naturally encourages faster vehicle speeds! The change in driver behaviour on Garbally when the street transitions from asphalt + centre line to brick without centre line is incredible. Another good example is Argyle Street in Halifax, which I think is analogous to Government Street. I would also like to see a clear, seamless transition for cyclists travelling onto and off of the protected bike lanes on Government Street north of Pandora.

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3/02/2022 08:06 PM

Flowers, fountains or water features

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3/02/2022 08:07 PM

Wayfinding signage that ties into wayfinding signage at the entry to Government St at Humboldt, and every intersection of Government. Tourists need this kind of thing.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 08:26 PM

Permanent 24/7 pedestrian only zone. Timed allowances for essential delivery trucks etc.

Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 10:03 PM	Need something for dogs and explicit secure bike parking.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:56 AM	AGAIN, YOU ARE CHEAPING OUT WITH HISTORIC PART OF CITY...NOTHING CREATIVE
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:58 AM	Keep thestreets open to vehicles
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:04 AM	I'd like this section to be pedestrian only as well
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:15 AM	Keep vehicle traffic
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:18 AM	Space for art! Space for music! Spaces where we don't need to spend money. Spaces to read. Affordable spaces. Please don't gentrify this area. It doesn't have to look pretty to be vibrant. Create something that attracts artists, facilitators, poets, musicians and organizers. They are what make a city worth living in. And public washrooms.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:36 AM	I think it would be nice if this section could remain car-free during the day as well.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:43 AM	Yates and Pandora provide opportunities for parking and unloading. Keeping Government street as car free as possible will create a cohesive experience for both locals and tourists. Successful plazas and shopping areas in Europe prioritize pedestrian experience over logistics. Allowing too much traffic into this section will cut off the northern part of Government from the experience.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:44 AM	No bicycles. They take up too much pedestrian space, don't necessarily use designated parking areas, and riders think they have right of way - even in a pedestrian space.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:48 AM	Why are you determined to stop downtown traffic. Who is going to go there. How do I drop my elderly mother off at the accessible drop off and leave her to fend for herself while I drive around looking for a parking spot and walk back? It is not safe for me to be leaving her standing on the street for 10 or 15 minutes. She and many elderly are

no longer using handidart given its health risks of using such transit at this time.

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3/03/2022 07:56 AM

Re-nature that creek!

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3/03/2022 07:57 AM

Keep it for pedestrians

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:58 AM

I would like to see very limited vehicle access to the entire Humboldt to Pandora area except for necessary delivery vehicles early in the day.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:59 AM

Would it be appropriate that on street parking be for People with Disabilities signed vehicles only?

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:22 AM

Performance spaces. With an opportunity for conversion a ticketed space for special events like jazz fest or the blues bash. Most performance spaces would be public but if you could convert one to a ticketed space at certain times it would enhance the project and help realize the city's approved music strategy. Thanks

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3/03/2022 08:28 AM

Public washroom

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3/03/2022 08:29 AM

Pedestrian zone at all times

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3/03/2022 08:33 AM

Don't change the lighting

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3/03/2022 08:35 AM

Why not have one way, one lane traffic for all...

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:35 AM

Traffic flow is already terrible downtown, and lack of parking inhibits many from coming down to shop, killing the community and impacting retailers. We cannot continue to cater to just those who can walk or bike to town. And this is coming from someone who doesn't need to drive to access town. I have just witnessed the down town core slowly being eroded of life. This can't be a "if we build it they will come" scenario if there is no where to park.

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3/03/2022 08:36 AM

My comments above are also applicable to this area.

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3/03/2022 08:39 AM

I love it. There aren't many restaurants on this stretch, but I think this needs to be flexible to allow for prospective restaurants to build out patios if they were to open.

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3/03/2022 08:44 AM

Same as above re bikes.

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3/03/2022 08:44 AM

Concern about horses, pedicabs, bikes where pedestrians not expecting faster traffic than other pedestrians.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:53 AM

Get rid of one car lane. Make that section of gov't street one-way. Then on the road centre line put a concrete barrier which delineates space for bikes and carriages. In terms of parking there is plenty of room at the giant parkades that are merely a block or two away. There is no need for cars or parking access on Government st.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:53 AM

Government Street should be closed to vehicles and/or made one-way for delivery vehicle access. Bikes and horse carriages should not be allowed on Government St. Bikes should stay on bike lanes. Horse carriages should be banned from Victoria.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:55 AM

No vehicles!!!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:59 AM

The creek design feature could show where the creek currently runs through culvert under the pavement and trace its path. I've seen this in a few other cities and it works well. Maybe add some interpretation to explain that we are trying to move away from fighting with nature to working with it. If there were some way to daylight a part of it that would be ideal but I am sure not easy.

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3/03/2022 09:02 AM

Not going far enough - should be 100% pedestrian

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:16 AM

We need safer bike parking downtown. I'm hesitant to ride my bike downtown because I believe it will get stolen. Some sort of paid bike storage, concierge service? Or underground storage like they do in

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Japan?

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:16 AM

more excitement needed here.

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3/03/2022 09:18 AM

If the City decides to do this - do it! No cars outside of the timed zones.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:26 AM

It would be a missed opportunity to allow two-way traffic along this stretch. Prioritize delivery trucks but reduce the car lanes to one.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:30 AM

I get the thought of extending new pedestrian feel on Government St. down to China Town. But would be really expensive to widen sidewalks, etc. down that end of town. Lower Government St. was already set-up to function as a car-free area (has nice wide sidewalks). From Yates to Pandora, different story. Again would be big cost.

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3/03/2022 09:32 AM

Same as above.

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3/03/2022 09:37 AM

Where is the bike lane? It looks dangerous to narrow the road, push more cars onto it, also funnel more bikes to this stretch but not make dedicated space for bikes... need clean and clear connectivity with the Pandora St. AAA lane

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:42 AM

I like everything about the proposal.

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On street parking should only be offered for those with mobility challenges. Public restrooms should be included.

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3/03/2022 09:48 AM

anything to reduce vehicles on this street. it could be so much more than it is now.

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3/03/2022 09:50 AM

No private vehicles Just taxis access for handicapped, plus accessible vehicles



Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:03 AM	The design feature to recognize the historic creek and boundary between Chinatown and Old Town should be one recognizing the relationship between Lekwungen and Indigenous peoples, which has yet to be told.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:11 AM	If the goal is to be inclusive of all who have contributed to the history of Victoria, don't limit it to indigenous people and the Chinese.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:13 AM	Less bike parking more pedestrian friendly areas
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:17 AM	Only pedestrian, NO cars,the people have to walk ,do not make everytime compromise ,the people like the Government Street totally closed for CARS.....
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:23 AM	There needs to be more vehicle access.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:24 AM	I think this should also be car-free, again with the possibility of allowing commercial loading during the early mornings. The street should be one lane, one way, not two.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:32 AM	vehicular accessibility, squeezing traffic into a smaller space. If your thinking this is for downtown residents it may work. But I haven't been going down town much anymore as result of changes like these. Sure I will go and check it out but not often. This all assumes we can remove the junkies from the streets. Downtown is a bit of a disaster in that regard.... not as safe as it used to be for sure.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:35 AM	Would suggest extending the improvements to Fisgard Street
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:48 AM	Why not go further? Daylight the creek in this portion. Create nature in the city. Government should be permanently closed to car traffic from the inner harbour to Pandora.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:49 AM	Covered bike parking that offers security for e-bikes. I know some e-bike owners who tell me they don't ride downtown because of likelihood of bike theft.

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3/03/2022 10:51 AM

I would hate the see flowering trees replaced with local evergreens.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:52 AM

Overall I like the idea of these plans, I just hope that I'm doing so, the "old" character of the street can be maintained, and isn't replaced by architecture and design that is super modern and feels sterile (like the plaza at uptown for example). I hope to see something like this feel accessible and community focussed, rather than upscale and pretentious.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:59 AM

as noted previously, I think cherry blossom trees would be a fantastic addition to this area, it increase traffic in off season times, including from locals and would lend itself to the aesthetic images that have been presented as possible inclusions in this area.

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3/03/2022 11:03 AM

I am interested to know how the historic creek is to be recognized. In this time of heightened awareness of climate issues and the climate wrongs of the past, a simple plaque seems a bit light. Better would be some manner of wetland garden that would, as best possible and in some imaginative way, recreate the sense of the original creek, perhaps including a foot bridge within at least one sidewalk. And, as before, public toilets would be appreciated, at least every three to four blocks.

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3/03/2022 11:10 AM

Wherever possible, keep cars and parking away from Govt St. Allow for x-street drop off zones and commercial loading as necessary.

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3/03/2022 11:11 AM

The extension from Humboldt to Pandora would not satisfy seniors and those with disabilities' needs. The distance is not reasonable for them to navigate. Their use of the pockets of sitting or entertainment areas would depend on how they could access them after arriving by vehicle.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Same as before: I'm worried this could attract sleeping places for the hard-to-house. More bike parking needed. We have to think about how tourists will describe their time in Victoria to their friends when they go home. I don't want Victoria to be a place people are bothered by being asked incessantly for spare change or where they see groups of people in sleeping bags at storefronts. I realize you can't necessarily control this but there may be ways to make the space less comfortable - maybe bright lights, locked vestibules to shops, etc. Perhaps low volume classical music ...

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:18 AM

There isn't a need for patios as there isn't any restaurants. It's all retail space so leave it alone.

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3/03/2022 11:30 AM

commercial vehicles only for motorized access

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:51 AM

Any trees and plants should be native BC trees and plants  
Recognition of and space for buskers and other street performers  
More and nice, clean, public washrooms

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:08 PM

bike parking needs to be safe. maybe put a camera or something there. copenhagenize is a great little design firm that could help with bike related stuff

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:20 PM

Remove all car parking, we have loads of spots in garages and all parking, including accessible parking should be on all the intersecting side streets. It ruins the pedestrian experience to have cars take up so much space, even next to wider sidewalks, it is ugly, smelly and ruins the whole pedestrian experience to have cars right there. Add more trees, seating, and space for pedestrians to walk instead of car parking as this is a busy pedestrian area, don't keep the car dominance when it can be so much better for pedestrians. Add rapid flashing lights for the new crosswalk. Will there be bike lanes on Government to connect two way bike traffic between Pandora and Fort? If it is a shared space as depicted then more needs to be installed in the roadway to slow down car traffic, like speed bumps. Add drinking water fountain that can also fill water bottles and has a dog water bowl.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:23 PM

I'd like to see the area a no car, no scooter, no bike zone...make this a place for pedestrians to walk, socialize, sit & relax, shop, and enjoy the area.

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3/03/2022 12:27 PM

Better quality shops and restaurants! No tacky Canadian flag merchandise. More outdoor cafe space.

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3/03/2022 12:36 PM

Make it car free as well

Screen Name Redacted

ok as is

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3/03/2022 12:46 PM

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3/03/2022 12:49 PM

Interpretive plaques with biographies of important persons or historic events.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 01:15 PM

Would like downtown to be a place for people living in Victoria and not for tourist. Lovely to see store like Gabriel Ross moving there.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 01:25 PM

I'd like to see an area dedicated to live shows. Leave the sidewalks open to people walking through but have the roadway at one intersection to have additional permanent infrastructure for pop-up live performances.

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3/03/2022 01:48 PM

Add more public art

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3/03/2022 02:17 PM

Are you just using the word accessible for the sake of using it? What is accessible seating? Seats that are high enough for transfer from wheelchairs, or high enough for semi-mobile people (those with walkers or mobility problems) to easily get up from? Or far enough apart to get wheelchairs/walkers between them easily, so people can get to the seating? Certainly doesn't look like any of that as shown in the illustrative pictures

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3/03/2022 02:30 PM

I would prefer to see the pedestrian only zone continued in this are, with deliveries before 9:30 and accessibility drop off areas. Perhaps even taxi drop off/pick up.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 02:47 PM

For the entirety of the project, please be sure to include picnic space that is not just for restaurants. I used to work on Government street and it would have been nice to have more comfortable places to eat my lunch outdoors. Maybe even covered picnic tables that are not tied to a specific restaurant, so they can be used in all weather?

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3/03/2022 03:13 PM

Keep gate of Chinatown

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3/03/2022 04:05 PM

area for local food/drink trucks

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:10 PM	Motorcycle parking so a full space not taken up
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:52 PM	more underground parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:52 PM	The city of Victoria is overreaching and pushing an agenda that the business do not believe in.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:48 PM	More pedestrian onLy areas
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:01 PM	I realise that more cars is not a viable in the future, but the removal of parking spaces throughout and around downtown is getting weirdly over the top. With all the bike theft downtown, it's not safe to bike there anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:11 PM	China towns needs more attention and to be more welcoming. Its just simply there but doesnt attract you to come enjoy what it has to offer
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:30 PM	Victoria should be a pedestrian city with less cars entirely. Turning this into a pedestrian only street is a great start!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:06 PM	Bus shelter at Johnson
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:27 PM	Some green spaces and areas for children to play in. They can be small. Like tiny urban forests. In either this area or one of the other proposed areas.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:51 PM	accessibility of vehicles for wheelchair/mobility users, for seniors, for parents with little kids, for our tourist who expect proper accessibility with vehicle usage for the same reasons as citizens do, in order to actually get to government streets locals stop all these road screw up and discrimination ...
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:25 PM	not sure about the design feature, would prefer above ground public art

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:47 PM	Whatever can be done to retain existing historical architecture and businesses should be. Gentrification has already forced so many places out of Chinatown.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 08:59 PM	Having designated accessible vehicle drop off and pick up areas would make Government Street accessible to people of all abilities if you closed it from Humbolt to Yates to general traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:07 PM	Still no washrooms!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:58 PM	Banning cars from the street, there's parking structures already no need for street parking. use the street parking for wider sidewalks. Also deliveries can be pushed off to laneways or side streets.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:18 PM	Pedestrian only on Government
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:20 PM	Public restrooms would be helpful!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:36 PM	No two way traffic please. Less vehicles as they can use Wharf or Douglas.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:28 PM	Expand pedestrian friendly area to other streets
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:37 PM	This part of Government is really sad lately. I'd love to see improvements here! Bike parking and seating are great, but they need to be safe. Bikes still need to be there when people come back to them.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 06:39 AM	Car access through government down Yates and Johnson to allow access to wharf st
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 07:29 AM	Please don't make it even more difficult to park in Chinatown.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 07:41 AM	Car-free periods should be extended to absolutely no cars except deliveries to businesses, perhaps. Think Europe. Think Istiklal

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Caddesi in Istanbul. People are tired of being surrounded by cars, always having to watch out for injury or death. The more car-free areas in the city the better. Get rid of the roadway along Government. Nice brickwork or the like will make the pedestrian landscape more appealing. **S. 22**

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 07:49 AM

It would be great to remove the on-street parking and enhance the public realm.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 07:59 AM

This is a highly busy traffic zone. I end up in this traffic jam/circling of Pandora to Yates often. Any form of traffic slowing, calming etc will make this even worse. The parking in this area is always very full and difficult to find so there shouldn't be any reduction in it at all. As to bike parking, we need secure, monitored bike parking options. I refuse to leave my bike locked in this city as theft is so rampant. Just go join the Stolen Bicycle Avengers Facebook group to get a feel for how bad it is if you're not aware somehow. I'm not alone in wanting secured bike storage downtown, many others are like me and won't leave their bikes.

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3/04/2022 08:17 AM

Improved lighting for night-time safety.

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3/04/2022 08:31 AM

i'd like assurances cars can move across the intersections so we can keep traffic flow happening east/west. I'd also want to ensure the businesses affected are on-board with this change. They have been affected by the removal of traffic/parking etc in the downtown core.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 08:33 AM

A free public transportation device to carry people along the axis.

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3/04/2022 09:34 AM

Same as above. Plus: go one block west and redesign the merging of traffic lanes from Yates onto Wharf and then onto the Johnson St. bridge. Navigating from Yates to a lane to the bridge is an open invitation for an accident.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:29 AM

one lane for traffic. Continue with the plan from lower sections!

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:36 AM

I have mixed feelings about wheeled traffic (cars, pedicabs, bikes, horse-drawn carriages) on the whole proposed redesign area of Government St. They can be a hazard to pedestrians and make the

space less relaxing. Bike parking and car parking on nearby streets could bring folks coming the area in that way an opportunity to get close enough to access the area without contributing to congestion on the mall. Same for tourist vehicles of all kinds. Also, you can never have too much bike parking in the downtown area overall. I'm a cyclist and am often frustrated at the lack of a bike-parking spot available when I'm downtown. There are clusters of spots with parking often full and other blocks/areas with a notable lack of parking spots altogether.

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3/04/2022 10:37 AM

If the older trees are diseased beyond being able to bring them back to a healthy state I would support removing them but if they are salvageable I don't see the point of getting rid of the older historic trees.

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3/04/2022 11:48 AM

washrooms

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3/04/2022 01:46 PM

Aged trees are a great source of carbon capture. Removal of trees would release the carbon its captured up until this point which based on its location wouldn't be insignificant. Trees are a great source of ecosystems for numerous critters both visible and non. Obviously if the tree is causing issues that can be considered on a case to case basis however I see great value in maintaining the aged trees and allowing them to flourish and support its mini ecosystem.

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3/04/2022 02:23 PM

on street parking and access needs to be maintained.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 03:43 PM

on street parking? really? time to move away from a car-centric approach top revitalizing downtown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 04:40 PM

Your first question is a larger range. it should be worded with Wider sidewalks with accessible seating Patio Spaces Bike parking , which you have already added a question regarding this new lights or better lighting again, city parking needs to be addressed. the city is expanding, and yes, we are hoping for a place for both cars and walkers, but removing cars, don't always bring people down, especially if they are coming from out of town, far or wide. Nor again do I believe that closing the street at anytime is beneficial for anyone. If trying to get around town, needing to use the street in a vehicle, added to the already congested other main arteries, this is adding to the climate issue.



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3/04/2022 04:40 PM

I'd like to see some benches with back support, not just seats; this is an accessibility issue for some people.

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3/04/2022 07:40 PM

An estimate of the cost for the redevelopments. More time to consider these plans and costs. Is this the only washroom planned for this redevelopment?

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 10:02 AM

Emphasize the lightning, seating at the bus stop, blend/incorporate downtown to chinatown. About the plaza don't use metal as it gets to hot/cold. `

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 11:27 AM

Definitely like the focus on Chinatown and it's history as the street nears Pandora. Lots of colour and vibrancy. Opportunities for pop-up restaurants and food trucks so that the atmosphere changes - makes it more interesting for locals.

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3/05/2022 12:12 PM

Should have timed car free periods as well.

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3/05/2022 12:49 PM

I'd be happy to see this area made car-free as well.

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 01:42 PM

Permanent restaurant patios instead of banning them June 1.

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 02:16 PM

I support access for commercial traffic and accessible drop off and pick up points otherwise let's ditch the cars and focus on cyclist and pedestrian access. Love the idea of some kind of design feature marking the old creek and old towns boundary with China town.

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3/05/2022 02:33 PM

Pedestrian only at all times would be amazing.

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 05:40 PM

Street signs to encourage pedestrians to go all the way along street. Maybe a cable type car Making a circle every 20 minutes.

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3/05/2022 05:59 PM

Increased traffic calming: rasised intersections (instead of curb cuts), chicanes, centre medians, mid-block crosswalks.

Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 06:20 PM	I would like to see this section be (almost) car free. Parking should only be for people with disabilities. Downtown has too much space devoted to parking cars.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 06:33 PM	street food and outdoor drinking
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 08:44 PM	No cars would be better
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 11:09 PM	Any way we could get some form of secure bike parking downtown? It's nice to have additional spots, but the lack of security is still a big barrier in getting people to bike downtown rather than drive
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 12:38 AM	Add a feature (plaque or other display) recognizing that Victoria's Chinatown is a historical significance.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 04:57 AM	I think what is proposed here is an improvement over the existing features; however, I think the Courtney-Yates concept should be carried through this section. Reducing vehicle lanes and on street parking would make this section so much more pedestrian friendly. Let's build this City for people, not for cars.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 07:27 AM	Believe this area should continue to have more shared used with vehicles and needs to maintain easy access to the parkade
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 08:04 AM	Leave government street for cars year round. Once traffic is backed to pre pandemic levels it is a necessary artery to alleviate massive congestion.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 09:36 AM	Separated bike lane between Yates and Pandora. No parking in that block.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 11:37 AM	Keep sidewalks current size, more free on street parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 04:54 PM	Same as previous comment. Check out shop street in Galway city in Ireland. It's entirely pedestrianised, save a period early in the morning

where the bollards are lowered for commercial delivery. People made a big stink when they pedestrianised it, but now it's the heart and soul of the city, always bustling with people, buskers, street performers. It's truly delightful. Would be completely different and vastly inferior if vehicles could drive through it.

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3/06/2022 04:58 PM

don't need to provide Government street parking, only loading zones

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 06:12 PM

lots of areas to chill, potentially "weed friendly benches" for local apartment residents without backyards or patios to consume

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3/06/2022 06:13 PM

More inground shade trees. Increased bike parking. Bathrooms.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2022 09:20 PM

It's definitely an improvement but I would love to see no parking and no cars on this stretch too.

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3/07/2022 04:19 AM

Making the streets car free except commercial vehicles.

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3/07/2022 10:26 AM

More lighting and security features

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3/07/2022 11:00 AM

again with the public washroom and information Kiosk.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 11:28 AM

please please please keep as much parking as possible. I like the plans but until you figure out more places for people to park IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE taking more spaces away is terrible. The parkades are often full already... we can't lean on them to replace on-street parking like we have been trying to, any longer.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 11:40 AM

Disable need a car to take us downtown and to access this area. By closing it off, you are cutting us off! I used to go downtown several times a week but have not been downtown in a few years now. I am disabled and there is no parking for me, plus street people hassle everyone. You have ruined the downtown core.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2022 12:48 PM

see above.

Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 12:51 PM	Public restrooms
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:15 PM	More security, garbage and recycling cans, more street clean up.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:20 PM	One way traffic, bikes and motorized vehicles, from Yates to Pandora with limited commercial delivery access.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:29 PM	add lots of trees, plants, shrubs; dark-sky friendly lighting
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:35 PM	Accessible drop of points and parking should be on the side streets not Government St. Limit deliveries to early morning hours.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:39 PM	Access to tourist buses at all times — cruise visitors especially
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:54 PM	Not enough people to close down the street permanently. Trying to get around the closure from James Bay is way too difficult. Adverse affects to businesses, tour buses, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:08 PM	traffic needs to continue to flow up govt.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:10 PM	Ensure there is effective traffic flow north and south. Make allowance for left turn heading on to Pandora from Government St. going north. No traffic management assessment and plan has been included, a clear signal that the city is biased in its treatment of commercially critical vehicle transportation.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 05:19 PM	The city needs to repair damaged roads
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 09:27 PM	allow foodtrucks / coffee/drinks carts in some areas of this redesign;
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:20 PM	This proposal should be extended to Courtney street.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 09:11 AM

This area should reflect the same high quality for patios/structures and integrity of the two previous areas. I do not support bike parking except on side streets. I particularly like the overhead lighting in the picture above. Having bicycle stands in the same area as a child playing area isn't practical.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 10:57 AM

Secure bicycle parking/storing for the area. More cultural events in Bastion Square as well as in the Market Square. More outdoor seating for local cafes and restaurants.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 11:24 AM

See 3 again re. security and policing.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 11:24 AM

I would be supportive of their being no on-street parking in this area or that it be very limited time-wise.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 12:02 PM

No parking or loading zones on this section. Plenty of room for accessible parking and loading zones on east / west arterials.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 03:51 PM

New trees should be "non/low allergenic species"....

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 04:16 PM

Please make sure the accessible pick up/drop offs spots have ample room for modified vehicles with either a rear and/or side lifts.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 04:50 PM

Provision for the 2-way bus route with reasonably high frequency. (This would be a lot easier if Victoria had proper bus transfer points.)

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 05:30 PM

Very pleased to see this extension. We really don't need street parking on this short stretch. Consider extending the ambience east along pandora and through Centennial Square. For the first time in a long time I recently walked through Centennial Square and from there Cormorant Street looks very inviting. Needs a crosswalk on Douglas. The walk from Douglas to Blanshard along Pandora was also surprisingly enjoyable. Thanks Jawl and Victoria planning.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2022 09:49 PM

Places for drop off for vehicles like hands-dart. As well, it would be nice to have barrier free roads that are flat.

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3/09/2022 07:10 AM

Looks Good!

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3/09/2022 01:13 PM

Please provide a backrest on some benches for older folks.

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 02:58 PM

Retain car lanes if you must, but more space for pedestrians would benefit all.

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 04:48 PM

Bike parking needs to take adaptable bikes, but cycling here also encourages cycling on sidewalks which reduces accessibility. Can't tell if there are drop off or accessible parking in this zone. Too many items in first item in Q7. Against patios - apply equity lens. Make them pay full fare. Not sure about drop-off zones. People with dementia may wander before caregivers can park and return. Lighting needs to be good for everyone, including those with neurological conditions, accessible seating needs to be diverse and cleanable.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 09:58 AM

Please. Provide highest quality design. We don't have that now.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 11:28 AM

Please just ban cars, cars dominate so much public space

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 11:29 PM

The only spaces along Government for personal vehicles to park should be accessible ones parking spots. There remains at least three parkades in close proximity to this stretch. Loading remains important, but maybe should be limited to certain times of day.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2022 10:08 AM

I would reduce vehicle traffic to one lane, one way and restrict vehicular travel to certain hours of the day. Maximize Government Street as a pedestrian focussed, people gathering area, not as a drive by for cars, trucks and buses spewing pollution, making noise and disrupting social interaction.

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 10:01 AM

Vehicles should be excluded for this zone and northward through Chinatown.

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3/12/2022 04:39 PM

See later comments.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 05:28 PM

Please do not cut down the trees that exist. They have lots of years ahead of them as they are visibly healthy. The argument of meeting some sort of access on sidewalks is nonsense, as the overall design is making room for wide routes. The trees are a part of Victoria's character which people love. They are also bird habitats. If you ignore public feedback regarding the trees, please don't plant magnolias as they don't last nor hold up visually. "Places to display and shop" should be a connectors to Chinatown to draw audiences. The Chinatown Markets and Nights Markets that have happened are great and could happen again. Also - "Gathering places" are just places for people to keep residents up all night. So if you are going to have these spots, please make sure they are not near living or hotel, or future obvious sites. Also - Chinatown has obvious Chinese routes, but the city is too late for saving many aspects. So Chinatown now is more multi-cultural and can be celebrated as such, still retaining design and colours reflecting on the Chinese origins.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 12:30 AM

Don't give in to the car lobby, get em out at least during business hours. Loading for freight is a must for the businesses but get that parking and cars out.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 06:59 AM

I would like the traffic to be single lane, one direction

## Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 07:59 AM

Continuous related decor elements, something that ties this area to the whole street. What happened to the red ribbon design proposal? This portion of the concept looks bland compared to the "entrance" portion.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 08:18 AM

Again, would like to see as little vehicle presence including parking as possible.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 08:42 AM

Is the recognition of the creek boundary going to talk about racism and the historic effects of Having a physical boundary between the two communities

## Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2022 10:40 AM

There is no need for any car access, limited or otherwise. Delivery drivers can have unlimited use of streets during set hours, but please don't allow private vehicles any access. Keep it for the people, not the cars!

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Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:08 AM	*Secure* bike parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:27 AM	Keep trees, or replace.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:58 AM	Could the roadway between Johnson and Yates be one-way southbound?
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:06 PM	Bike theft deterrents, more emphasis toward tree cover for shade, protected bike lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:28 PM	Why are we still allowing car access at any time? I understand delivery vehicles, but I don't think cars should ever be allowed onto the street. It's limiting the design of Government street for cars even though they'll rarely get to use it. Just ban them and add bike lanes and pedestrianize full time. I also think that personal bikes are fine but horse drawn carriages and pedicabs shouldn't be allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 01:36 PM	Again, please consider a possible future streetcar along this route when undertaking any construction.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 02:13 PM	Please also do this to Johnson St between Douglas and Wharf!
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 03:54 PM	How about a public washroom?
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 04:40 PM	ditch the cars and horse carriages altogether
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 06:50 PM	More increased bike parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/14/2022 12:48 AM	Limit car access to emergency/delivery/maintenance - also extend the brick road surface too :)
Screen Name Redacted 3/14/2022 08:50 AM	Design feature for historic creek and boundary seems a waste of money. Could be done less expensively with a plaque or something of that sort.

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3/14/2022 09:40 AM

Allowing cyclists to ride down the street anyway they want is a huge detriment and potential for an accident. We've seen on numerous occasions cyclists coming down the street facing the traffic so that you have to weave to miss them. There should be an area identified which way to go as two way with on coming traffic is overwhelming for vehicle traffic and pedestrian and horse drawn carriages. Cyclists should have to follow the rules of the road or be penalized.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 11:43 AM

Eliminate the full time parking and loading zones. Bring the vehicle lane width down to 5m and only allow Northbound traffic. Eliminate the Southbound direction.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 12:29 PM

Less cars more vibrancy

## Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 02:22 PM

Traffic should be one-way to enable a single lane. Should also be timed car-free zone.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 05:10 PM

Trees in ground should be surrounded by hardy ground cover or slats to allow run off into the earth. The shops in the area could jointly own a few small electric or pedi- delivery vehicles to take goods to customers vehicles, reducing the need for on street parking. If the creek recognition feature is a green space, yes. If it's a cement marker with a sign about what used to be there, no. Inclusive seating.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 05:59 PM

Child/family friendly features. Increased police presence to ensure it stays safe considering the location intersection with pandora.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2022 09:39 AM

Commit to CAR FREE here too. This section can also be timed access for commercial vehicles.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2022 11:32 AM

Too much bundled in some questions to have a meaningful response eg oppose some aspects of sidewalk use, support others

## Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2022 01:55 PM

Taking vehicles out of the downtown will be the nail in the coffin for Victoria businesses. Look at the negative impact bike lanes have had. This proposal will be ten times worse.

Screen Name Redacted 3/15/2022 07:27 PM	When I worked in hospitality many visitors loved going to our China town. It needs to be supported and better represented in the city
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 11:07 AM	Street trees with a larger canopy to provide more shade and respond to the scale of these blocks if possible. Bike lanes connecting to those on Government north of Pandora.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 12:18 PM	Access for emergency services including larger fire trucks
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 12:33 PM	As the manager of Royal Victoria Suites (1411-1413 Government St) I'm concerned about impact on our business and guests when you take away parking on our street. Solutions to such problems can always be met, and a 2car loading zone out-front of our business would help us to navigate a solution for our guests/tourism. We've only recently been able to reopen after significant damage from the Victoria Plaza fire. We rebuilt all of our units to be more accessible; please to not put us a step back by taking away accessibility. Night construction was mentioned on the public briefing on this project. This is another concern as noise disturbance at night would have a greater impact on our business than it would in the day.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 12:35 PM	The proposal seems to be putting a lot of our forward pedestrian / bike friendly capacity into the area below Douglas St. Will we be seeing some of this energy applied to areas between Douglas and Cook street as well?
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:35 PM	Let's just get ride of on street parking. Secure bike parking is important.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:38 PM	Don't see the benefit/reason to replace existing trees that are well established.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:40 PM	This should extend to Fisgard. Chiantown is an important feature of downtown and ending at Pandora seems short-sighted. Chiantown is quickly becoming obsolete and a one-block extension would be phneonmenal. Including the Mac, Centennial Sq and the Gates would be a wise move.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 01:41 PM	Space for street for vendors Dedicated space for homeless people to congregate and be protected from police violence. Space for outdoor

## farmers market Public bathrooms

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3/16/2022 01:44 PM

Same issues as I stated before.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:46 PM

Love the bike idea for more storage, I have an electric bike but can't take it downtown will be stolen in 5 minutes. How can we have safe and secure bike storage?

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:52 PM

Car-free zones is the future! Cars suck!

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:53 PM

I support replacing trees - but when it becomes necessary not with an attitude of, it's going to happen anyway so might as well cut them down now.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:56 PM

I like the idea of more pedestrian traffic heading towards Pandora (but not all) and a reason for tourists to keep going north. More definition & clarity needed about tree renewal. ie. what constitutes the "life" of a tree? What other tree considerations are there? I don't support taking down old trees just for the sake of "out with the old and in with the new".

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:59 PM

Art vendors on the street. This is what makes so many other cities so much more vibrant. They have a chance to showcase their local artisans and allow them the opportunity to sell their work in a very visible commercial area.

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3/16/2022 02:01 PM

Not just more bike parking, but better, more secure bike parking. I don't currently feel comfortable locking my bike up against the current bike racks.

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3/16/2022 02:03 PM

This section is perhaps a better opportunity for creating patio space, as there is much less in the way of entrenched institutional businesses. Allow space for local, creative businesses to plant roots. I very much support the expansion of the pedestrian zone to this area.

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3/16/2022 02:06 PM

Provide safer bike parking. I love riding my bike but have had too many issues with theft and vandalism.

Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:08 PM	I would prefer 100% vehicle free, like city squares in European cities. This is the only European-style 'old town' in Western Canada. It deserves to be preserved as such.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:10 PM	Drinking fountain, toilet.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:17 PM	On-street parking should be avoided if necessary. Making more areas pedestrian-first would be beneficial.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:19 PM	Again with the trees, depends on the location and installation. The current trees block the visual space on government street. Smart planning, location and type of tree is important. All for greenery and trees in the downtown core, but not at the expense of space on the sidewalk etc. The designs look great so far!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:24 PM	Again, too much taxpayers' money being spent. Down size all of these projects by 75% and I would be on board.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:27 PM	no more horse drawn carriages. save the animals. focus less on white history and more on bipoc history.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:32 PM	Pedestrian zone. NOT BIKES NOT HORSES NOT powered wheeled equipment that travels over 3 km per hour
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:34 PM	I do not support replacing aging trees, only replace trees after assessment of health.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:36 PM	No cars please.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:48 PM	Go further with expansion of pedestrian and active transportation-oriented space. Complete restriction of access for motor vehicles. I would prefer to see a completely car-free approach.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:48 PM	Keep trees. Traffic study to evaluate congestion on other streets especially Wharf and Douglas. Traffic lights in sync. Idling cars like on Cook add more CO2 emissions. City of Gardens needs more flowers year round. Security and good lighting. Seating with backs. Food

trucks might be great in this area. Covered seating areas for rainy days. Not a fan of the counters and really bright colours. Marine inspired design perhaps in blues and greens. Ocean inspired murals, funky shops, artists' year round co-op shops and an enclosed market area, maybe even local food produce since more condos downtown. Think of what local people year round want and not just tourists.

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3/16/2022 02:49 PM

No to anything related to bikes - you have made downtown inaccessible for those of us who are over 65 and need to use a car -  
**S. 22** . Give your heads a shake.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:51 PM

NO VEHICLE ACCESS!!! This is turning into a confusing mess of transportation modes. Only commercial deliveries should be allowed during times when ped activity is low. Priority should be for a ped only enviroment with no horse drawn carriages and bikes to be dismounted and walked through ped area. Keep art installations out of the way of peds and simple and unobstrusive.

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3/16/2022 02:54 PM

Your plan entirely fails to acknowledge that our climate does not allow for an active pedestrian space for at least 6 months of the year.

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3/16/2022 02:56 PM

No bikes horses or pedi cabs or pedestrians lose all space to walk freely and safely

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:59 PM

more police presence

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 03:02 PM

More focus on environmental Sustainability and address light pollution. Too many mature trees are already removed from this city.

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3/16/2022 03:07 PM

Make sure if you have to replace trees that that are like the traditional Japanese maple cherry trees that Victoria is noted for. Photos show a lifeless looking tree. Early flowering trees the nicest feature of downtown. Also it should include something like a tribute sign for businesses that are paying the bills. Bronze statues throughout essential. Waterfall Would be nice

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3/16/2022 03:08 PM

Where are the public washrooms?

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Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:17 PM	You missed the part where I keep paying more money for property tax and it is continuously taking me longer and longer to get to my place of work and around my home city. Hire people in the planning department so that your construction projects do not stack on top of each other and funnel all traffic into one area.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:18 PM	All good.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:43 PM	This seems like it's going to make traffic worse while spending money on a bunch of stuff that doesn't really matter. Housing for the middle class and dealing with homelessness/addiction first, otherwise this is going to be dreadful.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:45 PM	With respect to on-street parking: the question would be better split into 2. On-street car parking, I would vote no. On-street loading zones, I would vote yes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:47 PM	Car free at all times, underground bike storage
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:52 PM	again one concern: noise at night..
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:57 PM	See above.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:06 PM	Ditto
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:20 PM	The new trees should be food trees! Apples, Hazelnuts, Pears, etc. Also please add water-bottle refill stations.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:30 PM	policing
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:35 PM	As above
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:38 PM	Does not matter if you have Accessible seating if those who are people with disabilities (PWD) cannot even reach the proposed street

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when there are no close by affordable disability parking spots or senior friendly spots any more. having such stalls at parkades is futile and too far for PWDs to get to the point they want to reach on a particular street they'd like to visit. Victoria is becoming more and more exclusive and less inclusive for PWDs and seniors.

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3/16/2022 04:48 PM

Not car friendly

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3/16/2022 04:51 PM

Lets not forget tour bus access, which actually bring tourists, who actually bring money to pay for all these change, and support the business currently going under due to covid, tourism, and increasing lack of access. It may come as a surprise, but most tourists and out of towners, and elderly, do NOT bike or walk to downtown. And plus, homeless, cleanliness, etc.

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3/16/2022 05:12 PM

Present configuration is fine.

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3/16/2022 05:14 PM

Maybe if we reached out to China they would help with the incorporating Chinatown portion! Maybe get a had with cost too idk. Bit of a dreamer. :)

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3/16/2022 05:29 PM

Do not replace trees that are not dying.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 05:38 PM

If it is like other :place-making initiatives over the last seven years or so, it is as corrupt in that it tries to please everyone with too many "things". Keep it simple and build quality surfaces offering lots of flexibility for emerging uses. Minimize signs, for example as it is difficult to get a decent picture downtown with the visual clutter of too many 'things', hodge-podge of temporary structures, benches, bollards, etc. It is 'ugly'!

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3/16/2022 07:18 PM

Should just be a car free zone (with exception for deliveries/commercial vehicles)

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3/16/2022 07:22 PM

Public Restrooms with security. Secure bike parking

Screen Name Redacted

Do not support two lane traffic. One lane at most, please.

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3/16/2022 07:47 PM

Screen Name Redacted

All good

3/16/2022 07:59 PM

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I believe a small transit train( golf cart) "jump on and off" stopping at each intersection, would alleviate the concerns of shop owners about tourists not having time to get to the south end of Government.

3/16/2022 08:02 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Could you maybe add images with bold print? The print is small and very faded. Same two concerns; itinerants and climate change.

3/16/2022 09:18 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I'd love to see some historic info about Fort Victoria and Chinatown here, like the mural boards that are featured on the side of the garden shed at St Ann's Academy. If the south end of the refurbished area is rightfully about the history of the traditional keepers of this area, I'd like to see something similar about the history of how Victoria came to be how it is (and a "true" history that isn't whitewashed would be appreciated). There are a lot of influences that created the Victoria we know today, and I know seeing how tourists read all the plaques and murals at St Ann's, how interesting that history is to many people (even locals). Even once when I did a horse-carriage tour through Chinatown, I learned so much about the history, same as when I did a tour with the Ghost Walk company. There's so much interesting history here, I'd love to see that really emphasized, as well as creating modern spaces for modern use like patios, shopping, performance and arts events, etc.

3/16/2022 09:45 PM

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Same as my previous comments. Since this is one street most visitors see, it would be nice if it were cleaner, more natural materials, and imparted a "warm" feeling. Also, daily maintenance and cleaning will be required. Thanks!

3/16/2022 09:46 PM

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These are lovely ideas, but at the expense of all-day vehicle access. Wharf St. will now be a traffic jam all summer with the new bike lanes and it must be avoided. Douglas St. has limited turns westward, leaving half of downtown virtually inaccessible if Government St. is not available to vehicles. I used to shop, dine and do other business frequently downtown. No longer. This is very disappointing.

3/16/2022 11:00 PM

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Reduced car traffic, probably reducing it to one-way at least, if not completely car-free.

3/17/2022 12:34 AM



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3/17/2022 02:45 AM

High quality pedestrian friendly light shade pavement, large slabs --  
NOT asphalt, NOT street-brick style, NOT concrete--

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 06:46 AM

How about trying to regulate rents for businesses in the area to  
ensure businesses can remain in the area?

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 06:54 AM

It would be good to have the emphasis of the European history  
somewhere between the Harbour and Chinatown effectively turning  
Government st into a "chronological street" telling the history of  
Victoria. You can have the Lekwungen story told at the harbour, A  
European story told around bastion square and then Chinatown story  
told near Pandora. Placard, statues or displays in place would make  
this an active goal not a passive mention.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 08:28 AM

I wouldn't support removal of vehicles from this section, and think this  
sounds like a good balance.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 08:48 AM

As above.  
[https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/sep/29/berlin-vote-landlords-referendum-corporate?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/sep/29/berlin-vote-landlords-referendum-corporate?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

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3/17/2022 09:02 AM

If there is traffic on this section, a designated protected bike lane  
should be used.

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3/17/2022 10:00 AM

All cars and delivery trucks must MUST not be allowed from 6 am-1  
am. Deliveries and access by autos and trucks must only be after 1  
am always.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:07 AM

-Include discussion about integration with redevelopment of south  
east corner of Pandora & Government street (currently vacant). -  
Include update on Centennial Square redevelopment and integration  
with Pandora intersection -Could this vacant corner be purchased and  
redeveloped by City into an event space expanding on Centennial  
Square redevelopment?

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:19 AM

No cars allowed ever. Every city in Europe has street(s) for  
pedestrian-only use, and in which most or all automobile traffic is  
prohibited.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:35 AM

Think about routes to Johnson Street parkade and other parking areas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:50 AM

Public washrooms

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 11:09 AM

Wayfinding??? Please, stop with the trendy words. Why put a sign up for a former creek when no-one can see it? There are many former creeks. Maybe daylighting some of them might be nice. And the street changes near city hall? You've already ruined streets in the area, and are being sued by the blind for the way it has been done, And you want to do more?

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 11:09 AM

Just a small thing, but would you consider any new or replacement plants/trees be native species? Things like oak, red currant, evergreen huckleberry, madrone, ferns, and so on?

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3/17/2022 12:21 PM

public washroom

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3/17/2022 12:43 PM

Again, I don't want to see trees replaced before their time. Adding new trees is good.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 12:49 PM

This segment is most in need of new attractive tree canopies for shade and texture....

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3/17/2022 01:03 PM

This section's current trees are very squished so I'm excited about more space for people and trees.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 01:46 PM

As I stated earlier, somehow, this entire area of Government Street needs to be designated 100% smoke-free. Right now, the city plazas (e.g., the plaza adjacent to Pandora, right behind city hall) are quite unpleasant since numerous people come and sit there to smoke. I find it very unpleasant to sit or stand in these places for very long – and to even cycle past - since I am nearly always confronted with second-hand smoke. While cycling up and down the All Ages & Abilities bike lane on Pandora I am frequently having to inhale second-hand cigarette/pot smoke from people standing on the edge of the sidewalk curb (right beside me!), having a smoke. Why are the seemingly-homeless people who hang out near the city hall/theatre

every day allowed to smoke there? Please, somehow, figure out how to make this a 100% smoke-free zone and to enforce it. (Or provide an enclosed air-tight cubicle for all the smokers to smoke in...some of these exist in airports.) It is ironic that I am frequently cycling or walking, helping reduce air pollution, but having to inhale others' second-hand smoke. Can every space be categorized as 7 m or less from a door or can this entire section of Government Street be zoned as "park" so that all forms of smoking can be banned? This is something I really despise about walking around downtown. And stores like the Kaboodles toy shop often have second-hand smoke drifting in since they leave their door propped open most of the time. So few of us smoke but it appears to be increasingly harder to avoid breathing in second-hand smoke and have access to clean air.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 02:00 PM

Put bike lock ups in view of patios or storefronts so we don't have to worry as much about them getting stolen. Bike theft is too common in Vic and I don't bike downtown if I know there is nowhere to lock it that isn't right beside onlooking people.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 02:09 PM

one way street on wharf going south and government going north providing wider lane for drivers. i believe this is safer as well

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 02:14 PM

What's happening at the burnt down hotel at Government and Pandora? The current lack of infrastructure on this side of the road + the long stretch of MEC's outer wall on the other side of the road makes this area undesirable to walk at night. What is being done to ensure Spirit Square and Centennial Square is welcoming to tourists/shoppers/families and not vagrants or drunkards?

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3/17/2022 03:30 PM

accessible all gender public washroom with counter for diaper changes and sinks for washing up

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 03:51 PM

Same as above... & Replace ageing street trees with new trees? Plant new ones elsewhere instead of **S. 22** replacing ageing trees. On the subject of Chinatown - how about there's some building codes & regs enforced as it looks like some parts of China with some of those exterior wires hanging about the place. Every time I walk through I think to myself, I wonder when they'll be an electrical fire here.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 04:15 PM

What kind of wayfinding does the city plan to use? There are multiple wayfinding tools that could be used, some of which are clearly

demonstrated in the Federal Government's new built environment standard (B651).

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3/17/2022 04:35 PM

please leave old trees...add new ones if you want

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 05:07 PM

Vertical gardens, vegetable gardens, fruit trees, motion-sensor solar (or bicycle powered) lights/music/jokes, tc.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 05:28 PM

Again, more curved lines and small greenery.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 05:39 PM

That stretch is relatively unattractive, anything would help. And remember, those u-shaped bike racks are difficult to use when you want to lock up your front wheel and your bicycle -- and it's really necessary in some parts of town to lock your front wheel.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 07:56 PM

No car access just limited access for delivery and business vehicles like European pedestrian streets

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 09:40 PM

Why not continue reduced single lane traffic.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 11:27 PM

I like it!

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 05:38 AM

I understand commercial traffic is necessary, but pedestrian only would be so nice

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 08:53 AM

More play areas for kids. Licensed outside beer garden.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 11:00 AM

Magic money to pay for the magic visions. The downtown is now as much impediment as accelerator to the city. There's no room for moving vans, for city buses, for taxi stands, more raises to parking fees, more restrictive zoning and this increased discrimination will grow a few subsidized festivals? This is already a failure.

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3/18/2022 11:26 AM

Secure and covered bike parking

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3/18/2022 11:28 AM

see above

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 11:55 AM

More curved, organic forms if including benches and planters.....get away from hard, 90 degree angular forms to something to soften the hard cityscape.....also more trees and bigger trees that exist now, big enough to create a lovely cathedral like canopy along the street.....maybe plane trees that grow to be large trees and are pollution resistant like the ones in Paris. Also large arbours over the seating areas that are covered in grape vines. grape vines are almost care free if they are allowed to grow in the actual ground as opposed to containers.....they are able to find water which will decrease the necessity to irrigate.....the general overall changes should increase the green canopy, which would be in line with the Urban Forest Plan.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 12:58 PM

I do not support street parking as it is a waste of road space. Instead I believe there should be more investment for above ground and underground parkade creating a more pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 02:15 PM

Cultural displays of Immigrants eg. displays of egg dying designs, Philippine artwork, Japanese origami, kite making, flying lanterns, etc.

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3/18/2022 03:17 PM

Public washrooms

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3/18/2022 05:48 PM

Finding the name of the creek that runs between Old Town & Chinatown. Preferably a Lekwungen name?

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 08:38 PM

water fountain, public restroom

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3/18/2022 09:38 PM

Surface Stormwater management that integrates with art like Portland

Screen Name Redacted

3/19/2022 08:35 AM

I believe that you should consider implementing the street closure as envisioned with the southern part of government, in order to encourage and expand that ambiance,

Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 08:35 AM	Amplified street performance zones
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 02:23 PM	Why doesn't this stretch include a seamless continuation of the protected bike infrastructure that is currently being built along the rest of Government St.?
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 03:51 PM	where is reference to Fort St crossing Government?
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 04:34 PM	Same as above.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 05:16 PM	Leave the trees that are there for now. You can plant the new trees in the newly designed areas. When they are fully grown, in a few years, you can remove the older ones. Also have some flower beds possibly around the old and new trees.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 09:07 PM	Owner of 1315 Government, the Spank Building. Would like sidewalk widened on east side. This will pull people pass Yates (most tourists do not cross Yates) to Market Square/Lojo and Chinatown areas. A wider sidewalk will provide outside seating for Starbucks. Also the current hornbeam at 1315 is too close to the building. A new tree, if needed, should be moved out to give it more space to grow.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 07:47 AM	Connecting historic Chinatown to the 'core' is as essential as including the First Nations history.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 07:49 AM	Bathrooms covered bike parking
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 08:23 AM	See above
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 08:27 AM	Don't agree with moving traffic away from downtown. The goals can still be met while allowing for car access
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 09:07 AM	What are the plans for keeping it clean and graffiti-free

Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 09:22 AM	More access to public washrooms
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 09:32 AM	Quebec City has history-based signage throughout its Old Town, highlighting histories of buildings, etc. Perhaps a thought for some of our beautiful downtown historical buildings? (One day, they, too will be as old as QCs are today) Vic also has some beautiful alleyways leading up to Fan Tan Alley. Can they be part of the beautification process too? (Lighting, artwork, etc)
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 09:49 AM	Make parking limited-cars are unattractive and take up space. Expand parking on the edges or next block over
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 09:50 AM	I feel like you miss really hearing what locals want and you instead have us complete surveys that don't matter as you will do as you please regardless. That's really disappointing by the way.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 10:48 AM	Family Oriented Public Washrooms, replacement of dying trees only.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 11:07 AM	see reason above. If this is to be a pedestrian friendly area, then vehicles do not work.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 12:15 PM	In order to draw traffic north, I think McPherson Playhouse could be treated as more of an anchor/destination to drive early evening traffic into the area. The currently plan seems to ignore it. The Playhouse should be incorporated into the plan- that may involve zoning to pull more people in during the evening (restaurants with patios, bars, etc.), to make the area around the Royal feel less desolate. This may persuade people to stay for dinner and/or drinks when taking in a show.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 12:16 PM	Public washrooms
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 01:05 PM	Again, the questions re vehicle access are ambiguous re pick-up vs parking and loading etc.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 01:18 PM	Please consider another washroom.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:01 PM

Spend money on the required/useful things. Why recognize a creek?  
That makes no sense.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:23 PM

The sidewalks are already accommodating and wide enough. The construction would be disruptive to businesses and patrons. There's already been too much construction everywhere in Victoria.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:29 PM

No cars other than commercial loading during off hours.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:59 PM

Only replace aging trees if needed, unless newer trees will be large enough to contribute to green feel and shade sufficiently. Consider plant walls or other ways of creating urban greenery. Support businesses that will be popular year-round instead of only during tourist season.

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3/20/2022 04:07 PM

Sounds great

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 06:20 PM

Please keep access for vehicles consistent with the rest of the Government Street re-design and have timed loading access periods for this stretch as well instead of keeping constant vehicle access. This would make it so much more pleasant for pedestrians who otherwise would be left hanging only after a few blocks. And for cyclists who would like to connect to the Pandora bike lane!

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 07:37 PM

Again, leave things alone. Tourists flock to our city for what it is and has always been.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 07:55 PM

Replacing ageing street trees needs to be done in a coherent manner to achieve the same pleasing effect of the trees closer to Fort Street. Bike parking is useless if bikes are stolen. Most people I know won't take a bike downtown and leave it locked up anymore. How would this be dealt with. I support making this area an integral part of the overall Government Street experience.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:23 PM

I find the idea of widening the sidewalks in this area not ideal, as I know this to be a bus route and in the case the road becomes one lane, a bus stopping or a person making a right turn, on to Johnson, traffic would back up and congest to a frustrating amount, much like on Wharf street. Instead I would love to simply see the roads and



sidewalks be repaved, and either more on street parking to support people who need it necessary to drive to visit the downtown core. Not all people have the ability to walk or bike. There's more to accessibility than just drop off, and parking sticker zones.

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3/20/2022 09:55 PM

daylight the creek; permeable ground cover; indigenous plant communities, not just individual trees; food forest; permaculture principles;

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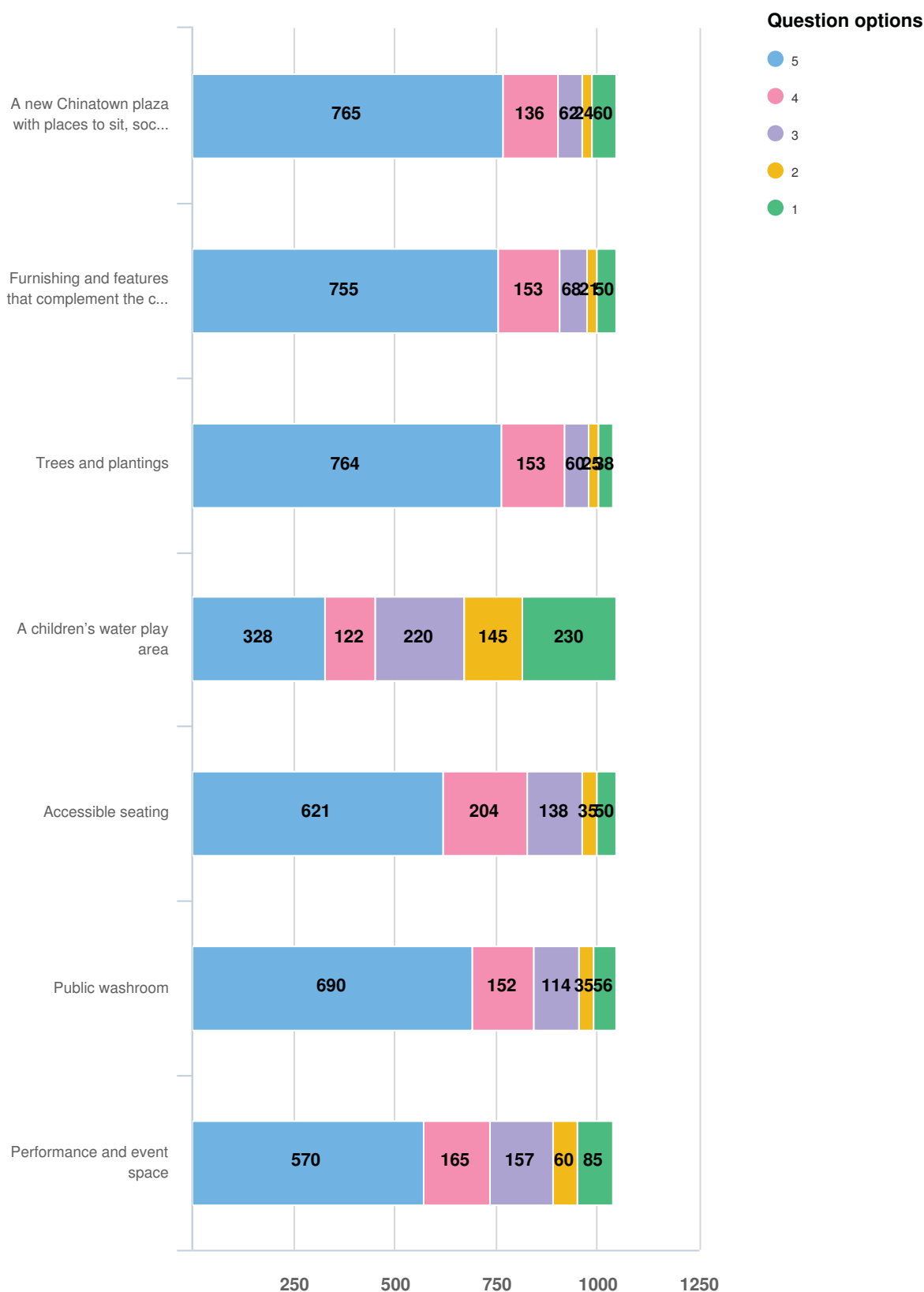
3/20/2022 09:55 PM

I constantly walk Government street I never see it so full of pedestrians that there is a need for more sidewalk or bike racks over flowing that is not happening it is the opposite more cars down town than pedestrians I work down town and have had four of my bikes stolen from work the police are unable to find them this is a huge issue maybe crime should be addressed first so people will feel safe going downtown

**Optional question** (377 response(s), 686 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q10** Special features for the intersection of Government and Pandora could include the following. Please rate your level of support for each feature from 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest support and 5 being the highest support.

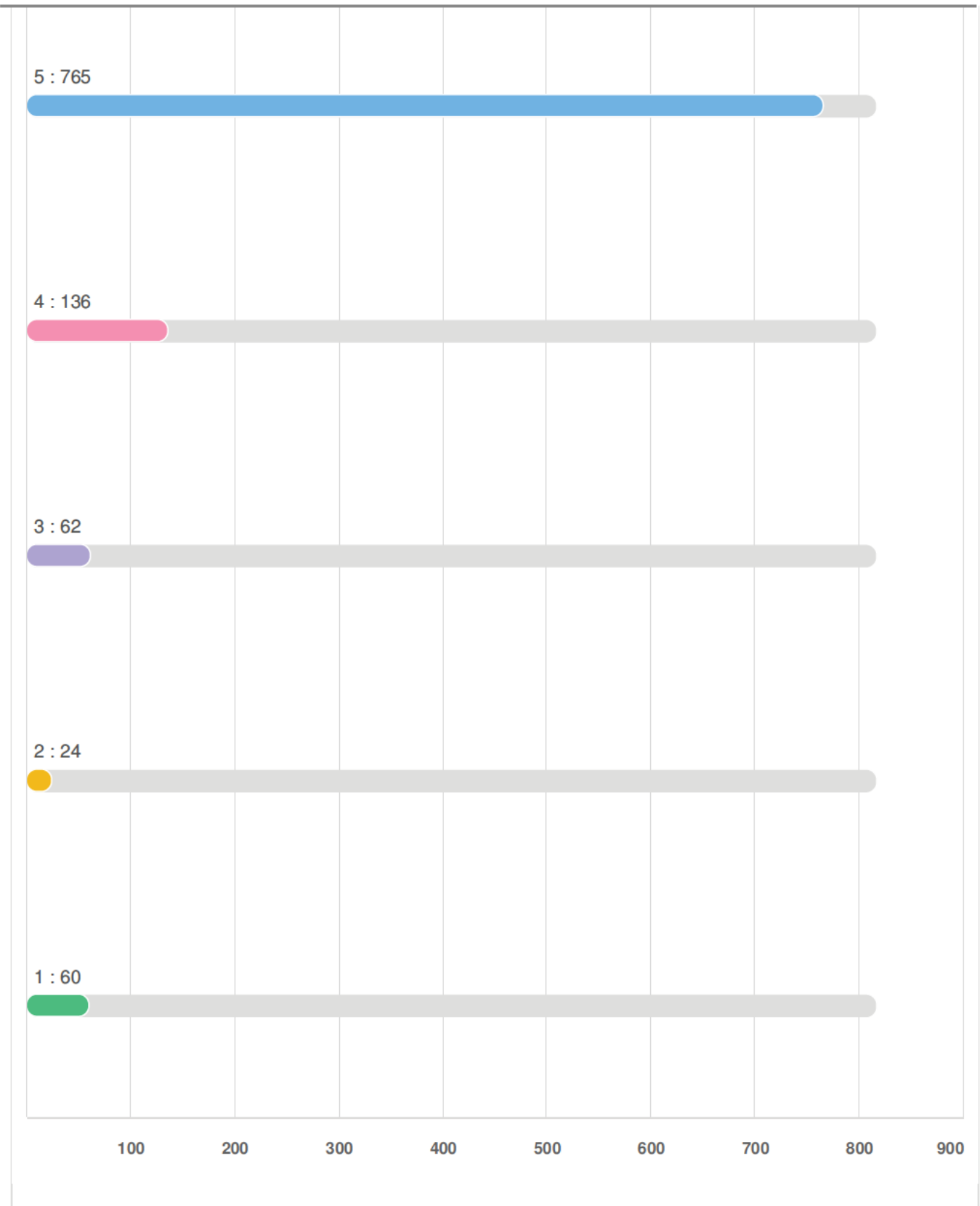


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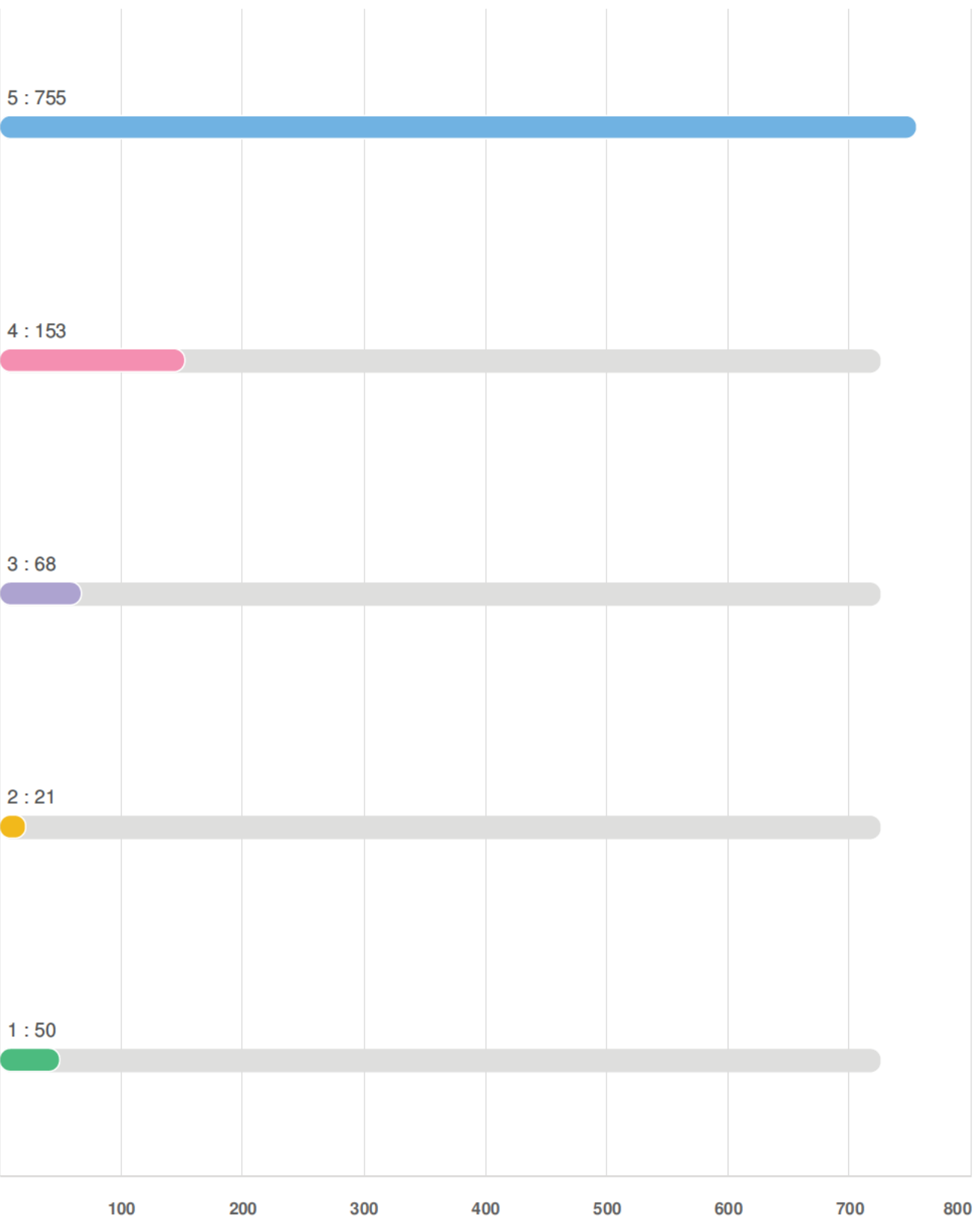
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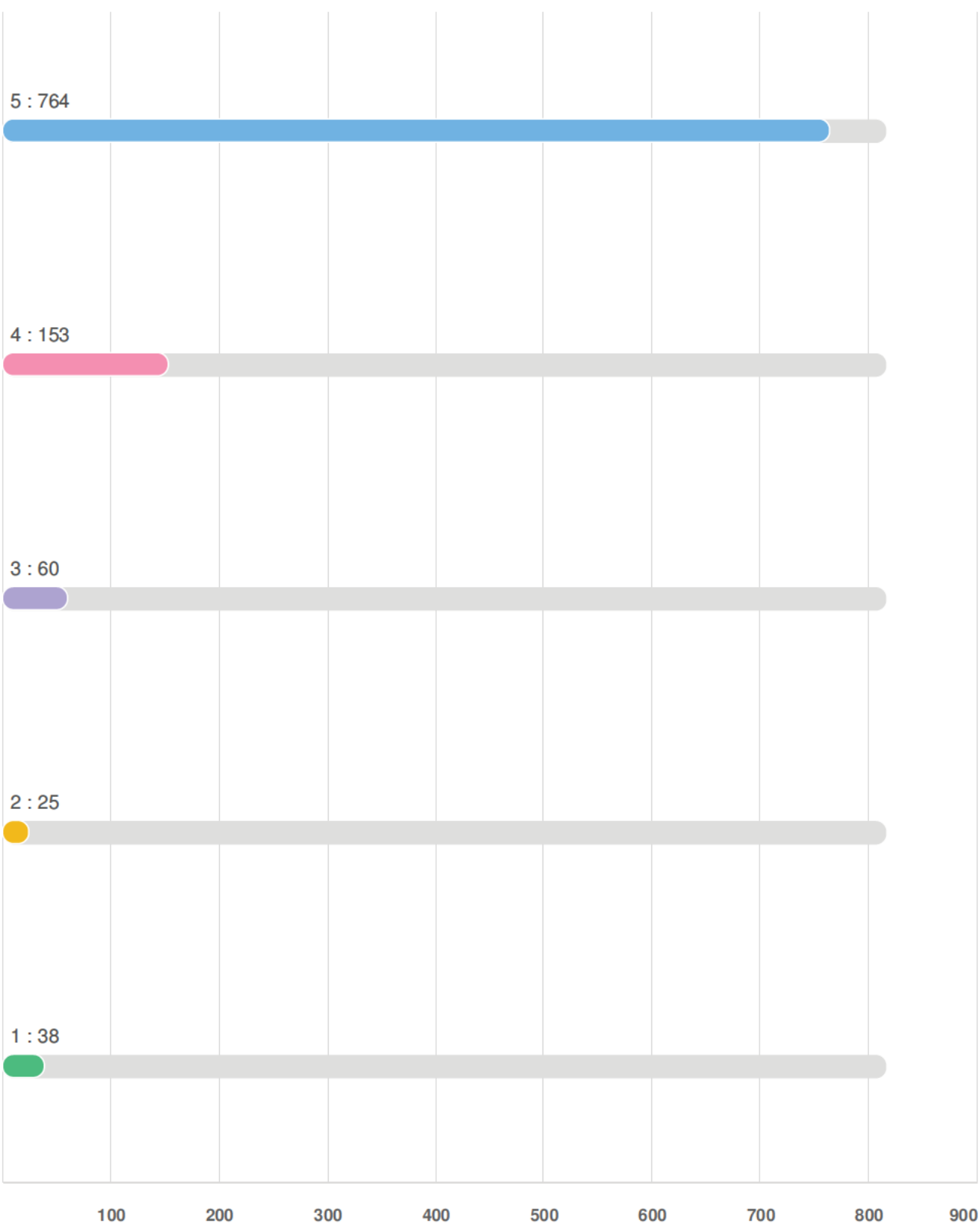
**A new Chinatown plaza with places to sit, socialize and dine**



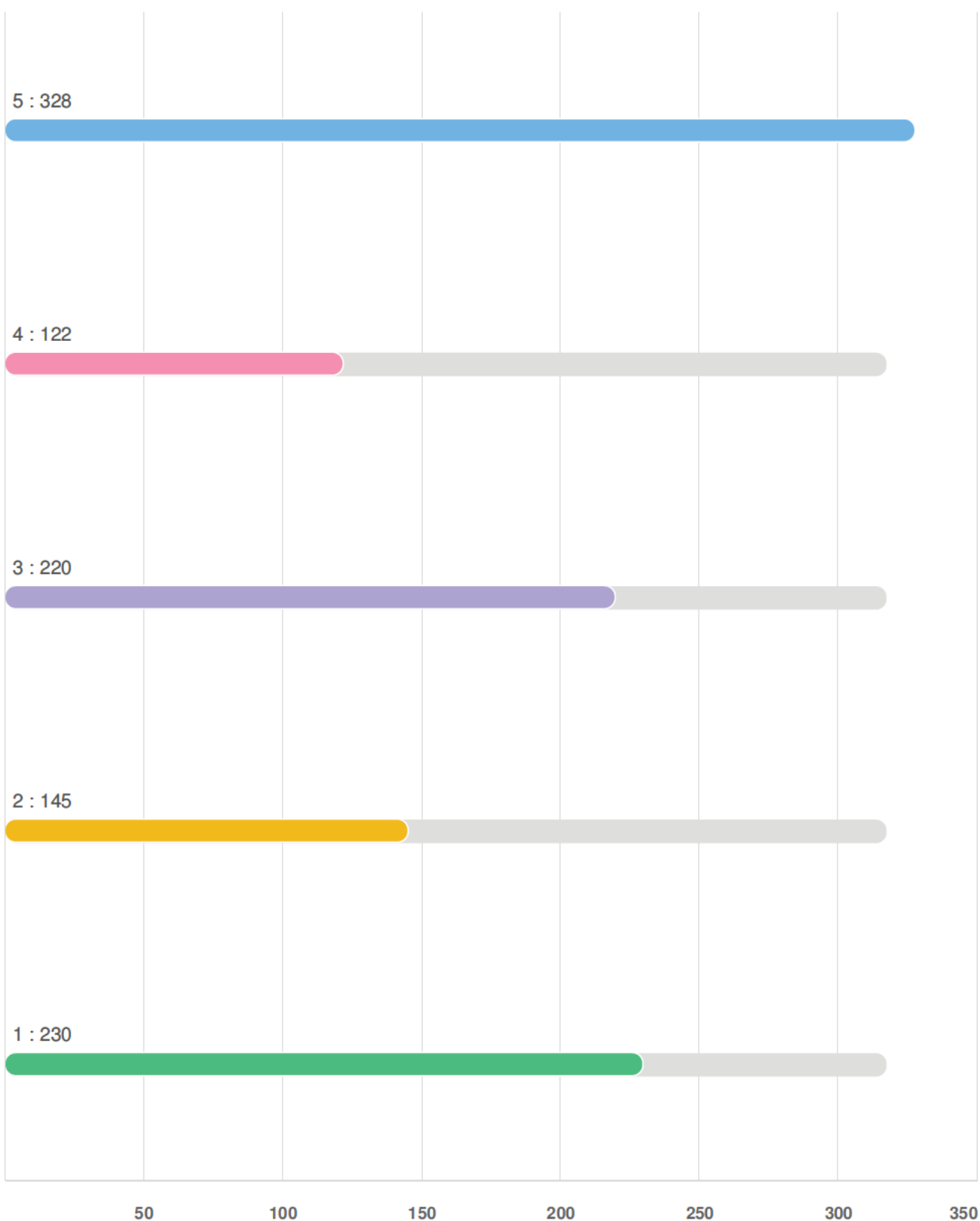
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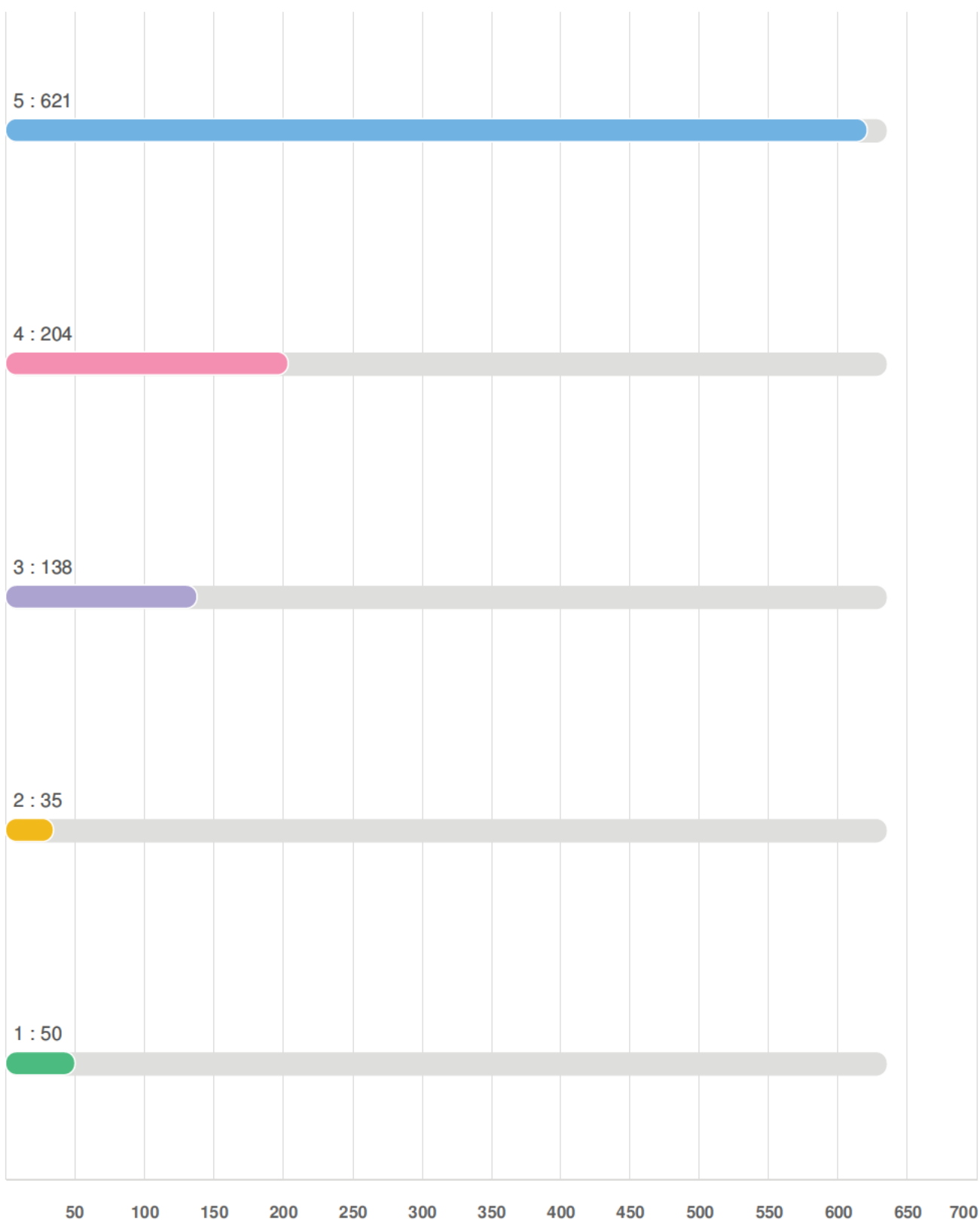
## Trees and plantings



## A children's water play area

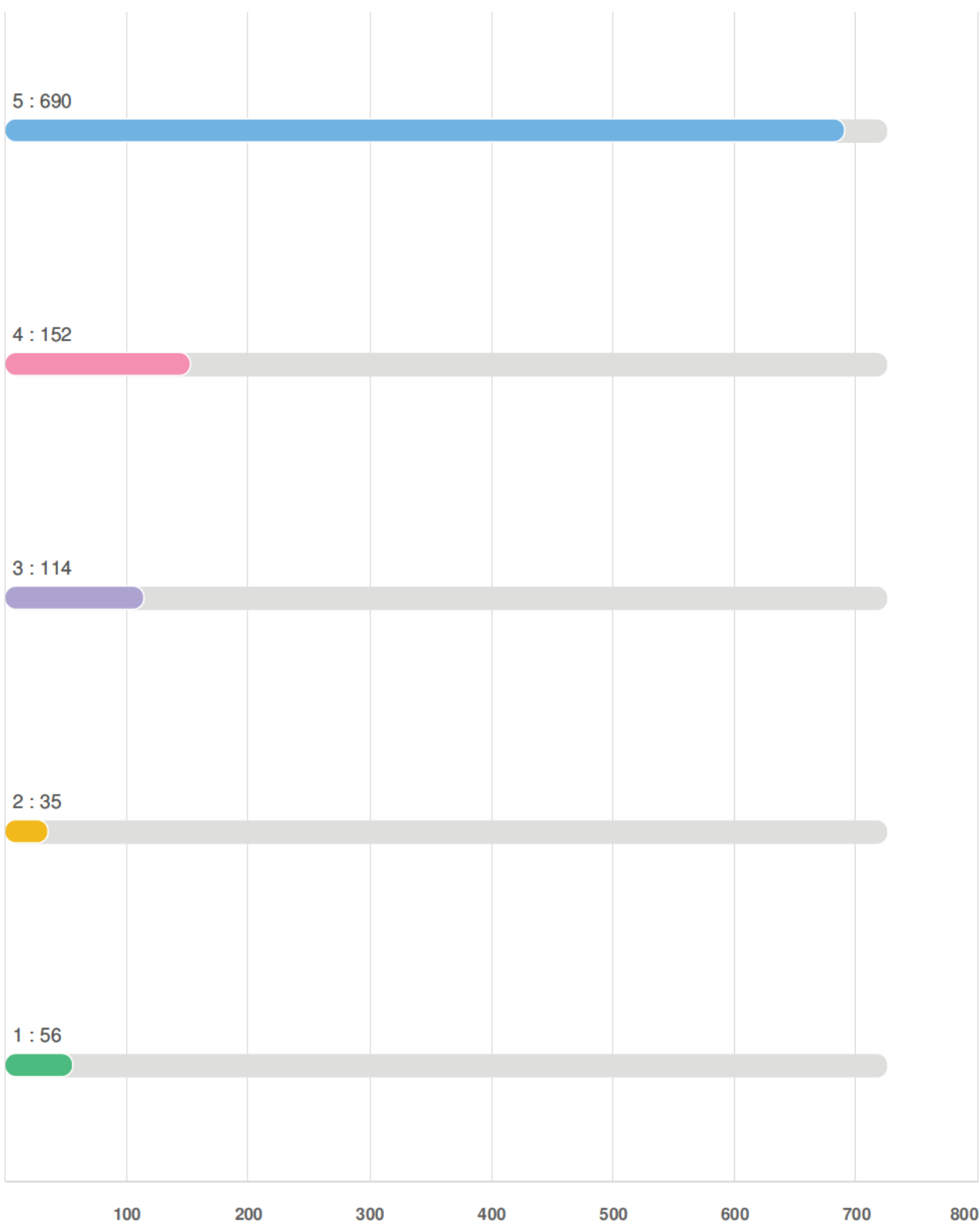


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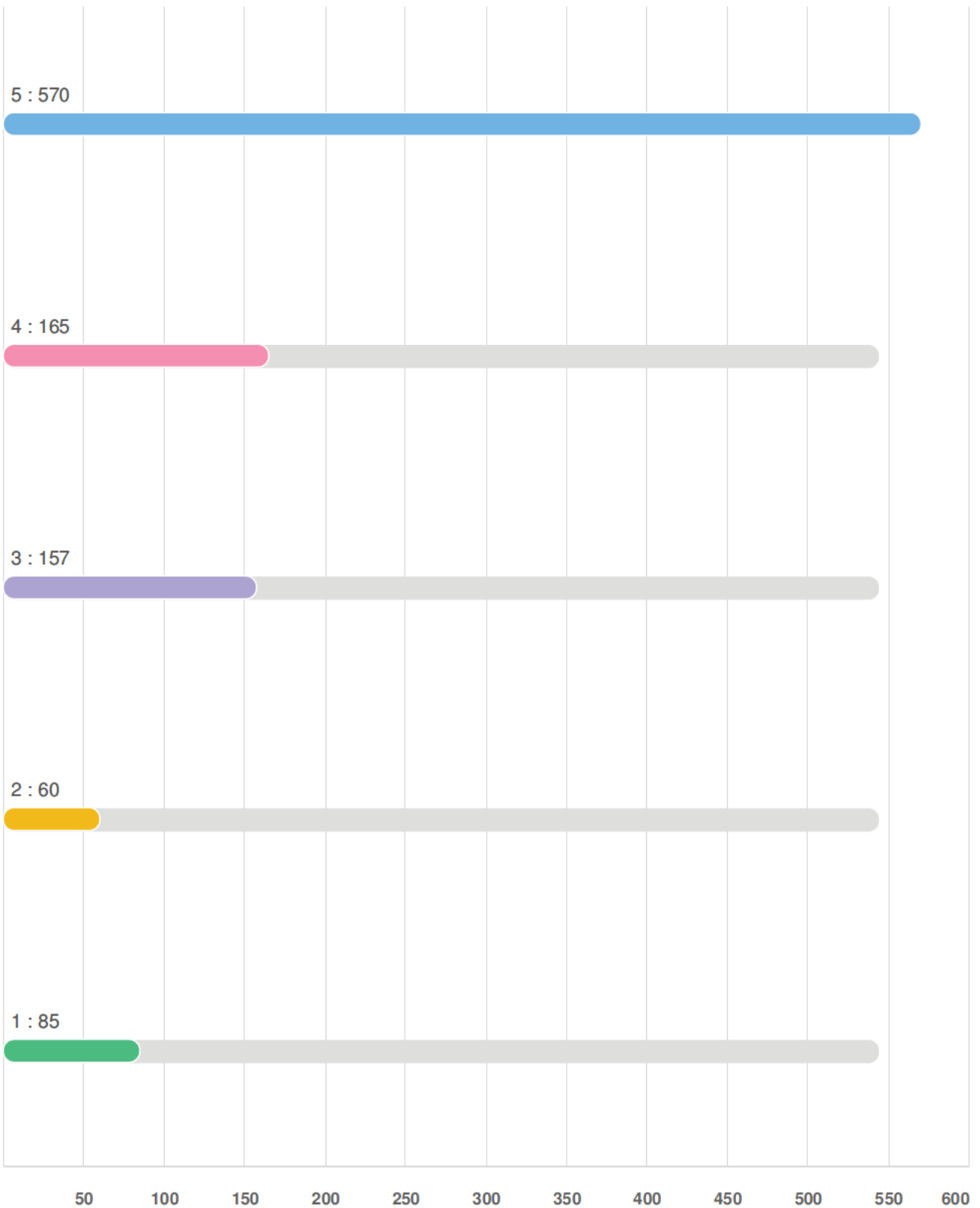


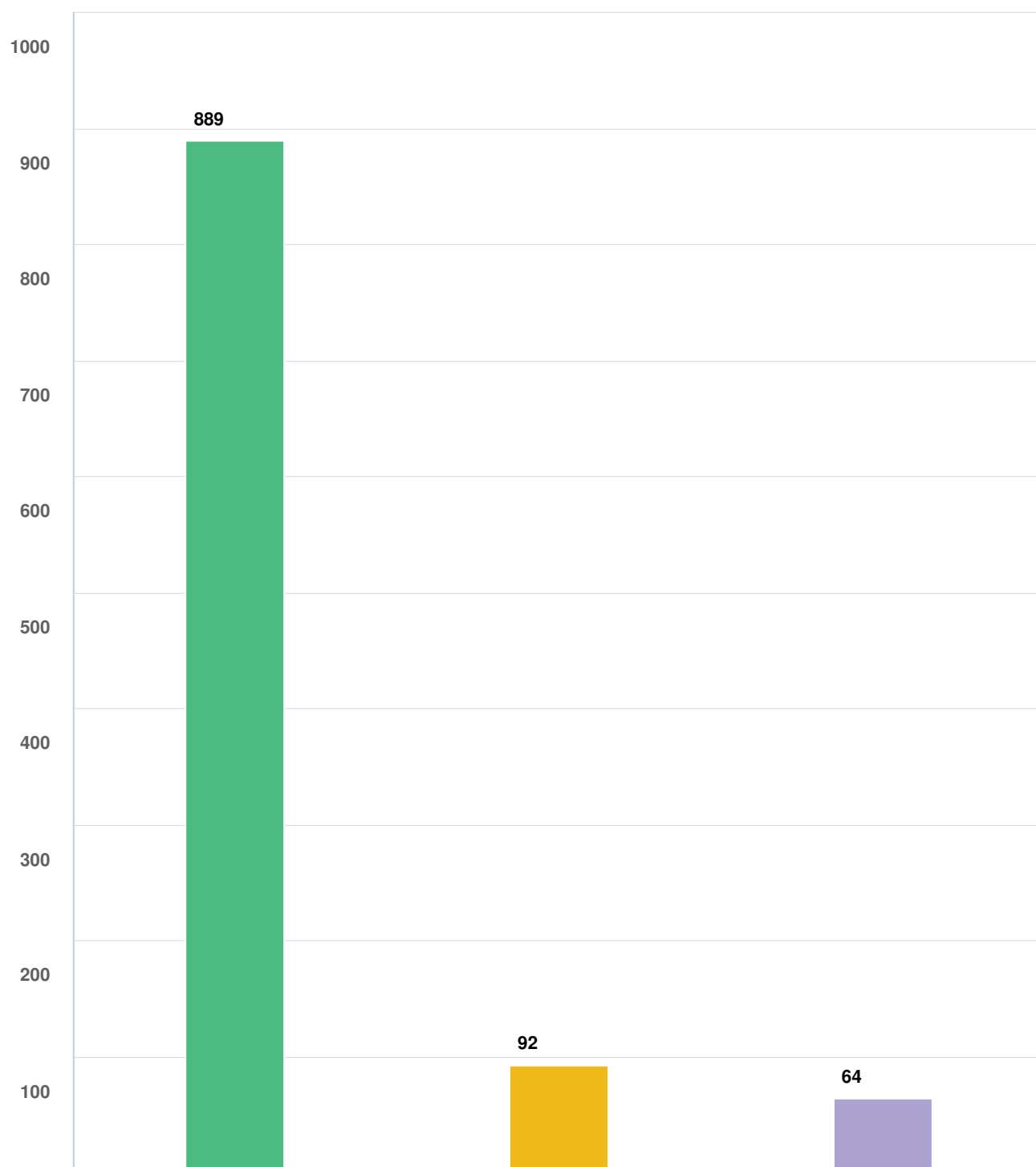


## Public washroom



## Performance and event space



**Q11 What is your overall level of support for what is proposed for the Government and Pandora intersection?****Question options**

☐ Don't Support ☐ Neutral ☒ Support

Optional question (1045 response(s), 18 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q12 What did we miss? What would you like to see included?**

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3/02/2022 10:36 AM

please - no water feature - introduces problems - the fountain in Centennial Square no longer works. Kids water park here - wrong location No public washroom - no more open drugs and camping centres No more public performances - have the hodge podge at Centennial Square. City is NOT good at doing this type of thing

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 10:57 AM

Washrooms need attendants.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:13 AM

Given the proximity of the proposed plaza to the existing City Hall Plaza, it seems likely that this one two would become the exclusive domain of homeless people. Most people are afraid to even traverse City Hall Plaza, occupied as it is by homeless men sitting around shirtless, playing music on boomboxes, smoking and drinking, occasionally play hackysack, and so on. Unless the City can explain why the new space wouldn't just be an extension of that situation, don't expect support for the idea.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:29 AM

CRUISE SHIP SEASON RESTART REVIEW.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:38 AM

More bike parking, including secured bike parking.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 12:11 PM

This is a fabulous idea! There is so much good food in Chinatown but very few places to sit down and enjoy it. I can see myself using this space a lot.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 12:31 PM

love it all.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 01:19 PM

I'd love to see the water play area have a small fence around it as young children that use these are often in the "runner phase" and since it's so near the street might be better for safety. Similar to the splash pad outside esq. rec.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 01:53 PM

Supportive of public washroom if it has security and regular maintenance

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:01 PM

Need public washroom facilities along entire corridor.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:09 PM

Sounds great!

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:09 PM

Would like a design that could integrate well into whatever form the adjacent development takes

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:11 PM

Please ensure the Chinese community is fully engaged. I don't believe this is an appropriate place for a children's waterpark. Something will need to be done about the unsafe environment created in this area of the city by the hotels purchased for street people and drug addicts.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:40 PM

places to dine should include food carts, not just restaurants.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:54 PM

When the neighbouring site that burned down is redeveloped I'd like to see the city insist on making this plaza even bigger through land dedication. It's going to be a great addition!

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:00 PM

Why make a new plaza when Centennial Square is just mere metres away from this?

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:35 PM

clean up and modernize Centennial Square. Get rid of the fountain and the big tree and especially homeys

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:54 PM

Do away with the horse drawn carriages. They are slow to be behind and the poor animals are a sad sight. They should be in nature, not on hot concrete with cars all day.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 04:21 PM

Please stop gentrifying Chinatown

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 04:24 PM

It is unclear how this will improve circulation and access to the Johnson St. Bridge.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 04:40 PM	This is a great idea.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 05:40 PM	I can only hope its an improvement compared to the mess of Centennial Square. Its a drug/crime zone most days and evenings. Maybe try and include improvements to that and connect them both.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 05:44 PM	Love all of these suggestions.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 06:00 PM	I would defer to the Chinatown community and would be happy with whatever they decide.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 06:50 PM	N/A. This looks great!
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:04 PM	I would love to see more inclusion of Chinese history, art, and culture. Perhaps an installation, either permanent or rotating, by immigrants and/or local artists of Chinese heritage that recognizes both their history and continued presence in Victoria/BC/Canada
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 08:35 PM	Continuous raised sidewalks.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 10:03 PM	Need a place for dogs and secure bike parking.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 11:29 PM	Adding a childs park and public bathroom will not solve the drug addicts and homeless population.... why would i feel safe bringing my child downtown when theres needles everywhere and ppl being stabbed and chased down the street? how about building a rehabilitation centre for the drug addicts?
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:15 AM	Keep vehicle traffic
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:18 AM	Yes! The greener the better for this one I think.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:24 AM	Incorporate Chinatown history; public art; fruit trees

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3/03/2022 07:38 AM

Design could incorporate Chinatown gate

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:43 AM

This looks amazing!!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:48 AM

Who is taking their child to a water park in the middle of downtown?  
The existing water parks and play areas even in Beaconhill park are under utilized. The area is simply too rough to be having a child centered place. Unless you are going to police the area to insure its safety. Money should be spent on policing and support for the homeless and improving their lives. Improved safety would actually encourage more people to return to downtown. People are not going downtown right now do to lack of safety walking on the street, lack of adequate and nearby parking and on going concerns about Covid.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:58 AM

You've got it covered. Well done!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:07 AM

Well lit area. Need to ensure inviting well lit area facilitates evening safe walking for tourists, residents and to surrounding communities.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:22 AM

I would love to see a redesign of Centennial Square. It's so dated it now has a "retro" look so working with that it may not need too much.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:33 AM

Please offer more covered areas for the unhoused to shelter

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:35 AM

I'm sorry but I think Chinatown should decide what it wants..to me it looks very plastic and really not welcoming....

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:36 AM

As Canada's oldest Chinatown, long overdue.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:38 AM

So cool!!!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:39 AM

Fully support. Could consider a spot for food trucks if there isn't a restaurant open there. I think with the new Monty's development

(whenever that happens), there needs to be patio space considered if there is a restaurant there. This would REALLY boost this unused corner.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:43 AM

Given proximity, consider if this is an opportunity to incorporate Centennial square. That space is horribly under-utilized at the moment, and is a prime location for outdoor restaurant and cafe patios, markets and similar. The suggestion of a children's water play area in the Chinatown redesign would work well in Centennial square

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:44 AM

Public washrooms would need to be maintained on a regular basis. Same as above re bikes.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:53 AM

Perfect use of space. Excellent.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:53 AM

A high traffic tourist zone is not a good location for a playground or "water play area", which should be in residential areas where children live

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:55 AM

Love this idea. Love making spaces more family friendly.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:59 AM

The key here will be designing it so that locals want to go and that there is life 24/7, otherwise it will become a dead zone like Centennial Square

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:02 AM

Security. This is within the boundary of Victoria's new violent crime epicentre.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:16 AM

Sadly I'm concerned this new plaza might become a magnet for the less well off in Victoria, and would become overrun with what we see at Centennial Square every day. Need to consider how to address this in an honest, realistic, respectful way.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:18 AM

All good here. Engage the local Chinese community as to what they really want, don't just make it some fake "Asian" thing, do it right!

## Screen Name Redacted

If there is still busy traffic on Pandora, this would not be a place for a



3/03/2022 09:26 AM

water play area.

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3/03/2022 09:30 AM

Think this would be a good use of the south corner of Pandora and Government intersection - needs sprucing up. Currently just little front streets and outdoor washroom. Area would have to have security to ensure keep people moving along. Not sure about a washroom there. Is one currently in City Hall parkade and in Market Square.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:32 AM

Same as above.

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3/03/2022 09:36 AM

I think there is danger this becomes another Pandora and Quadra with street users taking over

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:37 AM

I support this idea in concept - particularly re: connectivity to Chinatown and planting trees and plants... but am worried about shading when the burned down hotel area is rebuilt. Assuming that any rebuild will completely shade this park space. Concerned that this will undermine much of the plans outlined above.

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3/03/2022 09:41 AM

Historically, plazas in Victoria, over time, seem to have become be a disaster. Namely Centennial Square and the downtown library plaza. Most days little to no vibrancy. They have become faceless and uninviting. Best be careful how to move forward in this space. An inviting family playground, plenty of greenery, well managed, clean washrooms and a budget as well as a commitment to maintain standards will be necessary.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:41 AM

Performance and event space should not be the focus of this space with Centennial Square so close.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:42 AM

I like everything about the proposed design.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:42 AM

Historical information plaques?

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:42 AM

Much of what is proposed here could be provided in Centennial Square.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:43 AM	Considering the situation with rampant homelessness in Victoria, I am not sure that the public meeting spaces can safely be incorporated in Victoria--particularly in this area of the city--at this time.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:48 AM	bike storage and somewhere in the downtown you need space for the huge number of people who live downtown and own dogs to receive their dogs rather than on the street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:49 AM	I would like to see this area focus on children and families. If not here specifically, important to include in the overall plan. Not necessarily a water park, a creative play space, games, kids art, a toddler area. Great family washrooms with quieter spots for nursing Mums. There have been several programs on Knowledge Network lately showcasing family areas in large cities. We can do this too! It will also encourage families to come downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 09:50 AM	As long as it doesn't become overrun with unhoused people and as unappealing as Centennial Square
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:03 AM	Again recognize and integrate the relationship between Lekwungen and Asian peoples, respecting that although it is Chinatown it was first Lekwungen lands.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:03 AM	I'm concerned that the proposed covered areas will become places where homeless people congregate and build camps.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:11 AM	If the goal is to be inclusive of all who have contributed to the history of Victoria, don't limit it to indigenous people and the Chinese.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:12 AM	Love the idea of a child's water area!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:13 AM	Make sure washrooms are female friendly
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:16 AM	This idea looks wonderful.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 10:17 AM	Is there any thought to upgrading/highlighting Market Square?

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3/03/2022 10:19 AM

Great ideas that have the potential to create a strong gathering place at the heart of Victoria. Having restaurant/ cafe seating that spills out onto the plaza is key. Also, without ongoing event programming, this space is at risk of being underused. Is there plan/ budget to keep the space changing and active?

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3/03/2022 10:22 AM

This plaza is so close to Centennial Square, it's hard to imagine why we need two so close together. We especially don't need performance and event space across the street from the performance and event space at Centennial Square?? The children's play area is a good idea, as a reason to go here.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:23 AM

I like to park and shop in Chinatown. I like to park close to the stores that I am shopping at as I have mobility issues, and difficulty walking.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:24 AM

Sounds great.

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3/03/2022 10:32 AM

same as the other comments really.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:32 AM

I think that we really need to be more bold and aim for a full-time car-free zone as far as Yates.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:48 AM

Native species plantings only, please. This area used to be Garry oak meadow. It should be brought closer to that with landscaping.

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3/03/2022 10:49 AM

Recycling bins. Community announcement boards that will accept posters, flyers. Covered bike parking.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:51 AM

Instead of a splash pad for kids it would be nice to see an activity area they can use year round, maybe some thing painted on the plaza like a sort of obstacle course?

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:52 AM

I like that you have included here a public washroom - overall I strongly believe we need more of these in the city (and not those gross single stall things that exist that are not properly maintained). I also hope that within this recognition of and attempt to support China Town that further steps are made to ensure that rents are controlled

here so that Chinese people can continue to operate in this area. It is quickly becoming gentrified and being taken over, and the city needs to take measures to preserve it.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:02 AM

Get feedback from the shop owners in China town about what they would like to see. And feedback on how to celebrate Chinese culture. We can use this restructure to inform and recognize Chinese culture and not just our North American version of it.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:03 AM

I would like to see some pedestrian connection between the new plaza and Centennial Square such as an overhead walkway. I think this would greatly enhance the gathering potential of the area.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:10 AM

Replace pavement so that it signals this is a pedestrian priority zone.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Are the people in charge of this visiting other cities to gather ideas? Children's water play areas can be very artistic and lovely. Washrooms have to be safe for children (no needle discards, etc.)

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:18 AM

space for food trucks. or move it to centennial square.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:30 AM

performance space ok with me

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:51 AM

Any trees and plants should be native BC trees and plants  
Recognition of and space for buskers and other street performers  
More and nice, clean, public washrooms

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:20 PM

I love that a washroom is being added, and hope it will be accessible and usable by women too as the urinal there currently is not. Love the play area for kids idea.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:23 PM

I feel like a children's play area is important, but the water features are not necessary!

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:33 PM

Please do not use the hideous seating and pavilion designs in the illustrations. Way too much red and styles that will not age well. These items will look dated and ungainly in a decade or two.

Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:46 PM	just update what is there
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:49 PM	Pick trees which are compatible with chinatown theme eg flat top pine trees noted in chinese art.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:15 PM	Make downtown less touristy. A normal city . A city for bikes and pedestrians. A city for victorians . People are living downtown now. We need real stores and markets. Do we really need horse drawn carriages.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:21 PM	Don't take away from the Figgard intersection and the Gate of Harmonious Interest
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:25 PM	I feel that Chinatown is losing itself and shops are no longer representing our Chinese community. I think that it is very important to hold onto this cultural space. Going to the Chinese community is essential. A public space and art and perhaps history is important to me.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 01:48 PM	I would love to see a big dragon prominent. The red dragon sculpture on the corner is so beautiful and love taking pictures of out of town guests by it. But now it's more challenging with the tree so the dragon not as accessible for picture taking.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:17 PM	placing a children's water play area in the middle of a busy downtown street does not seem to be a wise thing to do. And, again, seating pictured certainly does not look like something that is accessible for anyone with mobility issues
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:41 PM	This spot doesn't feel like Chinatown to me, but I value the tourist boost including Chinatown. I want those community and character-filled buildings and businesses to thrive. This road access to the Johnson Street Bridge is very important. It will be busy. Do not impinge on that. Consider traffic sound mitigation in the Plaza design.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 03:08 PM	I love this idea, but I don't see how the inspirational pictures fit into such a small space. There are many seniors in Chinatown, and it would be nice if there was a space for them to sit and socialize in

shaded areas. This might not fit here, but you could consider making better use of the space in the CRD Square at Fizgard and Government.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 03:28 PM

I would strongly support these suggestions so long as they were configured so as not to interfere with vehicular traffic. There is far too much "traffic calming" (meaning, roadblocks) in the City already. Ordinary people need cars, and places to park them so they can enjoy the beauties of the City.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 04:05 PM

Love the kids water play

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 04:10 PM

Motorcycle parking so a full space not taken up Why a washroom here and not other spaces? I would not use as I perceive them to be too dorthy

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 04:52 PM

Spend money on roadway infrastructure. Stop with the 'monuments'

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 06:01 PM

You realise it will be filled with people passed out in various states of drugged out sleep and disorientation? Have none of you walked downtown for more than 20mins recently? More parks will simply get turned into tent cities, don't waste our money on this.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 06:11 PM

this is great and so enjoyable to see

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:06 PM

Trees in center of plaza should be in planters to allow flexible to rearrange plaza layout for event hosting. Furniture should be similarly moveable. A small permanent stage along a periphery would be welcome. Water feature seems inappropriate for size of space. Would be better suited for a future Centennial Sq revamp. Special red lighting features to transform the space at night would enhance Chinatown connection. Would like to see consideration to street improvements between Pandora & Fisguard, so tourists don't think the plaza is the end point of downtown and miss the main part of Chinatown.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:24 PM

I can see this becoming an extension of Centennial Plaza as a hangout for unhoused folks... it's not a pretty look.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:51 PM

accessibility of vehicles for wheelchair/mobility users, for seniors, for parents with little kids, for our tourist who expect proper accessibility with vehicle usage for the same reasons as citizens do, in order to actually get to government streets locals stop all these road screw up and discrimination ...

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:59 PM

I really like this idea. It would be great if shade could be incorporated with trees and general furnishings for seating and socializing. The near-by CRD Square and Centennial Square don't have much shade so I never choose to stop and sit there when looking for a place to rest downtown.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:07 PM

Finally washrooms.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:27 PM

Get rid of the bike parking in the middle of Pandora. Don't expect pedestrians to avoid bikes to get to and from the bus stop. Keep bike lanes continuous and freely moving. Another issue- What can be done with the plaza back of Centennial Square. Currently is a hang out for dubious folks. Could it be made more inviting for non skate boarding, non boom box toting, non intoxicated folks? At present: often noisy -but mostly dark, damp and uninviting. This plaza needs a redesign and some "softening" with green space and quiet alcoves with seating. Is this considered as part of the plan for Pandora and Government St?

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:58 PM

Great you finally nailed a car free space

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:18 PM

More parking needed, north of China town

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:28 PM

Close off Broad street to cars at Pandora

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:37 PM

It's a great idea! But how do we keep it vibrant, clean and safe? Yes! We need public washrooms downtown. How do we keep this a space that everyone will feel safe using? What will prevent this new space becoming just like Centennial Square is, a place that I don't feel safe unless there's a large event with a different crowd from the folks who usually hang out there? I hate that these beautiful proposals make me sound so closed minded but there is no point in spending the money

on these improvements if they end up getting wrecked.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 07:29 AM

The Johnson St bridge currently creates a massive traffic jam through Chinatown on Store St. This needs to be fixed before you add any additional development to that area. How many performance spaces are needed downtown? Decide on one location, spend the money there.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 07:41 AM

Car-free periods should be extended to absolutely no cars except deliveries to businesses, perhaps. Think Europe. Think Istiklal Caddesi in Istanbul. People are tired of being surrounded by cars, always having to watch out for injury or death. The more car-free areas in the city the better. Get rid of the roadway along Government. Nice brickwork or the like will make the pedestrian landscape more appealing. **S. 22**

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3/04/2022 07:59 AM

With Centennial Square literally across the road offering all of this it seems unnecessary. There are washrooms, a stage, seating areas already there which have become a bit of a hangout space for daytime parties and drinking so I would assume this would just be an extension of that. I don't see how this makes any difference to the traffic flow to the bridge as is mentioned in the heading, it appears to be the exact same road and you make no mention of the traffic and any changes so that's quite confusing.

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3/04/2022 08:17 AM

Improved lighting for night-time safety.

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3/04/2022 08:31 AM

Ensure traffic access and flow are not affected

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 09:34 AM

This all sounds wonderful but what are you going to do about the people who currently gather in Centennial Square and who will make a beeline for this new plaza. You will have to design this very carefully to make it more attractive to the majority of Victoria's citizens and less attractive to street people. And while we're at it, can't you do something about Centennial Square? it's a lovely area for events but people now quickly go through it trying to avoid the current occupants. Also why not do more to help Chinatown stay Chinatown instead of the stores and storefronts becoming more and more obviously mainstream?



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Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 10:29 AM	Already have performance space across the street in centennial square. Leave this for corner for chinatown entrance, children, patio and/or public seating for coffee
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 10:36 AM	Maybe some planters growing traditional Chinese culinary plants, and flowers.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 10:37 AM	I just don't think a water park would be practical since our weather only really permits them to be used for 2 months of the year.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 11:04 AM	Some historical content about what the Chinese people did for Victoria and Canada.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 11:07 AM	Upgrade the washrooms at adjacent centennial square, focus on that for gathering place and focus on trees/greenspace in this area.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 11:48 AM	Your rationale, providing improved access to the bridge, is a completely false rationale. that intersection has virtually no effect on the clusterfrig that is the eastern intersection accessing the bridge.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 02:24 PM	Just worried about the design aesthetic-wise. I hope the designers could do more study of Chinese traditional architecture. I'd like to see some authentic re-creation. The inspiration pictures here look kind of lame.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 03:29 PM	Opportunity to claim space from vacant burned down property or at least dedication as public use.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 04:33 PM	Love the idea of childrens play spaces.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2022 04:40 PM	It wasn't indicated if the street would be closed down at any time. Hopefully, it will stay open as that area is a busy traffic area that leads in and out of town. The square that city hall occupies shows how the area is not used for the average person but abused by street people, which scares off the locals and tourist. Making areas that are exclusive in towns, which aren't wood park areas, are abused by street people. Areas that are able to have traffic helps bring people down town. Resturant's, with patios are just a small percent of what a square can be. There needs to have some form of life, example,

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shops as the weather in Victoria can be wet for a good percent of the year. The summers are hot and need some coverage, patio umbrellas, even a small fountain is nice, but a water park in a small downtown area isn't what is needed. Other issues is smoking. There aren't enough or any receptacles for people to throw out there cigarette butts. Better education on smoking and throwing out their waste needs to be focused more. Seeing people smoking on the sidewalk close to store fronts or outside patios isn't enjoyable for most. Seeing smokers toss their butts on the ground or tree planters is awful to see, as little birds will try to eat them, the toxins leach in the ground/water system. So, through out the downtown core, I would like to see ashtrays near the garbage/recycling area. More bylaw officers walking the street and educating people on where they are able to smoke and what to do with their butts when finished. Bathrooms are another issue. There isn't enough washrooms in the downtown core. People end up asking restaurants or coffee shops which shouldn't be expected of these places having added costs to non-customers. The few that the city have, one down in the inner harbour closes early while there are still tourist around in the summer and the one in the city centre square is normally dirty or questionable people in there. The smell of urine is around store front entrances in the morning and that isn't that anyone wants to smell.

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3/04/2022 07:40 PM

There is already a 'plaza' one block down at Fisgard and Government, and a beautiful gateway to China Town. Centennial Square is right there at this corner. Maybe we could save money by redesigning it to be more inclusive and skip the 'new plaza idea.'

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3/05/2022 07:46 AM

Rated performance space and washrooms lower because these things already exist in Centennial Square right next door.

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3/05/2022 08:11 AM

Yes to public washrooms downtown!!!!

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3/05/2022 12:12 PM

A large Public washroom is a must, whether the rest of the plan goes through or not.

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3/05/2022 12:49 PM

I don't think it's really an appropriate place for a kids water park. There are too many needles and broken glass on the streets downtown - until that problem is solved I won't be taking my kids there. Instead make it a comfortable place where people (including unhoused) can exist for free but take steps to prevent it from becoming a skid-row park.

Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 01:16 PM	Yes, please more public washrooms, open all hours!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 01:42 PM	Permanent restaurant patios instead of banning them June 1.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 02:16 PM	I don't think this is the place for a childrens water park. I love the idea of working with the community of Chinatown and really celebrating their community. I wonder about the event space though as we currently have centennial square in this area already. If I have misunderstood and this is a reimagining of centennial square with a focus on celebrating the community of Chinatown ( with their input) then awesome. Also it seems a bit odd to cluster all the public washrooms in one area as Pandora and Government already has facilities at centennial square and an additional urinal at pandora and government. I feel like it would make sense to spread out public washroom facilities throughout downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 02:33 PM	Pedestrian only I assume? :D
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 04:22 PM	Some cover place it is a pretty sunny spot. Given centennial square across performance space not needed so the area can be use for cover meeting point and/or sitting
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 05:40 PM	Getting panhandlers off the street and donation boxes instead. Presently there are too many thieves threatening the stores and vandalizing at night. police presence is important.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 05:59 PM	A dragon!
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 06:20 PM	Accessible seating that is covered, so it can be used on rainy days.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 06:33 PM	street food and outdoor drinking
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 07:55 PM	I like the idea of performance space in this plaza but worry about traffic noise constantly interrupting. May be interesting if there were trees or similar to help shield the noise out.

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Close government street to traffic south of figgard

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3/06/2022 12:38 AM

Feature that recognizes the significance of Victoria's Chinatown and the historical chinese pioneers and its history (i.e. head tax, Chinese Immigration Act of 1923, Chinese Canadian contribution during WWII, etc.)

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3/06/2022 07:27 AM

Very keen on the event space piece

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I don't really understand putting a new plaza directly across from an underutilized one. A public washroom would be great but closer to the main hub of activity around Fort and government. Here it would end up being used primarily by underhoused people that currently are the primary users of central plaza and likely would be quickly in disrepair or unsafe. I'm not against a child waterpark but to have it on a corner of two streets with car traffic, and especially on busy pandora, doesn't seem like the safest or most play/family gathering oriented. Very much support a focus on Chinese culture. If the Chinese cultural focus is strengthened the city should consider any tools it has to encourage Chinese businesses to remain / enter the space on figgard which is gentrifying and becoming increasingly less Chinese and less diverse

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3/06/2022 07:58 AM

Provide more housing/ spaces for the unhoused population do they don't have to sleep/ spend all day on this new outdoor furniture

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3/06/2022 08:04 AM

Leave government street for cars year round. Once traffic is backed to pre pandemic levels it is a necessary artery to alleviate massive congestion.

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I want the old character of China town to still be preserved in addition to the updates. A children's water play area seems out of place compared to other features.

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do something with the empty lot

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A very confusing ,crowded area at the bridge. Poor design for cars,

3/06/2022 06:13 PM

bikes.... I am not sure if there is room for a square as you have so many lanes going right, left and straight ahead. Safety for bikers and pedestrians are a priority as as flow for traffic.

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3/07/2022 08:58 AM

Plazas and event spaces are a nice idea, but we already have the square and the area in front of Starbucks which isn't really used optimally. Instead of new spaces, we need to redesign the current ones.

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Love the idea of keeping this in sync with the character of china town

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I would like to see my money being spent for other things! Like roads! Our streets are in disgusting shape!

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3/07/2022 12:28 PM

China town already has a plaza!!

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More security, garbage and recycling cans, more street clean up.

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3/07/2022 02:52 PM

I love Chinatown and I wonder what we can do to honour this part of Victoria's history and the people there. Can we offer more opportunities that benefit the artists of chinatown and highlight their contribution to the arts in Victoria? The high rental rates drive out these artists and I can we, through street markets etc. Support them somehow? this is right on their doorstep?

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3/07/2022 03:35 PM

There is already an outdoor stage across the street in Centennial Square. The water feature in the same square does not work.

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Access to tourist buses at all times — cruise visitors especially

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Not enough people to close down the street permanently. Trying to get around the closure from James Bay is way too difficult. Adverse affects to businesses, tour buses, etc. Need to keep costs down!

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3/07/2022 04:08 PM

Use Centennial Square. Keep traffic flowing

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3/07/2022 04:10 PM

Misguided plan. We already have a performance space across the street at Centennial Square. One gets the impression you are you just looking for ways to spend taxpayers money. Either upgrade washrooms at Centennial Square or construct good washrooms at this location. The site is too small and too close to traffic for a water play area for children - what have you been thinking, makes no sense at all.

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Our city roads need repairs

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foodtruck and coffee/drink cart

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Looks good

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Yes to kids play space!....this is so needed. Please design for safety with roads nearby and also maintenance and upkeep so it feels safe and is welcoming and inviting for families .

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3/08/2022 09:11 AM

With the space available close to the McPherson at Centennial Square a performance/evant space is not required. I also don't support a children's water feature.

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Secure bicycle parking/storing for the area. Bicycle lanes.

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3/08/2022 11:24 AM

See 3 re. security and policing. I support the public washroom but where is the funding to clean it regularly and keep street people and addicts out.

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I'm not in support of a children's water play area. The downtown core doesn't feel like an appropriate place for that and it's one of my least favourite parts of the Uptown design. I'd be more in support of a children's musical instrument installation or something along those lines that it less of an impediment to pedestrians.

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3/08/2022 12:02 PM

Make Wharf Street one way from Yates to Humboldt thus making it easier to clear the traffic coming out of the parkade and left turning traffic onto Fort Street

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New trees should be "non/low allergenic species"....

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Please make sure the public washroom and the tables in the Chinatown plaza are accessible for people with all disabilities.

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Concept looks pretty good and anything would be better than the present setup.

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3/08/2022 05:30 PM

Great idea! Not to be greedy, but can it somehow be linked North to Fisgard? China Town is becoming less Chinese and needs a boost. Not sure how this improves access to Johnson Street Bridge. I walk the bridge frequently usually from Wharf but sometimes from Johnson. Access does not feel smooth and with Songhees Park being developed it all needs to be inviting and accessible.

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I think it would be cool to have statues of animals from the zodiac placed around the space. As well to have it designed using feng shui.

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1. Do you mean Pandora and Wharf Street for this section?

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There needs to be an easy flow from this plaza to Centennial Square.

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Please provide a backrest on some benches for older folks.

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I see stairs in the photos. Accessible? Can we have a food-free space? Low allergen plantings. Can we socialise without dogs? Can some "rooms" the whole length be dog-free spaces? Where will dogs relieve themselves?

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3/10/2022 09:58 AM

Highest quality design please. What's shown is only one possibility. How about a competition?

Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2022 11:28 AM	Please just ban cars, cars dominate so much public space
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2022 11:29 PM	This is a great addition.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2022 09:46 AM	We say 'washroom', not 'restroom'.
Screen Name Redacted 3/12/2022 07:53 AM	Native plants with interpretive signage
Screen Name Redacted 3/12/2022 10:01 AM	Additional and greatly improved historical building plaques through Chinatown and Downtown in general.
Screen Name Redacted 3/12/2022 04:39 PM	See later comments.
Screen Name Redacted 3/12/2022 05:28 PM	What this area need is Green Space. There is a lot of kiosk-like design in the Government Street redo which is 'cute' but a little overdone. Imagine a pure zen Green Space, Shade Space, Think Space. Not a dog-park, but it would be an obvious place where pets would walk. Perhaps a dog-poo zone.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:30 AM	Is there really a need for more performance space with the square across the street?
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 07:29 AM	A children's water play area is a lovely but impractical idea given the city staff resources that would be required to keep it safe and clean, esp. in this location. There is another opportunity here for a roofed-over area providing dry outdoor space in winter.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 07:59 AM	This portion of the concept looks great compared to the middle portion. But it doesn't seem to tie in together. Need to be related with common design elements.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 08:42 AM	Again, how are you going to keep this place from being just another place for the drug addicted to take over?



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I live on Pandora and have a young child. While I'd love for a downtown splash pad, I'm concerned with how that intersection will be safe and welcoming to families. There are often groups of people drinking and being rowdy across the street behind city hall.

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Not the best place for children's water play area - not sure if I'd want to bring my child there for that purpose. A regular playground might be better.

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Bike theft deterrents, more emphasis toward tree cover for shade, protected bike lanes.

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Maps of Chinatown, for visitors and locals alike, that highlight the history of the area and its precious alleyways would be welcome.

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Please also do this to Johnson St between Douglas and Wharf!

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The new Plaza will just become a haven for street people, drug users and drug sellers. It won't be policed properly and the City will do nothing to make it safe

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ditch the cars and horse carriages altogether

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3/13/2022 07:29 PM

I support public entertainment areas if the level of talent is screened/vetted. I get tired of those sitting on corners with their dogs and strumming/singing at times offensive noise.

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3/14/2022 08:50 AM

I might be missing something but isn't there a big plaza right across the street at Centennial Square?

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This is a prime area to be taken over, unfortunately, by the crowd that hangs out at Centennial Square.

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Try not to overbuild the amenities.

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Events being hosted shouldn't be at the expense of driving traffic away from the rest of the street. Hosting interesting events/non intrusive non competing entertainment would drive key consumers and would liven up the area and would be a welcomed addition to differentiating us in greater Victoria.

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3/14/2022 11:43 AM

Great! Love to see those useless slip lanes phased out. There are a bunch along Pandora, further East, too.

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LOVE This - just be wary about splash parks with those that need places to bathe

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Same need for inclusive seating. Water play features usually waste clean water. If the feature uses the same water in a loop, just topped up for volume, it gets dirty. A cooling feature for heatwaves is a great idea, and could simply be a bench in a sunken area surrounding a culturally appropriate floor design or mosaic that can be filled with water when needed. A ramp to the bottom so disabled people can join friends and cool off.

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Excited about this! Very family friendly!

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Love that we are proposing a public space that reflects the heritage of Chinatown. And a new pocket of green in the downtown. I love that it will be kid-friendly; so few downtown spaces area. In addition to a water play area, think things to climb, etc. I love that there will be public seating - strive to make it comfortable for 3-season use? I understand concerns about "loitering" but would like to see more friendly seating areas in Victoria. For the performance space, I am neutral but curious what is envisioned, as this is a small space. A formal spot for busking? Incorporate a space for a street vendor - e.g. coffee cart? This could address concerns to maintain "eyes on the street" and a draw.

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Definitely could be a plaza, but how can it be activated? Food trucks? mobile cafe?

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I worry that the best designed plaza space will be a failure unless we address the social issues throughout Downtown. Spirit Square is a prime example of how the most thoughtful design is not welcoming to anyone other than the street community. Be prepared for vandalism,

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crime, drug use, etc.

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There are nearby under utilized plazas that could serve the purpose. Also, unsure of what stake holders get to contribute opinion as to what fits the character of Chinatown important to include Chinese Canadians

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3/15/2022 01:55 PM

Just leave the area alone. It is perfect the way it is now.

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Please keep lots of street parking there otherwise it's hard to pick up take-out Chinese food.

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3/16/2022 11:07 AM

Great idea to better utilize this space! Design features based on traditional Chinese gardens would be a beautiful and educational addition.

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Chinatown is on Fisgard NOT Pandora. There are many buisnesses and restaurants on Fisgard and the city would be wise to extend this plan by a block.

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Prioritize seating space for non-commercial purposes Tenting space for homeless people that will protect them from police violence.

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You missed everything that matters to people who live in Victoria. It's like you're on a spending spree.

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Washrooms that don't criminalize folks who use drugs!

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3/16/2022 01:56 PM

How do we know a water park for children would be actually used here vs other places? It would be nice to see China Town spruced up.

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3/16/2022 01:58 PM

A children's water play area is sadly a bad and unsafe idea - it will just be littered with needles and taken over by the drug addicts.

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Art vendors on the street. This is what makes so many other cities so much more vibrant. They have a chance to showcase their local

artisans and allow them the opportunity to sell their work in a very visible commercial area.

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No comment.

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Why add another performance space, when the city can't even make spirit square feel safe?

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More places to sit and hang out around downtown is great to see, as the area can feel unwelcoming when all the places to sit or relax need you to pay money or are full of cars/people already. The historic look of Chinatown should be extended to this new development as well, so that it fits in nicely with the already established community. And please remove Comic Sans from the Chinatown trash cans.

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Over board with the spending. The washroom would just become a magnet for all the bums and druggies.

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Check out Jamison Square in Portland for a great water feature/play area :)

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Pedestrian zone. NOT BIKES NOT HORSES NOT powered wheeled equipment that travels over 3 km per hour

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More bicycle parking please :)

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3/16/2022 02:48 PM

Chinatown is sadly being taken over by other kinds of shops that are not Chinese.. Be nice to encourage the Chinese community to continue to lease there. Discount on taxes perhaps. Glass awnings for shoppers. Instead of modern look in plaza more of a Chinese look, bonsai looking trees. Herb garden to create a wonderful smell and that restaurants could utilize. Covered area for rainy season and to protect seating. Small signage with history of the area.

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Same story - too much money wasted when all that is needed is a good cleaning (and removal of the bike lanes that have destroyed downtown for many of us)

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Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:51 PM	We need quiet spaces in the downtown to rest and people watch. Don't overclutter the spaces with street furniture, art and performance stages with noisy entertainment.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:54 PM	A new plaza directly adjacent to the often dangerous and sporadically used Centennial Square seems misguided at best and likely a huge waste of public funds. Perhaps direct this money to improving the safety and functionality of the already established Centennial Square before creating a new public space that sits empty and invites dangerous activity more often than not.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:59 PM	more police presence please
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 02:59 PM	Use native tree species and add plaques with species names
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:02 PM	More focus on environmental Sustainability and address light pollution.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:07 PM	The trees and shrubs in the photo would be a poor choice. The design should have some unique plantings that work with our climate. Japanese maple trees or something with a long flowering seasons. There should be lots of blooming plants
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:16 PM	Chinatown is fine as it is, doing this would destroy it and turn it into more big box stores.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:17 PM	Just a reminder to include Chinese people in the community in decision making.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:18 PM	All good.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:43 PM	Public washrooms are desperately needed--especially if people are going to go from restaurant to concert venue to bar. Where are they supposed to pee on the go? Just make sure that people aren't shooting up in there.
Screen Name Redacted	My concern with a children's water play area is possible negative

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impact on other users of the space and possible distraction to vehicular traffic. Regretfully not all parents monitor their children as well as they might. Centennial Square is just a few steps away and would be a better site for a children's water play area. Further from traffic and, because of the size of the space, easier for those who are bothered to move away without leaving the space.

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it is important to create a space with trees and accessible to all, but also to consider what happens at night.

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There is already a plaza in Chinatown that has an event space! Don't fix what ain't broke.

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Ditto

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Comment: There is performance space across the street at Centennial Square - not sure that more is needed here.

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3/16/2022 04:20 PM

The new trees should be food trees! Apples, pears, Hazelnuts. Also please add water-bottle refill stations.

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Does not matter if you have Accessible seating if those who are people with disabilities (PWD) cannot even reach the proposed street when there are no close by affordable disability parking spots or senior friendly spots any more. having such stalls at parkades is futile and too far for PWDs to get to the point they want to reach on a particular street they'd like to visit. Victoria is becoming more and more exclusive and less inclusive for PWDs and seniors.

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The Centennial Square area has to be more safe - it's not a pleasant place to walk through, especially with small children. This new development, while a great initiative, might not work if the area doesn't feel safe

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Pandora and Johnson are still major arteries, putting a child's water play area, combined with inattentive parents glued to social devices is only a great idea if you want unattended children to run into traffic.

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this takes away from centennial square, too many plazas! I don't think

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parents/kids will feel safe at a water park in this location.

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We should ban star bucks and bring in discovery coffee lol. Jk kinda.

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Youth! Youth art/performance space.

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Public Restrooms with security. Secure bike parking

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Oldest Chinatown beginning to look drab and neglected. Gate needs repair. Would like Chinatown to be included in the refresh

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Excellent.

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Public washroom, ensure that it is always safe, clean and accessible to the general public.

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All good.

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I believe a small transit train( golf cart) "jump on and off" stopping at each intersection, would alleviate the concerns of shop owners about tourists not having time to get to the south end of Government.

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This is the best change yet because it doesn't allow cars to drive through the middle of it.

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create some room for all of these amenities by purchasing part of the burned-out property SE of Government/Pandora

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The waterpark idea feels a little sketchy to me. I just don't think anyone will take their children anywhere on Pandora to play barefoot (glass, syringes, etc.) or partially nude in their bathing garments right downtown.

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3/16/2022 09:08 PM

An emphasis on security and policing for the area. We live on this block, and would love to make more use of centennial square but unfortunately there's very little security or policing. I certainly wouldn't let my children play in the water play zone if the current situation seen in centennial square remains or expands to the new plaza. I hugely support this plaza, the overall plan and its implementation. I just wish for it to remain usable by all the public and especially safe for kids.

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3/16/2022 09:45 PM

I think a map of the Chinatown area would be very cool to see, even a giant mural on the side of a building. There are so many neat alleys and passages within those few blocks, and Fan Tan Alley can be tricky for tourists to locate (even if they know it's there).

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3/16/2022 09:46 PM

The images with greenery and seating are nice. What about a reflecting pool and fountain?

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There is too much outdoor seating in the entire plan. Just have lots of trees in this area. Please no children's play area.

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3/17/2022 06:54 AM

It would be good to have the emphasis of the European history somewhere between the Harbour and Chinatown effectively turning Government st into a "chronological street" telling the history of Victoria. You can have the Lekwungen story told at the harbour, A European story told around bastion square and then Chinatown story told near Pandora. Placard, statues or displays in place would make this an active goal not a passive mention.

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3/17/2022 08:28 AM

I think this open design and concept will only serve to be an extension of the issues we're already facing across the street in centennial square, and don't believe many families will use a waterpark in this location given the current culture of the area.

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3/17/2022 08:48 AM

Again, who's it all for? This would be great if we had a truly inclusive city that actually did the work needed to provide off market housing for Working Class Victorians. Instead we just get more neoliberal claptrap that will exacerbate the situation.

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3/17/2022 08:52 AM

With regard to a water park, Why? are there enough families downtown to support this? I really don't see it being used much or downtown becoming a destination for family activities like a water



park. Our park at beacon hill park is a good place and perhaps the New Pool if it is ever built might be another great location.

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3/17/2022 09:02 AM

Public bathrooms are essential for public health. Ensuring that they are safe and clean and accessible.

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All cars and delivery trucks must MUST not be allowed from 6 am-1 am. Deliveries and access by autos and trucks must only be after 1 am always.

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-Opportunities for Chinese cultural interpretation -A Chinese public art landmark

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3/17/2022 10:15 AM

It sounds nice but there is already a large and under-used public plaza across the street (Centennial). I worry that this new space will also end up being under-used and eventually occupied by the same problematic elements that seem to be permanently camped at Centennial. Have you taken this into consideration?

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3/17/2022 10:19 AM

No cars allowed ever. Every city in Europe has street(s) for pedestrian-only use, and in which most or all automobile traffic is prohibited.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:33 AM

Ensure the restaurant patios include cafes that open earlier in the day. I'd like to see a seasonal food market included.

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3/17/2022 11:09 AM

How is this going to affect Chinatown? Are you removing the present Gateway?

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3/17/2022 11:09 AM

Just a small thing, but would you consider any new or replacement plants/trees be native species? Things like oak, red currant, evergreen huckleberry, madrone, ferns, and so on?

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3/17/2022 11:12 AM

I think having a water play area could be a challenge for parents. In the downtown core a play area without water is much more practical.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 12:49 PM

Lots of potential here, good conceptual sketches and photos. This area certainly needs revival and sustained attention to public space

that is family friendly. Key will be ensuring interface w/ new Plaza development...

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 01:03 PM

I think the plaza should be more Chinese Classical Garden inspired than West Coast natural, and the water play area makes more sense in Centennial Square than here.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 01:46 PM

Pedestrians need to be reminded to look out for cyclists. Frequently, pedestrians walk straight in front of me when I am cycling up or down the Pandora All Ages and Abilities bike lane...frequently, the pedestrians are not obeying the traffic lights (they are crossing when the light is red for them but green for me as a cyclist. I have almost cycled straight into a pedestrian multiple times and it has not been my fault; many of them have apologized to me profusely afterwards, for not looking before walking straight in front of me (while knowingly disobeying the traffic signal.) I have almost ended up in a terrible accident because of such pedestrians. In addition, many motorized vehicles are still turning right from Pandora onto Government Street when the right turn signal is still red for them...a nasty car-bicycle accident waiting to happen. Any safety improvements that can be made for cyclists would be appreciated.

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3/17/2022 02:00 PM

The red is nice but kind of clashes with the green colors. Can we integrate more Chinese symbols or art and depend less on the predominant bright red for the cultural connection?

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 02:09 PM

one way street on wharf going south and government going north providing wider lane for drivers. i believe this is safer as well

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 02:14 PM

Covered bike racks & bright lighting

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3/17/2022 03:07 PM

Keep as much green as possible. That corner already gets so hot with all of the concrete.

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3/17/2022 03:30 PM

accessible all gender public washroom (replace existing restricted use washroom with all gender accessible public washroom) with sinks

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 03:33 PM

I don't know how much use a kids water play area would get. There is already one outside Good Earth on Superior Street (behind the Ledge) and I've hardly seen anyone using it. Ther is also already an

outside performance space in Centennial Sq, over the road. A nice Chinese street food concesssion stand here would be great. And a mini garden. Maybe even a water garden (but not a kids water play area)

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 04:15 PM

Gender-neutral signage on the public washroom to support the diversity of our community

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3/17/2022 04:35 PM

Entertainment area is already there by McPherson theatre

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 05:07 PM

A nice green space for lounging, picnicking, and playing sports.

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3/17/2022 05:28 PM

curving lines!

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3/17/2022 05:39 PM

Well, shouldn't the pedestrian walkway go right to Fisgard? There is a plaza already at Fisgard and Govt, with the globe, can't that be revamped for Chinatown? It's seems a shame to stop short of Chinatown. It should run Humboldt to Fisgard. The plaza that's being suggested on the corner of Pandora and Govt, is not really Chinatown, is it? Or is Chinatown being expanded, which would be cool.

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3/17/2022 05:56 PM

Raised walkway and boardwalk that connects to Centennial Square/City Hall. Similar to High Line in NYC  
<https://www.thehighline.org/> Future expansion to Songhees and Esquimalt

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 11:27 PM

Not so sure that a water play area fits in this area. Aren't you trying to refer to the character and culture of chinatown? Agree we should have something for kids - but why a water feature? How about a big chinese dragon they can climb on like those dinosaurs at Gyro park on Cadboro Bay?

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 08:53 AM

Sounds amazing.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 11:00 AM

A productive job for urban planners. Let's give them crowbars so they can dig bigger potholes and disrupt more traffic.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 11:28 AM

see above

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 11:55 AM

More curved, organic forms if including benches and planters.....get away from hard, 90 degree angular forms to something to soften the hard cityscape.....also more trees and bigger trees that exist now, big enough to create a lovely cathedral like canopy along the street.....maybe plane trees that grow to be large trees and are pollution resistant like the ones in Paris. Also large arbours over the seating areas that are covered in grape vines. grape vines are almost care free if they are allowed to grow in the actual ground as opposed to containers.....they are able to find water which will decrease the necessity to irrigate.....the general overall changes should increase the green canopy, which would be in line with the Urban Forest Plan.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 12:33 PM

I believe what is attractive to tourists and residents is good food, good entertainment and good shopping experiences so would like to see more street vendors and art - perhaps similar to Quebec City and more opportunities for night markets and special event block party activities that celebrate various holidays such as St. Paddy's Day. Make outdoor street spaces open to alcohol sales outside similar to what you would see in London. We have a beautiful and small downtown that can deliver so much more than it is now - need to look at other cities and understand the attributes that make them successful.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 02:15 PM

Lion dancing; dragon dancing; martial arts display and public participation to learn more about this culture.

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3/18/2022 03:17 PM

Ability to cross over government by car to get to wharf street / bridge.

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3/18/2022 05:48 PM

Probably some historical interpretation on site?

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 09:38 PM

Rain water art feature

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3/19/2022 08:35 AM

Amplified street performer zones

Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 09:53 AM	Public washroom needs in-person attendants to ensure safety and cleanliness.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 02:23 PM	Downtown has plazas, including right across the street from this location. Downtown does not have parks. This should be a proper park rather than yet another plaza.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 03:06 PM	Pushing downtown's cultural and community-oriented feel further North is a great idea. Downtown Victoria has such vibrancy in its southern quarters, probably in large due to investments in the public realm like this one. Glad to see government street's offering migrating North.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2022 09:07 PM	New plaza will connect Centennial Square to Government Street, and also pull people up to Chinatown and the McPherson Theatre. Another small park for Downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 01:17 AM	Space and recognition of the Chinese heritage and Chinese contributions to Victoria and Canada.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 07:47 AM	Public bathroom facilities in that area of town are essential but will require a commitment to a high level of daily supervision and cleaning.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 07:49 AM	Designed to prevent homeless camping
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 08:23 AM	Historical information on Chinese Canadians, educational signage throughout.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 08:27 AM	Look at what's working downtown (particularly pre Covid). Centennial square is a plaza- it's abysmal. Is this a model you want to repeat? Show where a plaza had worked in victoria? What is the city doing to support businesses downtown? Our downtown needs a thriving business economy before we can support future pedestrianization.
Screen Name Redacted 3/20/2022 09:07 AM	How to keep the area clean

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:32 AM

The space isn't that big for all the things you are proposing. There is event space already in place across the street at Centennial Plaza. A children's water play park is a lovely idea, but not here. Children run and sometimes bolt. This is still a high traffic area. The plaza at Fisgard and Government or at Centennial square is better suited for this. It is a GREAT idea, but safety first.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:49 AM

Water features are always good for all ages Interactive aspects for kids Lots of colour and interesting designs Some areas that are covered as it rains frequently in Victoria

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:50 AM

Pandora is very dangerous for everyone at this point and that is caused by convoluted bike design. Doing anything more as you're suggesting will only compound the problem. There is already the area you're suggesting in the square behind the theatre. Why do we need more developed there? How will people access the blue bridge to get to and from Esquimalt? Will you shrink the road even more? I don't feel safe driving, walking, or cycling on Pandora as it stands. Fix that problem instead, by removing the bike lanes on lower Pandora, or by correcting the very poor design. When you continue to develop expensive housing you invite more people to the city and that brings more traffic which makes your ideas about reducing traffic flow in downtown by shutting down streets and narrowing roads to be shared 2 way thoroughfares very disconnected, irresponsible and unrealistic.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:53 AM

Water fountain included in washroom, but that's probably already planned, thank you.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 11:07 AM

A kid's water park? Really? This is not an appropriate area for a kid's waterpark.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 12:15 PM

-Signage telling the story of the Chinese diaspora in Victoria (in an honest and forthcoming way that isn't delegated to a corner). Artwork and other ways to honour and respect the diasporas who made their life here in a respectful way that could be appreciated by both locals and visitors that can build on the thread created by the story being told starting at the Lekwungen plaza. -Comfortable seating for office workers to enjoy their lunch or locals to read a book or just hang out with friends in a pleasant setting would be nice. :)

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 12:35 PM

I'm not a huge fan of the urban style of abstract 'decoration' like the large metal structures pictured here. I would rather hope to see more

direct connections to the 'look' of Chinatown instead of what seems to me a more passing design fad. )

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 12:55 PM

Use the funding to improve and program Centennial Square, this space directly competes with and will dilute the presence of Centennial Square. Sell half of the site as a development to fund these improvements and keep a modest corner plaza.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 01:05 PM

It is important and timely to enhance and promote Chinatown. it has been sad to see this interesting area of town slowly losing its character and importance to our history.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 01:18 PM

You have a perfect setting, public washroom, seating and dining.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:01 PM

We already have performance space in Centennial Square. No one is going to take their kid to a concrete park near traffic.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:23 PM

There are already public plazas nearby, and at Centennial Square. It doesn't seem like there's enough space to create these proposals. Again, the construction would continue to disrupt downtown businesses and patrons.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:59 PM

Public washrooms must be designed in a way that enhances safety and sanitation for people using them. Space should be organized in a way that allows for socialization comfort level for both people who like large crowds and those who are more comfortable with smaller groups of people around them, including sound flow and personal space.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 04:07 PM

There is little space for public gatherings in this area. The redesign shouldn't be so crowded as to not allow event organizers to put up 3-4 10' pop up tents and still have room for people to gather. I think this would help invigorate this corner.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 04:56 PM

Panhandling, sleeping, tenting, grocery carts, not allowed

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 07:37 PM

I would like to see Chinatown left alone. I have lived here for 66 years, had many Chinese friends who never complained with Chinatown so leave it alone.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 07:55 PM

I don't see any integration with Centennial Square. How would an event space here work with Centennial Square? How does this plan tie into and enhance Centennial Square. Both corners into Centennial Square at Government are sad. This plan should address that. Also, calling this a Chinatown Plaza, when Fisgard is a full block north is odd. Why are you stopping at Pandora? Why doesn't the plan extend to Fisgard, or even to Caledonia? An opportunity is being missed. The idea of putting a children's water park on this busy intersection (and as it lead's to the bridge it will always be a high - even if slow - traffic route. Why wouldn't you put the water park in Centennial Square? Why wouldn't you put the washrooms in Centennial Square? I think this is the weakest part of the plan.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 08:57 PM

Redeveloped centennial square as the Chinatown link

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:04 PM

I don't think this is the spot for a kid's water area, though more of these are needed in the city. I think Crystal Pool, near the Museum, and Hollywood Park are all better areas for a children's water play area. Beacon Hill could also use a bigger and better water area for kids - full splash pad.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:23 PM

This is the only spot that makes sense for a potential plaza, it is currently an area that is not being used, and could to with a refresh. Please do not put a plaza anywhere else.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:55 PM

again with homeless people in Centennial square do you think mothers want to have their children in a water feature again spend the money on crime make it safe so people feel safe

## Screen Name Redacted

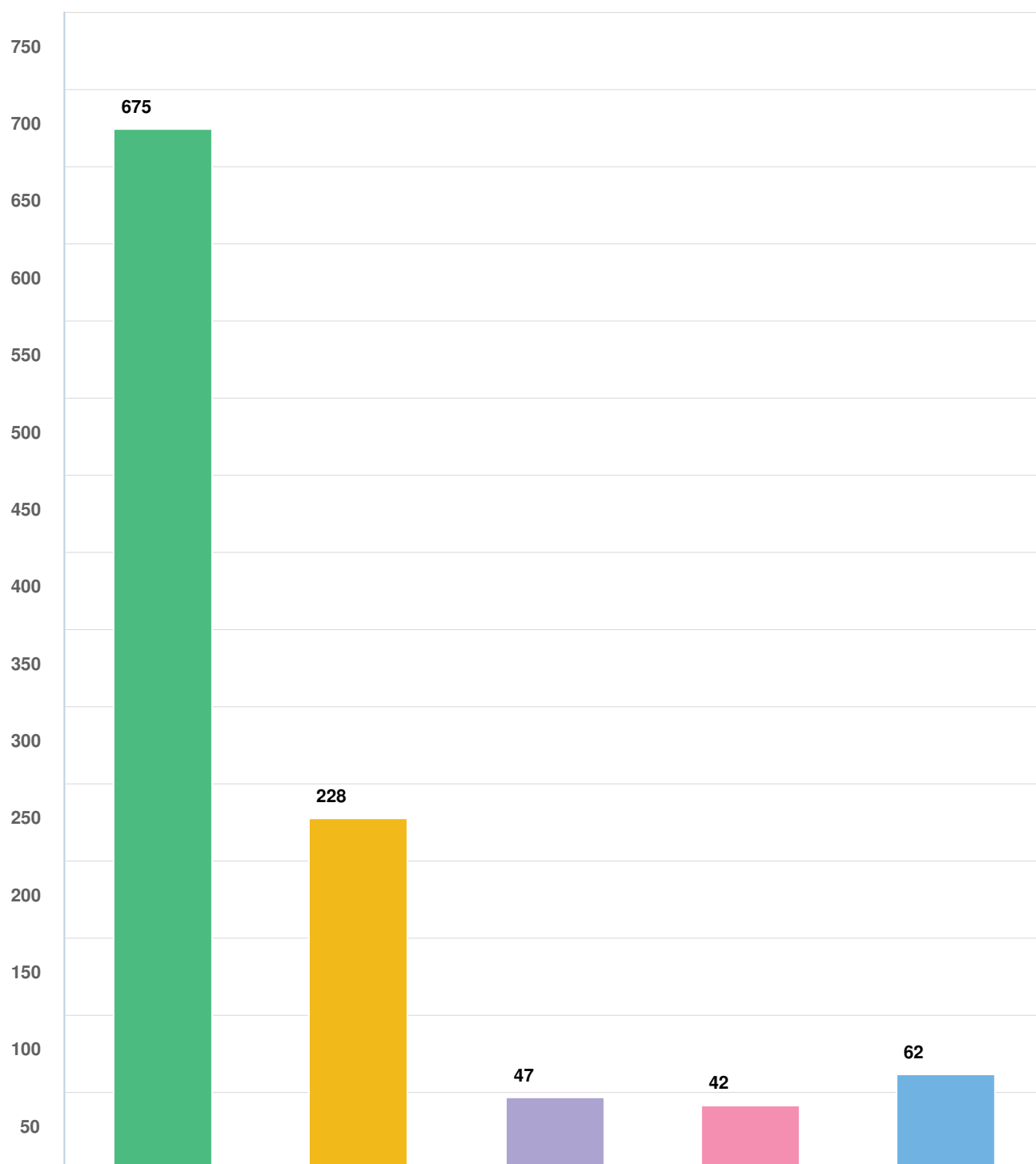
3/20/2022 10:07 PM

I would rather Centennial Square be improved than see a whole new plaza.

**Optional question** (345 response(s), 718 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q13 What is your overall level of support for the Government Street Refresh draft concept design?****Question options**

● Strongly Don't Support ● Don't Support ● Neutral ● Support ● Strongly Support

Optional question (1054 response(s), 9 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q14 | Do you have any additional feedback you would like to share with us about the Government Street Refresh draft concept design?**

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3/02/2022 10:47 AM

Maybe add pictures instead For people who cannot read or understand language maybe some braille

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 10:57 AM

My only concern is regarding public meeting spaces being hijacked by special interest groups and therefore the majority avoiding area.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 10:57 AM

This is so great and will cement Victoria and government st as a place for tourists and locals to visit

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:10 AM

Go for it and take the initial heat. Some people will always consider change as bad but as many other towns have shown, removing cars and adding people is good for both business and community.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:10 AM

No private cars. None. Never. Not at any time.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:13 AM

This proposal is just so bland, timid, and stale. It's not terrible, it's just a bit sad.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:25 AM

The less space for cars the better.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 11:27 AM

Please see my comments above about starting at 10 a.m., bricking the road and bollards.

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3/02/2022 11:29 AM

CRUISE SHIP SEASON RESTART REVIEW MUST BE COMPLETED AFTER SO NO CHANGES UNTIL 2023.

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3/02/2022 11:35 AM

This idea is LONG overdo.

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3/02/2022 11:38 AM

Less land wasted on cars, more reclaiming public space for people. More bike parking, including secured bike parking.

Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 11:54 AM	I can hardly wait!
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 12:11 PM	Thank you for this! I am very excited about this project.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 12:25 PM	The plaza for Chinatown idea is the only draft concept design that sounds reasonable to me. Making an already difficult to navigate downtown area more inaccessible to vehicles, even electric ones, makes little commercial sense to me. Make it easier, not harder, for residents to park downtown and wander around like we used to be able to do before it became too expensive to park there.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 12:31 PM	as mentioned. My hope would be to further reduce access to vehicles. some commercial traffic must remain, but with limits. Please plant any new trees in a sustainable manner...using different surface treatments for in ground planting. There are many options regarding plantings....
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 12:32 PM	I love all of it, especially the human sized, pedestrian focused nature and the spaces to build and interact in community.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 01:22 PM	Accelerate this, particularly the widening of the pedestrian and accessibility space. Don't wait for other projects to come along; get started with construction this summer.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 01:31 PM	One-way southbound traffic on Wharf Street. The northbound lane can be added greenspace with some commercial parking.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 01:53 PM	Supportive of not allowing cruise buses on Government Street
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 02:01 PM	Please add and expand long term safe and secure bike parking...maybe yates street parkade
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 02:02 PM	I don't like the idea of changing the car vs pedestrian times, it gets confusing. Give the street to pedestrians and vehicles at speed of pedestrians, and delivery vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted	Same comment as above: writing again: I support making this section

3/02/2022 02:09 PM

of Government Street completely car-free (with the potential exception of commercial vehicles needed to supply businesses along this stretch). I appreciate that having car-free times is intended as a compromise between competing objectives. But a pedestrian zone that still has cars zooming through it at certain times of day isn't really a pedestrian zone at all. I commute (by bike) along Government Street and regularly see vehicles disregarding the currently-posted timed vehicle bans. For what it's worth, I want to add my voice to the "no car" side of the debate. I also think it's a mistake to have parking spaces or "vehicle drop-off areas" (are these the same thing) on Government St. The whole idea, as I understand it, is to revitalize it as a cultural space. Parking spots/"car drop-off areas" are the opposite of that.

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3/02/2022 02:11 PM

I have absolutely zero confidence that the current city council can pull off such an important project for our city. Personally, I would like to see the whole thing put on hold until the fall election when, hopefully, we will have a competent mayor and new councillors with a true vision for the city.

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3/02/2022 02:40 PM

Every great City has a pedestrian friendly area in the heart of its old town. These proposed improvements will draw locals and visitors alike to enjoy what the City has to offer without concern for the overwhelming sense of smell and anxiety of walking amidst vehicles.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 02:54 PM

Thank you! Victoria deserves a pedestrian priority main street. Every great city has one and we have been lacking one for much too long.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:00 PM

Be bold with the ideation and implementation. Don't just do the minimum. Make it cohesive.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:08 PM

I'm terribly sorry to be so harsh, but I'm very disappointed to see that this plan does not include a true car-free zone. While such compromises may have the best intentions in mind, they end up making things worse for everyone.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:17 PM

Thrilled to see improved walkability and a move away from a car centric downtown. Glad to see thought given to succession planting of the boulevard trees and placemaking through thoughtful urban interventions. I'm looking forward to seeing indigenous art pieces and more well rounded interpretation of history of the inner harbour, with careful consultation with Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:27 PM

Set a stronger pedestrian-only focus on the entire area, with design, traffic limiting infrastructure (curb pop-outs, bollards, etc), and generous time periods of traffic closure. Even the wording, "car-free periods", reinforces the concept that vehicle access is default. Try "closed to traffic during peak hours", or "open to drop-off and loading deliveries during off-peak hours only". I wish there was more ambition to go car-free for more of the street sections. Allowing traffic is conceding to a vocal minority that prioritizes status quo and doesn't grasp the opportunity and sheer enjoyment of pedestrian-only streets. Other than deliveries and emergency vehicles, allowing traffic undercuts the entire premise of this redesign: making a world-class pedestrian space that maximizes public enjoyment and engagement and creates wonderful memories for visitors and residents alike. The proposed changes are basically just beautifying the changes that have already instituted during the COVID period. These seem to have been a great success. Build on this and go bigger and better! A public space next to a road is not a nice public space. It's noisy and smelly, not calming and community-focused. I've personally sat at some of the Vancouver examples shown in the design documentation and they look trendy but they are downright unpleasant, being seated inches away from downtown traffic. Allowing traffic through government street will make a great idea just average. Victoria has the opportunity to do better!

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 03:36 PM

I think car-free zone should extend to Belleville. With the car free zone, cars do not need to use this section of Government and can be re-routed to Douglas to access Wharf Street.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 04:01 PM

Bring the cruise buses back down government street. The current route is embarrassing to the city.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 04:05 PM

Try to make it a totally car free zone.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 04:17 PM

As a person who is blind I want to see a straight, intuitive, tactilely defined comfort zone which will make it easy and safe to walk the length of Government Street without requiring exptnsive training or having to ask for assistance. Features such as art or cultural exhibits are accessible to persons who are blind (utilize technology, tactile, Braille).

## Screen Name Redacted

This will be great, and the improved street furnishings, plantings, etc.

3/02/2022 04:40 PM

are really needed to help the pedestrian area succeed. This could be like the pedestrian mall in Boulder, CO, which is very successful.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 05:25 PM

Seriously just eliminate private vehicle traffic on Government. It is unnecessary.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 05:40 PM

If you are going to re-envision this iconic road that has been the jewel in Victorias Tourist Crown for decades then you better do something more imaginative than this. This is simply a vision street that you may apply to a place like Fernwood or Quadra Village. It fails to capture the imagination and the potential of such an iconic street.

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3/02/2022 06:41 PM

I don't agree with the downtown business association that car free zones harm the tourist industry... I have been a tourist in city's where there are car free zones and very much enjoyed it. It is very relaxing without cars.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 06:50 PM

No additional feedback but I hope other streets in Oldtown are considered for pedestrianization after Government. I'm especially thinking of lower Fort and Wharf Streets.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 08:07 PM

It's long overdue and a very welcome proposal. I also like how inclusive and thorough the City has been in welcoming and incorporating input from both businesses and residents alike.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 08:16 PM

Please go all the way to a walkable government street instead of trying too hard to accommodate cars. The current layout with some car access and some blocked off is confusing and now pedestrian friendly. Would love to see markets/night markets on government in the spring/summer

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 08:35 PM

Step in the right direction, but far to timid. Stop catering to the no-change at all crowd that need each adjustment hand feed and sugar coated. Downtown Victoria has the bones to be really special, but it needs bold vision.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 10:03 PM

A small dog pen or place to tie up dogs, provide dog water fountains. Without real secure bike parking downtown will not be a viable destination.

Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2022 11:29 PM	You can waste money making downtown victoria all moder and fancy... but its not going to make downtown feel like a safe place for adults and children. theres still drug addicts and violence and police activity daily... im an adult and i still dont feel safe down there.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:56 AM	SAME OLD... THE TRAFFIC ON WHARF IS INTEGRAL AND IGNORED. DO YOU THINK THIS IS VICTORIA HISTORY - OF COURSE - BE BOLDER AND NOT JUST TWEAK WHAT IS THERE...MAYBE \$ INCENTIVES TO BUSINESSES WHO BUY INTO A SET THEME.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:04 AM	Make as much of this pedestrian only as possible
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:04 AM	Awesome vision and look forward to it
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:05 AM	Way less cars
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:15 AM	Keep or return previous vehicle traffic
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:18 AM	Please keep pushing for community spaces where artists can perform and be creative. Please take into consideration playful architecture (not just for kids but for adults too!) and ensure these spaces recognize and celebrate the traditional territory.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:19 AM	Opportunity to create one of the best city streets in North America. Limit autos as much as is possible.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:44 AM	More thought given to helping businesses (access for tourists). Recognition that Victoria has more than Indigenous and Chinese histories. We do not come downtown because of the street people that constantly harass. So unless you do something about that, it really doesn't matter what you do to the street
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:47 AM	Please keep parking on adjacent streets to Government, parking on government can disappear.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:48 AM

Please spend your money making downtown more safe and accessible for all people. More policing, more programs regarding drug use and supports for our homeless. Consider those who cannot use public transit/ handidart for the near future due to Covid concerns

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:57 AM

Included the inner harbour section in front of the empress and redoo sidewalk there that are terrible for people using walker

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:58 AM

Be courageous and make it completely vehicle free full stop! Having commercial vehicle drop off and loading for the stores where no other access is possible is acceptable. We travel to many places in Europe. These designs are absolutely vibrant and successful. There is absolutely no reason to have motorized passenger vehicles access and interrupt the beauty and safety of this design. The future for the health and safety of all people is to move through space using their bodies. This includes walking, running, cycling (non-motorized) etc. We must abandon the need to have vehicles take priority over pedestrians when creating such beautiful spaces.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:58 AM

Just the cleaning ongoing of the bird poop from the street.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:59 AM

The considered input of business owners in the area must be taken into account by Council when making these decisions.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:07 AM

Make the whole street and side streets car free all the time except for commercial loading

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:07 AM

The new patios and street space were one of the best things to come out of the pandemic. I'm SO excited for them to stay!! These developments are long overdue. (Hopefully the city can also work with local shelters, etc. to make sure the homeless population is included and provided for.)

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:14 AM

Keep it car free! Looks great go to it!

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:22 AM

Just really get on to the performance spaces and delve more deeply into that. If this is to be a music and performing arts city, and as a tourist city it should be, then a more nuanced understanding of live



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performance needs to be addressed.

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3/03/2022 08:28 AM

Really love it, so good for our city and for our visitors.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:33 AM

Please offer more covered areas for the unhoused to shelter

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:35 AM

I think you maybe forgetting tourists come here for the old city feel...  
I'm not sure the modern is the way to go....

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:35 AM

Traffic flow is already terrible downtown, and lack of parking inhibits many from coming down to shop, killing the community and impacting retailers. We cannot continue to cater to just those who can walk or bike to town. And this is coming from someone who doesn't need to drive to access town. I have just witnessed the down town core slowly being eroded of life. This can't be a "if we build it they will come" scenario if there is no where to park.

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3/03/2022 08:36 AM

Research other cities that have done this well. Europe.

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3/03/2022 08:39 AM

I think it's all above, but I'd like to emphasize that events are key during peak months...infrastructure and policy that supports things like temporary beer gardens, food trucks, performances, festivals, markets (could expand the bastion square market to include government! Think Salt Spring Market size...) is critical.

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3/03/2022 08:44 AM

I fully support this initiative but would like to have more info regarding the timing of the construction.

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3/03/2022 08:52 AM

Rules around vagrancy, and occupation of spaces may be needed. Otherwise the area could be so attractive that gangs of nere-do wells would take over parts of the space.

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Moving in the right direction, but we still need to aim for a fully car-free street. There is plenty of off-street parking and parking lots nearby. In most cities studies have shown that shoppers arrive via public and active transportation, but business owners drive (a vocal minority). Please don't let their distorted sense of reality diminish a otherwise great vision for the future of Government St.

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3/03/2022 08:53 AM

Government Street should be closed to vehicles and/or made one-way for delivery vehicle access from Humboldt to Pandora. Bikes and horse carriages should not be allowed on Government St. Bikes should stay on bike lanes. Horse carriages should be banned from Victoria.

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3/03/2022 08:55 AM

PLEASE NO VEHICLES!

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3/03/2022 08:56 AM

This looks great! I think it would look great if the asphalt street is replaced with brick to match the current material of the sidewalks. Would be nice to have some trees in the middle of the street as well. Also, I have heard a lot of feedback saying this only works in large, urban, European cities. I have taken a couple trips in Charlottesville, Virginia, and that is a city less than half the size of Victoria, and they have a beautiful pedestrian mall. Lots of shops, restaurants with outdoor seating, pubs, bars, and general stores such as a pharmacy. Large trees in the middle of the walkway. It still gets lots of traffic, and somehow all those shops are still in business /s. I highly recommend looking up that pedestrian mall if you are looking for more inspiration!

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3/03/2022 08:59 AM

Just to re-iterate the point about authenticity. Also, if there are ways to work in green infrastructure, low impact design (green roofs, bioswales, permeable pavers) this will help not only with stormwater management but also urban heat island, pollinators and the like. Please be best in class in terms of working with nature.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:02 AM

I've lived in towns with pedestrian only, as in no cars at all, ever, and it is fantastic. We should be more aggressive with the pedestrian only design - this is long overdue

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:07 AM

thank you this is a thoughtful design, with the improvements on Wharf street and the already good traffic flow on Douglas and Blanshard. a pedestrian friendly corridor with extremely limited vehicle access (I would support limiting to emergency vehicles at any time and deliveries at limited times only) would be a lovely addition to the city and especially downtown.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:16 AM

I believe in this and I think this is great time to take this on. If you look at places like Australia and New Zealand they do a great job of working with public spaces. Let's get inspired by other places and

make this happen. Fully support this project!

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3/03/2022 09:16 AM

You guys really bungled the bike lanes (and I'm a cyclist!), scared what you will do here...

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3/03/2022 09:18 AM

This type of pedestrian-friendly street is so needed in Victoria. So many cities across the world have such streets and they are very successful. It won't be just for tourists, locals will use it and it will encourage people to come downtown on a regular basis. Douglas Street also needs an upgrade but I think vehicle traffic needs to be on Douglas but some traffic calming details could be added. For now - let's get on with this!

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3/03/2022 09:21 AM

Many streets like this in other cities become the heart and hub, one downside is our shops and restaurants close so early along this strip that after 9 or so things drastically become quite and slow down. It would be nice to have a lively street and patios similar to what you see in Barcelona or other European cities

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3/03/2022 09:23 AM

Check how Copenhagen Cologne Vienna and other European cities manage to cope with car-free zones and follow their lead. No cars AT ALL apart from delivery vehicles during certain early hours, no cars EVER, no bus, no taxis. In Stockholm the police use Segways while patrolling these car free zones and hand out tickets to anyone who winds up in these zones, whether or not it was done so inadvertently (at least that's what we witnessed a couple of years ago).

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3/03/2022 09:26 AM

We are a business with 8 employees on Langley Street (I am the owner). We strongly support the elimination of traffic from Gov't Street and the introduction of walkability/cycle/street life amenities. We can access our office from Wharf Street for deliveries, and all our employees walk or ride their bikes to the office.

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3/03/2022 09:30 AM

Wasn't aware of first phase of public engagement.

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Free public transit, or at least look into something similar to the compass card in Vancouver

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Too many basic needs of the city are being overlooked.

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3/03/2022 09:36 AM

I beleive its wise not to be building up. I do not beleive in quality of earthquake safety,soundness preparedness is in alot of new buildings foundations. Alot of cold pockets for example. This seems like a very real unavoidable issue across Victoria. Thankyou.

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3/03/2022 09:36 AM

for too long the immediate business owners have held this street hostage to car parking. it is refreshing to see that other users can be considered and the area integrated into downtown and the bike lanes

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Should be car free as much as possible.

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3/03/2022 09:42 AM

I think development for public use of the parking areas is a good idea, it discourages people from driving into the area however does reduce the amount of available parking.

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3/03/2022 09:42 AM

I love this whole concept and even though there have been growth pains, support the shift from a car-centric downtown to one that is safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

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Provide leadership and strategies for resilient businesses that do not rely solely on tourism. With the pandemic we've seen what a fragile basket tourism is to put so many eggs in. Selling identical trinkets to cruise ship tourists is not sustainable or of significant cultural benefit. Provide more covered seating areas with wind breaks to encourage year round use. Rest rooms, rest rooms, restrooms. I use a bicycle for most of my transportation needs and would encourage the continued creation of protected bicycle infrastructure wherever possible.

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3/03/2022 09:45 AM

seems very exciting! we have such a beautiful city and such a wonderfully compact, walkable downtown core with lots of independent stores...these proposals seem to create a beating-heart corridor for community interaction that would contribute to the quality of life for Victorians and be a major attraction for tourists.

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long overdue

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See comments above. More trees and seasonal plantings.

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Don't be afraid to close Government to private vehicles.

Compromising in this aspect will wreck the whole plan. Ppl need to be able to wander, take photos, get food and coffee, without worrying about even a narrow lane of cars. Also avoid programming the space, which would be weird in a government imposed sort of way. Street musicians and people sitting around don't need pavilions. Just let it be.

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3/03/2022 10:03 AM

Again recognize and integrate the relationship between Lekwungen and Asian peoples, respecting that although it is Chinatown it was first Lekwungen lands.

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3/03/2022 10:11 AM

The culture of Victoria has influence from around the world, from multiple ethnicities - not all of it should be removed or ignored.

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No cars other then drop off supplies for businesses and no car parking at all!

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Please think more about pedestrian access such as bus stops closer to Government street rather than Douglas

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3/03/2022 10:19 AM

It is essential to integrate art and the story of the First Nations into the redesign. In addition to reflecting on the history and culture of Victoria and the south island, it is very important to look outward as well. I would love to see national/ international art and design included in the redesign, showing how Victoria is not an inward looking island town, but a major city and regional capital that welcomes and does business with different cultures and nationalities. This is so important as this development will be the first impression of Victoria for tourists, business travellers and people looking to relocate here.

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I'd love to see the refresh take sustainability, food security, and carbon footprint into mind. For example, I wonder if there are opportunities to expand the Food Ecodistrict Program in combination with the Government Street Refresh? It would be great if Government Street was not only a model of accessibility, culture, and community, but also a model of carbon neutral public engineering

Screen Name Redacted

Love all of it, except putting a new plaza across the street from

3/03/2022 10:22 AM

Centennial Square. Is there any way to entice people there (e.g. a playground? Coffee shop with great patio?)

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Stop. Stop now.

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Please prioritize not creating an even more backed up traffic situation. If you have to diverge traffic from Government st. at certain times (more details please??), will there be a logical alternative present? Added parking spaces available? Convenience and safety is important for both pedestrians and drivers. Please don't forget the drivers, as some people have no other way to travel (elderly, physically challenged, etc). Thank you.

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Include pre-planning for second phase to ultimately extend the pedestrian priority measures all the way to a northern terminal, eaterfront public square at Rock Bay.

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Bike lanes and free roaming pedestrians need clear boundaries

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There will be opposition to change, but we must plan for the future. Take redevelopment in phases to allow people to get used to the changes slowly.

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Less cars, more pedestrian space overall on this street. When I do drive if I accidentally get down to Government street I am always annoyed, it was terrible to drive on pre-covid and I have enjoyed it and spent much more time (and money) on Government since it has had the timed closures.

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3/03/2022 10:51 AM

Why mess with something that works?! As usual Victoria council has decided to play God and redesign into their own ideas, ignoring what the rest of us want.

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Overall, I think we need more public spaces in which arts and culture can flourish. Outdoor dining and shopping are nice features to have, but I don't want to see this turned into a completely commercial areas. We need access to free public spaces.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:59 AM

I would have liked to see this concept go even further into the pedestrian heavy concept. While I know this area is important to tourism for the city, it usually leaves locals as the afterthought. An entirely pedestrianized zone (with the exception of early morning loading/drop off) would better promote year round businesses that locals would actually use. I live downtown and never go south of Fort Street, it is a ghost town in that area from October to April. I would also like to see more focus on events for locals in this area, a year round farmers market for example. This would tie in with the event spaces proposed.

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I favour maximizing pedestrian/bike access, eliminating car traffic altogether, and allowing deliveries only in a well- circumscribed morning time slot.

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Incorporate a design that allows for quick and easy additional pedestrian priority zones adjacent or near Govt St, as this redesign may be quite popular.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

Comments as before. Please don't think I'm a crotchedy old person. I've volunteered at Our Place for 12 years and I'm comfortable with street people or the difficult-to-house crowd. I love all the ideas here but I wish we could declare Govt St and Chinatown as happy tourist areas where we can be proud of our reputation as a tourism mecca. Having public washrooms are important as well as covered areas and accessible seating. I'm only worried about what this will attract.

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3/03/2022 11:18 AM

Do not wreck government street any further. If this is all to save money down the road, that is foolish. As locals do not enjoy going downtown any more.

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do we need public car access? i would say no.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:51 AM

Any trees and plants should be native BC trees and plants  
Recognition of and space for buskers and other street performers  
More and nice, clean, public washrooms

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SMALL BUSINESS !!!!!

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:55 AM	Establish parking areas outside of the Government Street Refurbished area. Remember, Victoria downtown is for everyone and not just those that live close enough to walk.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 11:56 AM	I would like to see minimal vehicle access, no access for horse-drawn carriages, and limited pedicab access. Pedestrians should always have priority.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:08 PM	great work!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:16 PM	Some sort of secure bike storage downtown needed, infrastructure for getting down town on a bike has improved a lot, but I still find myself driving because I don't want to leave my bike unattended. Locked bikes get stolen from bike racks on the street, and from patrolled parkades, so these current options are clearly not effective.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:20 PM	Busker spots are a good idea to include. Consider seating at or near where cruise ship buses drop-off/pick-up. Loading and parking should all be on side streets, with accessible stalls nearest to Government street as is possible on side streets. Less car through traffic, if not then more speed bumps and traffic calming. Less cars the better. Added bike parking is needed, especially secure if possible. Connection for bikes and carriages or pedicabs is unclear, how will they connect and travel through this space? Can they not enter at Humboldt?
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:23 PM	Love this idea!! Can't wait to enjoy this space with friends and family!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:27 PM	Close down tacky Canadian flag tourist shops! They cheapen our downtown. More small businesses. No chains in the old town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:33 PM	Please use classic styles that will still look beautiful in coming years
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:36 PM	Still too much car access
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 12:46 PM	we need to recognize vehicles we need to stop spending money on these big changes in our city we COULD spruce up what is there

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Looks fabulous.

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Less touristy

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Long overdue. Include buskers and street performers in the plan. Seating needs to be comfortable yet weather resistant. Exclude all vehicle traffic in the Humbolt to Pandora (or at least Yates) area and set aside truck parking on perpendicular side street for deliveries.

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3/03/2022 01:25 PM

I think the sections will grow into a pedestrian mall over all. I hope it can bring back a vibrant downtown, one not made up of Tourist t-shirt shops. We need to support and select shops that represent all of us. Somewhere I can go to do my shopping and entertainment. I strongly support a downtown that is 'real' and not made for cruise ship tourists.

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3/03/2022 01:41 PM

Please consider carefully my comments about the horse-drawn carriages. Please email me if you would like to engage with or are open to considering a shift in the city's perspective on this. Reconciliation takes many forms, requires a multitude of cultural changes. This is one of them. And it's easy to accommodate, and would have true meaning.

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3/03/2022 01:48 PM

I am a resident in the Quadra/McKenzie area, for 33 years. I love going downtown and supporting businesses. Parking is an issue for me. I do want to see less cars downtown but I need to drive to get downtown. I have my secrets to park close to downtown for free (limit on time I can park), I like to walk and not pay. Sometimes I need to come back and move my car. I love exploring lots of streets and areas of downtown. Parkade? I think shuttle buses (for a reasonable price or free) could be beneficial especially for those not able to walk far. The issue with tour buses dropping of people farther from the usual spot this year could be solved with shuttles. In Palm Desert there is a courtesy shuttle that runs along El Paseo, for free. My guess is that it runs only during certain times of the day to encourage to shop along the very long street.

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3/03/2022 02:17 PM

This seems like a lovely, artsy view of a street, with little if any practicality to it. For a city with limited downtown streets, to convert Government Street to a semi-pedestrian mall is contrary to both the

needs of the businesses there, and to the needs of the tourists/visitors who are the lifeblood of the area. There are only 4 streets that make up downtown - taking one away is a foolish idea. It ties up traffic even more

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How about public washrooms at the Humboldt end of this zone.

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As someone who spent a LOT of time on Government street in the past (I worked there for several years and later lived on Broughton @ Wharf), I must say this should have been done years ago. I guess the benefit of doing it now, is that it will be done with more emphasis on reconciliation, accessibility, and active transportation.

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3/03/2022 03:27 PM

Love it all - We've been along (and spending money) Government Street more in the last couple car-free years than the decade before combined. I don't think we're alone in locals who avoided that strip (especially in the summer), but have been returning to the area since it became more pedestrian-friendly. We've even bought stuff a couple of times at a couple of the tourist souvenir shops - gasp - because strolling down the street now has us in a way happier way and willing to mill around the area vs. previous years. I've never bought anything as a result of being able to drive down Gov't, so businesses worried about less traffic are really just missing out on passing-by cars. It also has a trickle-down effect on nearby streets - we're in that area more, meaning we've been spending more money on Fort, LoJo, etc. too. I get that sometimes delivery/work vehicles need to use the street, but "regular" traffic? It's been sooooo nice without it.

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3/03/2022 04:04 PM

Until you fix the homeless situation, there is no point in considering improvements. Many people are avoiding downtown because of it.

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please include kids areas/play areas and space for local food trucks which would attract more families

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3/03/2022 04:06 PM

Having a more pedestrian friendly area will mean a need for an increase to adjacent affordable parking. Bringing in people to enjoy the area and spend money, will mean it can't be inconvenient for them to do so.

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3/03/2022 04:25 PM

Would it be possible to have any of the building material be used from used/recycled materials to cut down on material waste and

further extraction of resources?

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3/03/2022 04:51 PM

Excellent ideas here. Let's get people walking and less cars! A beautiful, safe, refreshed Government Street. And very important to have a Lekwungen cultural plaza and landmark!

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3/03/2022 04:52 PM

to proceed in phases so the traffic and street is not in chaos for 5 years.

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3/03/2022 04:52 PM

Open government street back up to slow traffic. Stop pushing this agenda that the residents and businesses do not buy into.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 05:04 PM

My preference is a design concept that enables residents of the GVRD to enjoy Government Street as a destination area with quality public cultural spaces and events (curated/juried?) I think any design that focuses on providing a safe, vibrant area for people to gather and build a sense of community and local civic pride would be exciting.

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3/03/2022 05:30 PM

Great plan. I'm very proud of the city and it's understanding of what future generations require from us today.

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3/03/2022 05:45 PM

It's about time. Am definitely in support of this

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3/03/2022 05:48 PM

More pedestrian only areas

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3/03/2022 06:01 PM

Make Victoria safe, clean and friendly first, then build upon that success. Otherwise you're simply creating more spaces for tent cities, bike hack-shops and drug dealers to ply their trade. This is all lovely, but you have lost focus on what Victoria really needs right now.

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3/03/2022 06:11 PM

Make some key spots for social posts etc. like big murals, or items that people can pose with.

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3/03/2022 06:30 PM

Victoria should be a pedestrian city with less cars entirely. Turning this into a pedestrian only street is a great start!

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:06 PM

Design is improvement of existing condition but seems a bit generic new-urbanism many cities are implemented. Acknowledgment of indigenous and Chinese elements seem a bit perfunctory rather than memorable. Needs a unique, specifically memorable design element that a tourist would remember beyond simply "Victoria seemed like a nice place." Perhaps an open design competition of some sort would be worthwhile. The overall concept is on the right track, though.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:27 PM

In all areas I would support the bike and pedi-cab access but I would not want to see horse drawn carriages.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:31 PM

Unauthorized street entertainment that violates numerous bylaw rules is already happening. The city needs to be prepared to invest in personnel that can enforce the laws of those who will use these public spaces to in an unauthorized manner. The owes this to the downtown residents.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:51 PM

accessibility of vehicles for wheelchair/mobility users, for seniors, for parents with little kids, for our tourist who expect proper accessibility with vehicle usage for the same reasons as citizens do, in order to actually get to government streets locals stop all these road screw up and discrimination ...

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:47 PM

There are owls that nest along Government in the trees, please do not displace them.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:56 PM

Keep the focus on pedestrians and bicycles.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:59 PM

Please kick the cars off Government Street from Humbolt to Yates (except for commercial vehicles). Traffic in downtown Victoria is pretty bad and it's honestly terrifying to travel by foot or bike in the area. Even when there's signage, I don't trust drivers to properly follow them. Parts of the street have been temporarily closed to traffic over the summer and I've seen drivers just ignoring the signs and driving through the pedestrian designated areas. Government Street is a beautiful place to walk and shop and it ruins it when there's a lost vehicle trying to go through the area.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:07 PM

There should be lots of signage telling people where stores are located, where there are public washrooms, the directions including the time to walk to various sites from Government Street, location of

parking lots, and all transportation hubs, like buses, boats, planes etc.  
We should never forget that just like us, tourists like more  
information, not less.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:27 PM

Make bike routes obvious and continuous. Do not expect bikes to mix  
with pedestrian traffic. Keep clear pedestrian areas. Plan for many  
bikes at once. Provide more bike parking all along the route.

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3/03/2022 09:58 PM

Banning cars completely from Government St. instead of the  
piecemeal approach you are taking. Deliveries can be accommodated  
on side streets, removing street parking.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:18 PM

More parking, north on government by China Town. To park and walk  
government st for those from out of town.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 10:19 PM

Less indigenous, more for people to relax and enjoy the space. No  
more bike lanes please.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:37 PM

I love it! I hope it works! I love seeing people gathering on  
Government street! But let's stay focused on locals more than  
tourists, so people are drawn to it all year round. And focus on other  
safety aspects as well, to keep it clean and vibrant and welcoming.  
Nobody wants hostile architecture but I don't know how you'll build  
these amenities in downtown's current state and not have them taken  
over by street campers.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 12:02 AM

Strongly support making more room for people, community and  
spaces for connecting, while reducing traffic jams and vehicle sounds  
and smells in such an iconic part of Victoria. As a local resident, I  
rarely drive near Government Street because the experience is  
frustrating and slow-going.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 06:19 AM

The plan touches on Indigenous art, Chinese cultural spaces,  
accessibility and pedestrian oriented walkability. I would like to  
include another cultural component with the Victoria Francophone  
Society in Bastion Square.

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I think it is quite doable to eliminate car traffic from the first 2 or 3  
blocks starting at Humbolt

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3/04/2022 07:29 AM

Please consider the people who live in James Bay, Chinatown and downtown before closing streets to traffic. Every year getting out of James Bay takes longer and longer, especially in the busy tourist season; it is frustrating for those that live here. Not everyone works downtown, many people cannot walk to work and the bus system Post Covid is even worse than it was previously. In addition not everyone is able bodied and can ride a bike to work.

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3/04/2022 07:41 AM

Car-free periods should be extended to absolutely no cars except deliveries to businesses, perhaps. Think Europe. Think Istiklal Caddesi in Istanbul. People are tired of being surrounded by cars, always having to watch out for injury or death. The more car-free areas in the city the better. Get rid of the roadway along Government. Nice brickwork or the like will make the pedestrian landscape more appealing. **S. 22**

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3/04/2022 07:49 AM

Review the whole plan from the point of view of it being an important amenity for the downtown neighbourhood. How will downtown residents use this space? What do downtown residents need to enhance their quality of life? Is there room anywhere for a pocket park to provide respite and calm amidst the busi-ness of the city? Will the new changes include a weekly farmers market? Will there be spaces for neighbourhood programming? A place where neighbours can share information - post flyers looking for roommates?

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 07:59 AM

It's mostly a make work project that will further hinder traffic flow. I think what we have now is working fine and I wouldn't make any further changes.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 08:31 AM

I think the efforts are good but I'm not in agreement about replacing trees as I don't believe we should just replace old trees. I also am concerned about traffic flow and affects on business. The takeover of bike lanes has been challenging to people and businesses and I don't agree that making a whole swathe of an already compromised downtown core to be pedestrian is the answer. I'm not sure this will help elderly or people with disabilities - where will they park, and how will they access downtown?

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3/04/2022 08:56 AM

Solar lighting when possible.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 09:21 AM

Great ideas. I would like to see this stretch of Government totally timed car-free. Parked cars take away from the ambiance of a

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pedestrian corridor.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 09:34 AM

"Refreshing" Govt St is all very well but you won't do much to improve the downtown by focusing on one street that exists amidst a patchwork of the homeless and drug addicted. Living in Victoria is like living near the east side of Vancouver because the downtown core is so small, you can't avoid the housing/drug problems. I've lived in Halifax, Ottawa, Fredericton...small cities yes, but with a living core that greater Victoria with its 13 municipalities lacks.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:20 AM

Great idea! Love it, I would like the area where government to be car free at all times. It's not necessary anymore and during COVID it wasn't accessible anyways. Not much traffic through that area. Been living downtown for a couple years and I always prefer Douglas or Blanchard to drive down.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:29 AM

As you said, once in a generation opportunity - so be MORE BOLD. Continue the first section (closed most of the day to traffic) all the way through. We will adapt!

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:36 AM

Clearly this re-design is for the benefit of residents of Victoria as well as visitors from all over. I think it would be a shame to see it excessively focussed on tourism and on the high expectations of the tourism business community specifically, as I believe that most visitors want to experience a city as its residents experience it and enjoy exploring areas of the city that local citizens are also frequenting and enjoying. Many travellers (I'm one of them) actively avoid "tourist areas" when exploring new places. I believe that you can be a popular tourist destination without actively creating tourist trap areas. People will be drawn to dynamic, people-oriented spaces no matter what.

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3/04/2022 11:48 AM

Minor maintenance improvements, use the tax dollars to repair city infrastructure.

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3/04/2022 01:46 PM

I just hope in this design you take the opportunity to be as conscious as possible to opportunities to support environmental health for the future. This would include using green energy sources where possible or at least setting up the system so it can make this transition which is inevitably coming down the line. i.e., electric car infrastructure, solar where possible, wind energy opportunities, encouragement of sustainable transportation methods, waste

reduction, and ecosystem health.

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3/04/2022 02:24 PM

I would like the street to allow biking all day long.

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3/04/2022 02:32 PM

Bikes, pedicabs and especially horse drawn carriages should have to stick to the car times to make Government truly pedestrian friendly. I'd love to see the street without cars, similar to 5th Ave in Playa del Carmen.

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be bold! time to move on from cars downtown.

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Smoking should not be allowed on the sidewalks or any area where shops/restaurants are open. The city benches, tables, etc need to be marked no smoking. Park areas are no smoking. More Bylaw officers enforcing the smoking rule, educating tourist where they can smoke and how to toss their butts out. Washrooms;. There needs to be more accessible washrooms at all time of the day and night. Restaurants/cafes/shops shouldn't be covering the cost of bathroom use to non-customers because the city hasn't consider these needs. And the two public washrooms are not always accessible or near by. They close around 10pm at night in the summer but the cruise ship people are normally here till 11pm or later. Pub/night clubbers aren't always near a washroom and will use a store front or back door as their personal bathroom, Etc. Shade: is needed in the summer months and cover in the wetter seasons, if the city really wants this to be a pedestrian walk area. The covered malls always do much better in the wet season or extreme heat than the downtown area because there is cover areas. Putting out tables and benches are only good for part of the year. Having a sidewalks clear of obstacles, ei: patio areas, random planters, garbage receptacles in front of shops give a clear pathway to get to the next shop, for deliveries, people with disabilities, etc. I am for possible wider sidewalks, as long as they aren't cluttered where people have to zig zag around things. And cars/trucks can safely get through to do their part in keep the businesses in those areas running smoothly. Lighting: is a huge part to all of these areas. Nice, warm lighting is needed to add pleasant atmosphere to the neighbourhood as well as making the place safer at night. Having the lights in the trees, or strung across the street, in planters, etc. adds a welcoming touch to the streets. Right now the Government street is really the only main street that doesn't have added lighting and it shows that the area isn't that welcoming at night. Garbage: The city added 3 groups of recycling together (compost, bottles and garbage), years ago, problem is that people don't see



them as they are quite large. It was nice when they were on each corner. I'm constantly picking up trash from the planters or the weird red benches that are scattered over the street as people are not sure where it goes. Street signs: How many more are you planning on adding to make this make sense? Street performance: Making sure that they aren't too loud for the shops where they perform. Noise pollution, is another factor. I enjoy street performers, but I do also enjoy not hearing them a block away too. it would be nice to see actual performers. Like magic, jugglers, not just musicians.

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More walkways - less cars!

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the car free experiment experiment explored during covid has really increased the walkability and vibrancy of the downtown area that it was implemented in.

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I'm not against development. But there are no costs here, only 1 public washroom planned if I am reading your plans correctly, and this seems to be a hurried decision (again) by the city. I am both a bike rider and a car driver. I think there are areas where we bike riders should be asked to dismount and walk our bikes in favour of pedestrian safety.

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3/05/2022 07:46 AM

Having children friendly events and spaces would definitely make me visit more as the mom of a toddler.

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I hope there's a sincere focus on indigenous art, inclusivity and accessibility and less so on vehicle traffic needs. I loved it when government street has been closed off to cars. It would also be great to see the old government street Sunday market return or a downtown farmers market. I imagine it would draw a lot of people, residents and visitors alike.

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Please remember that bicycles (and skateboards, scooters, etc.) are not necessarily pedestrian friendly.

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There should've another public washroom added to the area in addition to the one planned for the China Town plaza.

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In question 16 below, the most important thing that would make me

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want to visit Government St more often isn't mentioned: interesting, weird, and useful independent retail stores.

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We as a family would spend significantly more time in downtown Victoria if there were 1) secure and safe bicycle parking 2) better seating opportunities 3) safer pedestrian street crossings. We often ride through Victoria when on bike and won't stop due to concerns about theft. We're often walking downtown and would do more stopping, exploring but seating / safety issues prevent that.

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It is a great overall suggestion, the more support towards pedestrian zones for socializing, dining, patios, and cultural influences are incredibly welcomed suggestions. Permanent patios are too successful and welcoming to remove at this point. They provide a great aura and atmosphere downtown.

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Have permanent restaurant patios instead of banning them June 1.

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3/05/2022 02:08 PM

Less vehicles downtown overall would be the best outcome. Drivers are way too fast and don't obey traffic lights. Every single day, I see drivers turning right on red lights across bike lanes. I also see vehicles turning into and driving down the bike lanes routinely. Pedestrians are just as vulnerable with drivers not even bothering to slow down at a red light before turning right. I'm amazed that more people aren't seriously hurt navigating around vehicles downtown.

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Why not skip straight to the end-goal of permanent vehicle-free zones?

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Let restaurants/pubs/cafes keep their outdoor patio and seating areas year round but especially in the nice weather.

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Keep the patios

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Allow loading access from side streets not on government. Of course will need to re-organize traffic pattern on side streets.

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Make the whole stretch 100% car free at all times!

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Busker pads and busker licences.

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The closure of government street during the pandemic has made it clear to me how valuable this space is and how much of it was wasted accommodating motor vehicles.

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We should be bolder in reducing access for private automobiles. Some 'conversation pit' style seating should be provided, and a lot of the seating should have back rests. I support horse drawn carriages using the space when it is not too busy, but maybe not practical on busy weekends?

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Public drinking fountains or water bottle refill stations would be great (see portland's benson bubblers for fun precedent)

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street food and outdoor drinking

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I am very concerned because many of your plans have led to increased car congestion, pollution with idling, doubling of commuting time for workers and general nastiness in traffic. I understand Government is rarely used for cars as is, but when will you stop? So much money is being spent on projects that do not benefit all Victorians while elsewhere infrastructure is crumbling.

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This is a great direction, the more we can make downtown pedestrian and bike friendly the better off we are.

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Would be best with least car access. Have you been to Europe? Or South America? The centers of cities are typically closed to cars and flooded with people, art, life, tourists and \$\$\$\$

3/05/2022 08:44 PM

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There are many parts of this that sound interesting and exciting. However, as a person with a physical disability that relies on a car to get to where I need to go, and often can't walk more than a block at most, overall limiting cars' ability to drive through downtown limits my ability to get around. I consistently feel left out when there are conversations about turning more and more of downtown into car free

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zones. I moved to Victoria for its accessibility and have loved being able to go to a downtown that is often accessible for me, compared to larger cities. This shift is a negative shift overall for me.

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This looks amazing, great work!

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3/06/2022 12:38 AM

Good concept. Looking forward to development and implementation.

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It would be great to make this an entirely car-free zone at all hours with the only exception being commercial loading areas at designated times if they cannot be done elsewhere. Suggest that there should be no public street parking in the project area and that accessible vehicle drop off be accommodated on the cross streets. Suggest carrying the Courtney-Yates concept all the way to Pandora or Herald if the project area could be expanded. Overall I strongly support the direction of the conceptual design and would love to see more pedestrian / car-free streets in the City

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3/06/2022 07:58 AM

Keep outdoor patios!

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Leave government street for cars year round. Once traffic is backed to pre pandemic levels it is a necessary artery to alleviate massive congestion.

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3/06/2022 09:36 AM

I urge you to rethink the allowance of vehicles on the road at all. It's not necessary in most cases. Also, no pedicabs or horse carriages. Cyclists should dismount as they have a protected lane on Wharf. I would prefer the carriages not be able to use the downtown core at all for tours. Cars do need to move in and out of the area and the horses, although charming, cause impatience. Also, they poop wherever and that's not a great feature for a pedestrian friendly zone. Stephen Avenue Mall in Calgary is great because pedestrians can freely move from one side of the street to the other.

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3/06/2022 04:54 PM

No vehicles! At all!!!! Lol. Overall I love this planned redesign. I think it will be magical. Can't wait to dine outside of a summer evening watching some cultural performance! Will really add to Victoria as a place to live, and visit.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 04:58 PM	I don't see anything about tour buses of cruise ship passengers so hope that they are not allowed at all on Government Street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 06:12 PM	Please don't put any anti-homeless infrastructure in place!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 06:13 PM	It has been shown that tree canopy can cool the area 12 degrees. These trees in the diagrams don't appear to have a robust canopy.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 07:50 PM	Please be bold! The reason I'm checking "support" and not "strongly support" is that this proposal still seems timid about turning space over from cars to people.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 09:20 PM	Please reduce cars and parking to the absolute minimum possible. I'm not sure why it's necessary to allow cars on this part of Govt St at all.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 08:58 AM	Car free zones are great! Expand these! It makes for such a nicer experience walking along government.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 09:39 AM	STOP closing streets downtown. We already have sidewalks for pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:26 AM	Security features to make the area safer from potential crime
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:59 AM	Please keep downtown pedestrian only and minimize vehicle access to the core of government street. I feel unsafe as a pedestrian using the road when the bollards are flexible and drivers can and do ignore instructions as they wish.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 11:28 AM	I don't think this is an appropriate place for a children's water play area, at all, so please don't do that! It would be a waste of space in this area in my opinion.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 12:28 PM	Your public engagement process is a joke! Completely disregarding business is a disgusting!

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Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 12:51 PM	It is a wonderful redo of Government. The possibility of the downtown becoming The place to go to or live in will krefresh it and build a good future for the City. Impressive!
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:15 PM	More security, garbage and recycling cans, more street clean up.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:20 PM	Keep all vehicle and bicycle traffic to a minimum. Mixing with pedestrians will be very dangerous. The city's 3rd party liability could be very high.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 02:52 PM	I know that everyone is yelling about cars, but I would be happy to see this as never having cars. I think a street that is full of art, culture, dining and music is a better thing for the city. Cars have enough room.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:15 PM	Focus on keeping it pedestrian friendly and expanding that, not cutting it back by allowing other vehicles, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:29 PM	make it a green space with lots of trees, shrubs, and plants
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:35 PM	Have a good policy to encourage more cafes and restaurants along Government St. The most success ped. streets around the world have lots of restaurants and cafes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:39 PM	Access to tourist buses at all times — cruise visitors especially
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:54 PM	Not enough people to close down the street permanently. Trying to get around the closure from James Bay is way too difficult. Adverse affects to businesses, tour buses, etc. Need to keep costs down!
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 04:10 PM	The aspect of public safety wasn't addressed at all in your plan. This is however uppermost in the mind of seniors now before they decide to go downtown again as I hear from many of my friends. This place will look dead in the winter, worse than Granville Street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 08:19 PM	great plan!

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Its impossible to please everyone, remove the cars ( except for early hrs for deliveries). as much as possible if you really want to make a pedestrian friendly area. Provide various types of seating not all benches, include more kid friendly areas and don't forget washrooms.

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3/07/2022 10:07 PM

I find that with the ever increasing population of Victoria that it is getting harder and longer to get around. With the rework of Wharf St and no left turns off of much of Douglas, Government St was a nice, direct, and less busy option for getting to businesses downtown. I love the downtown area, but with increased parking and accessibility issues, I find myself shipping more and more at malls in order to avoid downtown. Also, it seems that in a time of such out of control inflation and costs to the average Victoria resident, that this could be out on hold until property tax rate increases can be calmed. Perhaps, we freeze property tax rates and propose a budget that spends only what we have. It appears at the moment, that we spend and then decide how to pay for the spending (increase property taxes).

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Improved security

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See previous comments about quality and cleanliness, two areas which don't exist on Government Street currently.

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In order to make this area more friendly to pedestrians we will need expanded affordable parking for vehicles in surrounding nearby areas to compensate.

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Do it right. Engage the Police and fund them to make the space safe and enjoyable otherwise it will fail. Stop ignoring cars and provide some consideration (maybe a parkade) for them as opposed to just bike lanes.

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I like the fact that you are actually listening to our input and coming up with credible concepts. Well done everybody!

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The majority of businesses in the lower part of Government Street are tourism-focused, yet closing the street to vehicle traffic limits the exposure these businesses get to tour bus traffic. Specifically, the cruise ship passenger shuttles will be re-routed so they don't see the

inner harbour, or travel up Old Town and dropped in the heart of the tourist district. This should be addressed.

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One thing I noticed in the previous pages talking about improved pedestrian accessibility was new curb cuts. I would instead really strongly favour raised sidewalks in every place they make sense. Also, besides emergency and delivery vehicles, I don't like the idea of regular cars continuing to use the car-free zone at any time.

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3/08/2022 05:08 PM

Please add more public washrooms with privacy and security for women in all sections.

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Thanks for finally taking this on. It is overdue. I'm an Esquimalt resident but oriented to Victoria and that's where I shop. I'm usually on foot so the businesses that insist they need parking on their block are missing the point. Give cruise passengers a map and they will find where they want to be. Hopefully we can finally give Market Square the profile it needs.

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I support the design and hope the future will hold more car and vehicle free areas for Government Street and other streets in the city. The more attractive the city is for pedestrians and bicycles, the more people will leave their vehicles outside the core area. Or better yet, the more people will not even want a personal vehicle. 😊. Thank you for making our streets more pedestrian and bicycle friendly!

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Please make this happen! It all looks great.

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To be able to have more night performances. I'm just thinking of places like Quebec City, Ottawa & Toronto that have places where there are outdoor performances at night.....like an impromptu singer with people dancing in the street, art displays or a random play. Things to get people to have a moment and to be excited to be down there.

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1. KIS Principle. Start with pedestrian only and see how it goes. In the future add carriages, and pedicabs if there is room. Bicycles can be pedestrians. 2. Keep the merchants happy-they pay big bucks in rent.

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Limiting cars on government street and making the street friendly to



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pedestrians and cyclists would encourage me to spend more time downtown

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This is not an unbiased survey seeking our opinions. It's like asking: Which flavours of ice cream should we offer, not Is this a project we should be pursuing? Or Do you think there are better ways we should be spending our tax dollars? or ways with higher priorities that we should be pursuing first?

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Please provide a backrest on some benches for older folks. Keep up the good work and keep me updated.

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All in favour of more trees, pedestrian friendly, fewer cars, and friendly, welcoming community vibe.

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For many of these features, they could be good or bad, depending on later choices like type of lighting, seating, how seating areas structured, etc. Fix step up entrances and barriers to businesses to provide true accessibility to businesses. It's not clear how cars who can't enter Gov't St. will turn or where the adjacent accessible parking will go. Adaptability of closure timing may be inconsistent with accessibility for blind pedestrians who won't know when they may encounter cars. Need stoplights to command vehicles to stop. APS alone, not enough, especially for bikes. Wayfinding for blind people not addressed. All ages - what features for children and seniors? All planting, private or public should follow low allergen guidance, since going in "places where people congregate". Can you put wiring under sidewalk to geofence sandwich boards with chips? Concern about moveable furnishings like signs and chairs on sidewalks. Public Realm Design Guidelines contains barriers - low contrast furnishings. Information does not follow Universal Design Principle 4. Streets are not labeled, distances not given, and the Mobility schematics are challenging to grasp. Most information is graphic. Where do mobility scooters park? Where is the adjacent accessible parking and is it all parallel, or any van accessible with access aisles? Letting mobility forms that not everyone can enjoy during car closures is discriminatory (pedicabs & carriages). Can't get a wheelchair on a horse drawn carriage, and many people could not climb up. Horse droppings and congregating and eating do not mix. Harmful for people with certain health conditions. I know there are shovelers but urine is constant and reeks in summer. Bikes and horses? Need traffic lights to stop vehicles AND bikes. Pedestrian-controlled flashing lights will not create safety for blind pedestrians. Need more info on safe street crossing for blind people. Concern about huge

backups when people find they can't proceed across Gov't. St. Please hold a specific forum on accessibility and senior, with outreach to community groups.

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I strongly feel that the Government St. project should essentially be visualized as a completely traffic-free area, except for commercial deliveries only, (no cars), at night or early morning. In other words, no cars, trucks, bicycles, pedicabs, scooters, etc. during typical pedestrian hours of 8:00 am to midnight, and commercial deliveries only from midnight to 8:00 am. The concept would one of a designated pedestrian urban park, for all Victorians and visitors to enjoy, on the model of a large European town square, although elongated in this case. It will undoubtedly become the crown jewel of a revitalized Victoria town centre.

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Very difficult to support a street that does not allow vehicle access. The city has cut off thousands of tourists that enjoy the street from tour bus, car, taxi, cruise ship shuttle. With less people on the street i'm not sure the concept will work. The more successful model would be to allow a hybrid model allowing all access to the street inc buses. We have the widest sidewalks in Victoria.

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3/10/2022 07:44 AM

Please take this opportunity to ban cars at all times. We need to wean people off private cars as a matter of emergency, for the sake of our health (air pollution and traffic collisions) and that of the planet (CO2 emissions and climate change). There is excellent cycling and public transport infrastructure in central Victoria so there is no excuse for people who still drive there.

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Host a national design competition for qualified designers.

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Please just ban cars, cars dominate so much public space

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Please take the concept just one more block N to better tie in the MacPherson Theatre, the the NW pedestrian entrance to Centennial Sq., and the Fisgard entrance to Chinatown. Obviously this extra block would need to be a hybrid of pedestrian-first amenities such as wider sidewalks, yet still allow for more traffic than the rest of the Gov't. St. plan.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2022 01:04 PM	Keep Government Stree open 24 hours to ALL, including pedestrians, bikes, horses and cars. The timed access for cars is too confusing and isn't working. Move bike lanes off Wharf to Government so they tie in better.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2022 01:43 PM	Keep the historic landmarks and carriage access. Keep expanding local businesses, and supporting tourism!
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2022 04:12 PM	I like the reduction in auto access to the street, but the timed car-free zones seem a bit like an unnecessarily complicated half-measure. It makes a bit more sense to me to simply have those areas become off-limits to all motor vehicles except necessary delivery trucks and the like.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2022 11:29 PM	If anything, the current plan remains too open and friendly to personal vehicles. This could be a catalyst to further changing the way people in the City and the region think about pedestrian areas. The Government St of the past was not compatible with 21st century challenges; the street should provide us with an opportunity to enjoy urban life on foot or on wheels.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2022 09:46 AM	I would like to see a more contemporary and imaginative approach to the design of street furniture and hard landscaping elements. I'm tired of the references to history.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2022 10:00 AM	For each section I am fully supportive of access to bicycles and pedicabs but I provided a lower score because horse-draw carriages were lumped in with them. If the aim is to make Government St more pedestrian-friendly, I do not think horses are compatible with that unless at specific times.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2022 10:08 AM	Focus on people, not vehicles. If you make Government Street one of the best streets in Canada, businesses will flourish and downtown will be vibrant. It will become an interesting, fun place to hang out, eat, and shop vs. a noisy, obstacle course dodging vehicles, and breathing polluted air. There is a great deal to be done on Douglas Street in terms of renewal and safety. It is long overdue for improvements despite being our our main street.
Screen Name Redacted 3/12/2022 07:53 AM	Minimize cars at all costs. The pedestrianizing of the space has been great so far with reduce noise and pollution. You can actually hear the

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birds! Birdsong should be an outcome considered for the success of this project.

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3/12/2022 10:01 AM

Transportation improvements for the area to support accessibility to the area. Ideally through installation of a loop trolley line from the legislature to Rock Bay, running north on Wharf/Store and south on Douglas to revive the downtown shopping zone. Service would be frequent and free or very low cost.

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Your administration has forgotten one major component in their planning. While you persist in increasing the number of condominiums in this city, you are also increasing the number of vehicles traversing through the downtown area. At the same time as you remove all the parking and vehicular thoroughfares, you are encouraging a migration away from the downtown core by businesses as there are insufficient parking places. By narrowing roads and installing bicycle lanes, you are increasing congestion in the downtown area. The commercial vacancy rate in the downtown core is astronomical. So many storefronts remain empty and have done for years because there literally is nowhere to park as every parking lot has been turned into condominiums WITH NO UNDERGROUND or ABOVEGROUND parking. Indigo/Chapters actually left the lower Douglas Street location they were in because they couldn't support their business due to a lack of parking. They were forced to move to Mayfair Mall. As you put bike lanes in you are also causing problems for Victoria Transit. The roads are TOO NARROW for buses to safely navigate the streets. By putting bike lanes along Government you are further compounding this issue. Lessening the vehicular traffic along Government will further congest the other arteries out of the city. The intersection of Government, Gorge, Hillside is the WORST one in the city. You persisted in narrowing Government at that junction and aggravated that intersection even more. Take a walk down Douglas during rush hour. This will be the primary artery servicing the downtown core if you persist in reducing vehicular traffic down Government. Douglas Street is perpetually congested with all crossroads blocked as no car can navigate that artery. Pedestrians are seeing this traffic in the middle of walkways as cars cannot leave the downtown area during rush hour in a coordinated fashion. Victoria is becoming another concrete jungle. It is not becoming a liveable city.

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The removal of trees is my biggest issue with this design. It is disrespectful to what is there and shows a lack of vision. While I have lived DT for 32 years, at this point this stretch of Government should have no parking whatsoever - but instead clear pick-up and drop off

zones and time limited delivery times. The removal of these parking spaces will offer more design leeway. THE BIGGEST THING MISSING: Why not create a public sculpture gallery running the length of Government - all the way to Bay St. eventually. ie: Devote particular spots for artworks which may be installed for time-limited periods or permanent. With this simple idea, you can engage the public by following a map up the street. South Korea in Seoul has a great example of this in front of the Arko Arts Centre.

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I think the street should be entirely vehicle-free, or limited to delivery vehicles with transponders that are driving in clear, pedestrian areas.

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At this time, the draw to going downtown is supporting unique local businesses. Feeling safe and comfortable is paramount as well. Admittedly not an issue in that part of town at this time unlike other areas. I have experienced many pedestrian focused areas and it definitely enhances the city and improves the livability.

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Be bold in the very needed war on cars. The car-brained will scream and moan the same either way if they feel their share of space is being reduced, so just rip the bandaid off and get them off the street entirely.

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Make the entire pedestrian zone permissive for the consumption of alcohol. Timed vehicle access with one-way travel for the entire route. Use the same methodology to revamp Warf street, but have it flow the opposite direction.

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We need some covered outdoor spaces for winter (and for shade in summer).

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Area between Bastion Square and Chinatown looks bland compared to the rest, Needs some design elements that pull it all together, like the "red ribbon" design that was around a couple of years ago. But overall, I really like it.

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Thank you for making this area a car free zone! Also please keep expanding patio areas (attached to restaurants or public)

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We need secure, insured bike storage downtown. I'd love to stop

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downtown to shop or eat with my ebike before returning home but I don't feel that it's safe to leave it downtown, even with two locks.

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I have concern that many parts of this corridor will be overtaken by homeless people .....if that occurs it will make people hesitant to use the area.

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-It's great to see planning around people; I love the idea of closing the street down to regular car traffic. The existing street closures since 2020 have been most welcome. Time to make this more permanent. - What would make me want to visit Government Street more often? Honestly, more variety of retail shops that appeal to both visitors and locals. Munro's is a great example of this.

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There is no need for any car access, limited or otherwise. Delivery drivers can have unlimited use of streets during set hours, but please don't allow private vehicles any access. Keep it for the people, not the cars!

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Really really don't want to see horse-drawn carriages there. Not everyone agrees with this practice of animal abuse (myself included, obviously) and I don't need to see that as I sit on a patio enjoying my lunch. More bike parking is great, but it NEEDS to be more secure than just regular sidewalk bike racks. The fear of having our family bike stolen is a big deterrent for us spending time downtown.

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3/13/2022 11:18 AM

Please keep making Victoria and it's suburbs more walkable, bikeable, and busable!

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3/13/2022 11:27 AM

Would like more European/ colonial feel to the Humbolt end of government street to highlight the Empress and history of Victoria...a colonial city and capital of BC

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Bike theft deterrents, more emphasis toward tree cover for shade, protected bike lanes.

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Please expand car free areas and times. Government st should be bay in large pedestrian only

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3/13/2022 12:28 PM

Why are we still allowing car access at any time? I understand delivery vehicles, but I don't think cars should ever be allowed onto the street. It's limiting the design of Government street for cars even though they'll rarely get to use it. Just ban them and add bike lanes and pedestrianize full time. I also think that personal bikes are fine but horse drawn carriages and pedicabs shouldn't be allowed. We shouldn't be designing for regular vehicular traffic, especially not at the expense of vulnerable road users.

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3/13/2022 01:36 PM

As mentioned earlier, I firmly believe that the City should be planning an eventual streetcar route and future-proofing all designs (particularly any underground work) along Government with this in mind. My personal vision is a one-way track from Ogden Point along Dallas Road to Douglas, up past Beacon Hill Park to Humboldt, then to Government and along this entire redevelopment route and around to Wharf and along the Inner Harbour all the way to Fisherman's Wharf, returning to Ogden Point. It would be easy for tourists and locals alike without the bottlenecks and pollution currently associated with our tourist-destination status.

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Please also do this to Johnson St between Douglas and Wharf!

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3/13/2022 03:04 PM

As usual all the Cities plans take no account of the elderly who due to mobility issues need to use a car to access the downtown

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3/13/2022 03:54 PM

I am not a tourist and most of the time I use Government St. it is to walk to and from town. I like the space and many of the shops. The sidewalks are already nice and wide but there are a lot of obstacles to through traffic when there are a lot of people in the area: ie. planters, restaurant patios that are not used November to April.

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3/13/2022 04:40 PM

ditch the cars and horse carriages altogether

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3/13/2022 06:50 PM

Incorporate more opportunities for bikers

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3/13/2022 11:37 PM

Keep bicycle access and more patio space!

## Screen Name Redacted

I would love for the city to plan adding electric streetcar services

3/13/2022 11:39 PM

(trams) down the road to help activate the area with environmentally friendly public transit and incorporate a shuttle from the cruise ship docks to government st, with eventual expansion of a rail-based streetcar network.

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3/14/2022 12:48 AM

Reroute cars around government street - there is no north/south access needed for vehicles on government.

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3/14/2022 08:50 AM

I've lived in Victoria for most of my life and currently live downtown. I frequently walk downtown and through Government Street. It has some nice features. I think the name should be changed; Government Street doesn't really reflect the area. I would like to see it closed permanently to all types of vehicles with more parking to encourage more people to come downtown. I never ride my bike downtown because I believe it would be stolen while locked up. I rarely ride it to the YMCA for the same reason. I never walk downtown after dark alone. The city has become unsafe, so I would support more lighting and would like to see more police patrolling the area on foot. That is a major issue that needs to be addressed. Another mural could be added to reflect the history, the historic creek, the boundary, the First Nations and those immigrants who built the area.

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3/14/2022 09:35 AM

As long as the plaza's do not impede traffic flow along Government St for tour buses; commercial deliveries .

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3/14/2022 09:40 AM

If additional consideration to reopening the streets during the winter months would all us to fully support this concept. Lots of interesting considerations but please consider the current building owners and ensure you don't put in competing retailer/services/events to what is already happening or what is the mandate of the shopping centre for example to what they bring into the core. Make sure it is all complimentary. We support the spring/summer concept of this plan only. We need better signage so guests from out of town or those that don't visit often understand how to access government street. Currently the sign at View and Government St. doesn't address the fact that you can turn left and access View Street Bay Centre parkade. Please review and enhance the signage in these areas.

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3/14/2022 10:01 AM

That the area should be primarily be designed and built for the local population. Yes tourism is very important but they are here today and gone tomorrow. the local are here all the time. Tourists like to be where the locals 'hang' out. Also think of the off times for tourists and



what do we want to keep the locals engaged in the area.

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3/14/2022 11:43 AM

This would be a huge step forward for Victoria. Please keep these designs and builds coming. We love to see these priorities receive funding, design attention, and development priority.

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3/14/2022 12:07 PM

I have four equally important questions:: 1. Why does council appear to be giving so little loyalty, credence and consideration to the taxpayers most affected by the proposed changes, namely the merchants of the existing businesses along this area of town? These businesses have managed to weather the very challenging years of the pandemic. They are loyal taxpayers - some for many years. Not only do they pay council salaries but, through thick and thin, they have provided local employment as they adapted to and delivered many of the services that have helped make Victoria a highly desirable destination for tourists as well as locals. 2. Is ANYONE on the current elected council a merchant or business owner within this area? Architectural design is all very nice but running a business requires more than just a pretty face. Businesses rely upon more than simple narrow time frames for deliveries of their merchandise, etc., The laws of supply and demand are basic business principles. 3. Why now? With less than a year to go to until municipal elections why is this council proposing another major upheaval to the downtown? Desperate for a better legacy? With the pandemic still not officially over, the world facing major upheavals politically, any such major plans for change and expenditure need to be addressed with far greater prudence. Taxpayers, like everyone everywhere these days, are tired. They're tired of adjusting to daily change, tired of being asked by all levels of government to pay more taxes, higher prices. They need a rest! This is anything but that! 4. Cost. Structural materials and labour prices are rising at an almost unprecedented rate. The cost of these "Refresh"ments could make the exploding costs overrun on the Blue Bridge look like a steal of a deal. Again, a reminder that taxpayers are tired. Sometimes the wheel doesn't need to be completely reinvented. Also, if it ain't broke, why keep trying to fix it?

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3/14/2022 12:27 PM

Just take into account that there are a lot of offices in the area where sound really travels. I work right on government street and I love the proposal. I just want to be cognisant of the level of pedestrians and noise on the street during work hours.

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3/14/2022 12:29 PM

More vibrancy - continue this project to Bay street and bring back some life

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3/14/2022 05:10 PM

Think about electric scooters as often too fast for sidewalks but essential to users. Need to be in the mix with pedicabs etc, and need parking a lot more than cyclists. If people bike, normally they can walk to the shop, performance etc., while scooter users may be much more limited in how far they can walk.

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Not sure why vehicle traffic is necessary beyond timed loading zones.

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I hope it's welcoming and safe for individuals, families, children.

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3/15/2022 07:40 AM

Wonderful work, and happy to see the two plaza proposals celebrating our region's heritage and creating spots to stay. Overall, would like to emphasize: 1. Three-Four season use (e.g. covered seating areas, coffee/lunch cart) 2. Things for families with kids - e.g. play areas, things to climb, maybe games for the not-so-little kids. 3. Bike parking - always in short supply - and nearby accessible (disabled) parking 4. Space for some vendors/carts - handmade crafts, and food. This would create "eyes on the street" and activity, add another draw (including for downtown workers), and democratize the space by allowing businesses to incubate and perhaps some quick and affordable food options (that are unlikely to compete with sit-down restaurants).

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3/15/2022 09:39 AM

Go CAR FREE all the way from Humboldt to Pandora (yes, timed access of course). Commit to prioritizing pedestrians all the way from the Inner Harbour to Chinatown. It would be a massive boon to locals and cultural tourism.

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3/15/2022 11:11 AM

Question 16 below should allow for other ideas not just "pre packaged" responses.

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3/15/2022 11:32 AM

Question 16 ignores the issue of safety. This is a factor for me.

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3/15/2022 01:55 PM

Do not do anything until the next council election as we will have a business friendly mayor and a completely different mindset of council members as the Together Victoria and the three who always vote with them will be gone. Then Victoria council can get back to looking after roads and sewage and quit wearing tax dollars on vanity projects like

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this downtown proposal.

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3/15/2022 04:46 PM

Reduce permitted vehicle traffic to exclusively commercial deliveries, cab/taxi, mobile food businesses, and pedi-cabs and bicycles. Don't allow any private vehicle access. Re-orient local roads to one way access to encourage traffic flow towards and past local parking garages.

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Enforcement needs to happen in public areas when groups take it over as there own, eg Centennial Square, so areas don't become entrenched and crime ridden

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Patio spaces that blend between restaurants like are featured in some European squares would be great. Makes the atmosphere much more communal.

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Increase shade from tree canopies if possible with street tree replacements.

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Access for ALL emergency services including larger fire trucks

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3/16/2022 12:25 PM

Parking along Government Street is essential to the downtown core businesses.

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I think its a great idea! Need public washrooms downtown and/or enhanced cleaning for this. People pee on sidewalks/in alcoves and it smells.

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Extend one block to Figard to really include Chinatown.

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I can't believe how idiotic I think this is and how much money you probably spent putting this together.

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I am happy to see that Indigenous cultural representation is a part of the design thoughts - this is extremely important to me, and a huge gap in downtown Victoria.

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I think that if you plan regular free cultural events along govt street during the cruise ship season that will draw the tourist pedestrians that some businesses are worried about attracting

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3/16/2022 01:50 PM

It must be noted that nothing in the downtown area will see substantial improvement without changes to low-income housing availability, employment support, better disability benefits, more robust mental health and substance use services, and harm reduction supports. The downtown will continue to have issues and receive criticism as long as the city fritters away money on violent policing and shallow aesthetic changes.

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3/16/2022 01:52 PM

Tell bylaw officers not to criminalize, harass, or stigmatize folks who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, mental wellness challenges, and drug use!

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I think vehicle access should be restricted to "off hours" for commercial and private (resident/etc.) use only. During the day and evening no vehicles should be permitted, including pedicabs, horse carriages and bikes. I'm not particularly familiar w/ the parking situation (as I live downtown I just walk around instead of drive) but some type of improvement to parking near the pedestrian area would be beneficial.

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Are there any opportunities to include rain gardens to clean and absorb run off? Like for example: Fisherman's Wharf Park · Cecelia Road Playground, Tyee Road near Dockside Green, Yates Street near The Atrium

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3/16/2022 01:56 PM

I am generally in support keeping in mind a long term budget that is not continually ballooning. I have NOT been happy with knee jerk changes like Clover Point when we have many many higher priorities like policing, safety, crime and the homeless population. Let's not forget affordable housing to add to the list. These are the priorities. If we don't have the safety and items listed above there is no point making these changes because they will not be used.

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Please do not add anything in any way, shape or form that encourages the junkies to hang out in this area. They have already taken over Pandora Ave and locals are afraid to go there now -and we don't want to see this corridor suffer the same fate as Pandora Ave.

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Art vendors on the street. This is what makes so many other cities so much more vibrant. They have a chance to showcase their local artisans and allow them the opportunity to sell their work in a very visible commercial area.

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3/16/2022 02:06 PM

I love the concept of it. I just wish driving wasn't so frustrating in this city and that bike parking wasn't so risky. I basically only walk to downtown now, and the unsafe nature of walking through the parts of the city to the north and east of there are not very appealing either.

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I would prefer 100% vehicle free, like city squares in European cities. This is the only European-style 'old town' in Western Canada. It deserves to be preserved as such.

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3/16/2022 02:17 PM

Smarter car free design, culture and events, and historic architecture combined will make Government street a welcoming and ideal place to spend time. Please ensure that the street maintains its character, along with the developments in Chinatown fitting well in that area and with the rest of Government. Thank you.

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I would prefer no cars at all between Humbolt and Yates. Delivery trucks only during specific times.

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Been hoping for this for a long time. It will be great!

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Feel that there are so many areas that need additional funding and not sure that pouring money into this stretch makes the most sense.

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no more horse drawn carriages. save the animals.

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Pedestrian zone. NOT BIKES NOT HORSES NOT powered wheeled equipment that travels over 3 km per hour

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Make Government Street a car free zone.

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Thank you to city council for approving these brilliant actions!

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I strongly support the steps being taken to make Government Street into community-oriented space. However, I would prefer to see further expansion of pedestrian and active transportation-oriented space, including complete restriction of access for motor vehicles. I would prefer to see a completely car-free approach.

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Traffic diversion that is not confusing is really needed especially the timed allowance. Think of an easy flow of car traffic that any tourists could navigate with ample signage to where parking is. Keep trees. Maybe some of this money could go into making the parking lots on the waterfront more of a park with a proper walkway and not all parking. Events are wonderful down there! However, we could use more trees to make it more inviting, a City of Gardens look and marine inspired. Plus we definitely need year round sitting and covered areas with waterfront views.

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Like most of what this mayor and council do, this is a fait accompli - not sure why you even bother to ask for input when you have made up your minds.

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I think Covid has shown how important outdoor social gathering spaces are to our collective mental and spiritual well being. Victoria has an incredible climate for this. Allowing Government street to embrace outdoor dining and social gatherings in favour of making way for cars and trucks is a fantastic use of the space. Congratulations.

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In general, Government should be all pedestrian, all the time, at a minimum during the highest tourist months. I support bikes and pedicabs, but not horse drawn carriages. Unfortunately your question lumps them all together.

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Learn from other municipalities re how they designed ped oriented places such as the Stephen Avenue Mall in Calgary. Keep it very simple and see what works, doesn't work, and what is needed. It's easier to add than subtract amenities. Again, we need wide unobstructed public spaces that are easy to navigate sans vehicles, horses and bikes, and are done with simple good taste and symmetry of design.

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The city needs to seriously reconsider how it spends tax dollars in the public realm. Our streets are falling apart, our downtown businesses are struggling and no one feels safe in a huge swath of the core. Spending precious taxpayer funds on a "beautification" project is just fiddling while Rome burns.

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Given the increasing number of visitors each year I would like to see vehicle traffic on Government street restricted to commercial delivery, bikes, pedi-cabs and horse-drawn carriages - not general downtown car traffic.

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This is fabulous - do it!

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Just do not add bikes, pedi cabs or horse carriages OR YOU DEFEAT the pedestrian friendly easy to walk around in. Just ruins it when trying to avoid being hit by them or getting around them at every turn.

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Support the businesses by still providing a time for deliveries, and adding more police to the public open spaces as safety is a huge concern for many in making a decision to go into the downtown core.

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More focus on environmental Sustainability and address light pollution. Too many mature trees are already removed from this city, keep what we can, grow fruit trees.

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Makes sure they have unique flowering plantings and Japanese flowering trees that Victoria is famous for. Bronze statues throughout would be essential

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Allow the business owners downtown the opportunity to have more of a say. Please stop trying to reinvent the city. Allow traffic to drive on government Street throughout all business hours. The only car free time I would support is potentially Sundays or large festivals were gatherings.

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Seems good to me. I think this will be great for the physical and mental well-being of Victorians. Very happy to see the city prioritizing healthy, pedestrian-focused urban development. I hope all goes well!

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Walking and general sight seeing is the number 1 activity of visitors. Exceptionally attractive gardens that reflect the image of garden city. LED lighting that is fully controllable and sophisticated along entire street. Removable/controllable large rain covers particularly over seating stricter bylaws zone covering loitering/drinking/drugging/panhandling. Allowing take out alcoholic drinks. Archway as you enter government at Humboldt welcoming visitors and residents. staffing and equipment resources to maintain infrastructure and streets with an asset management plan to keep all surface infrastructure and streetscapes in excellent rating at all times. Full time staff tending to issues. Official Grand Ceremony at the beginning of every busy season involving the whole community. Adding in some design elements that include all of Vancouver Island, BC, Canada, Washington and UK as that is the bulk of visitors

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Keep cars away. Patios, trees and public art. Allow bikes. Model after Kalverstraat, Stroget etc.

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This seems like a waste of money (and a bunch of it is going into the pockets of private business owners) compared to issues that affect Victoria residents much more strongly. At least there's a bathroom somewhere, I guess. Also, most people just really don't give a shit about the Lekwungen culture stuff. I would like to see you give them their land back, though. Can you do that?

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Create as much car free zones as possible. Improve secure bike storage options potentially underground solutions

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Permanent patios are a good idea if there is a certain design uniformity. it is also important to make sure there is enough space to walk around them and enough supervision to manage parties in the street.

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3/16/2022 03:57 PM

Stop wasting tax payer dollars on aesthetics. Financially support businesses and affordable housing. Change rental and buying legislation to protect accessibility for locals to afford to live in our town. Lack of affordability of store front rents downtown, and the inability to easily drive and park downtown, are what prohibit Gov street from the apparent desirability this council seeks to cultivate.



Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:06 PM	Ensure there is plenty of space provided for on street performances.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:12 PM	I would like to see more cleaning done of sidewalks. Perhaps more places for people to deposit garbage and cigarette butts. I think a Refresh might ensure more use of the area by residents/tourists and fewer problems with street people begging and intimidating visitors to our lovely downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:30 PM	If provision is not in place to make the area safer for residence at all hours of the day the expenditures will go for naught.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:38 PM	Does not matter if you have Accessible seating if those who are people with disabilities (PWD) cannot even reach the proposed street when there are no close by affordable disability parking spots or senior friendly spots any more. having such stalls at parkades is futile and too far for PWDs to get to the point they want to reach on a particular street they'd like to visit. Victoria is becoming more and more exclusive and less inclusive for PWDs and seniors.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:41 PM	Don't be shy! Allowing for private businesses to use these public spaces is a great way to make the spaces more dynamic and engaging.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:48 PM	I would be opposed to the horse-drawn carriages going along Government Street
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:48 PM	I am concerned about homeless hanging out in the Chinatown new development like ...Centennial Square, I don't feel safe
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:51 PM	This appears to be an ongoing pet project by out of touch councilors who seem swayed by special interests groups to the exclusion of fiduciary responsibility and every day realities. This isn't field of dreams.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:54 PM	you bottlenecked wharf so bad we need govt. for traffic
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 05:04 PM	dog friendly patio/seating please! Having water fountain or access to be able to fill water dishes like in the EU

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Keep it accessible to vehicles while preserving the extra wide sidewalks that already exist. No need to re-invent the wheel just to put your mark on it.

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Bike lines on Douglas and Wharf with some cross road and bike 'stables' on those intersections on govt. No bikes or cars on govt walk hahah. Only horse drawn carriages. Thru the cheery blossoms 😊 lol.

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I feel the plans should further de-emphasize car access and use - although having car-free times is a good start, it does not go far enough

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Public Restrooms with security. Secure bike parking

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Would like refresh to encompass Chinatown area

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I strongly support BUT prefer less focus on automobile traffic and parking.

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Downtown must be safe, clean and accessible. It is not at this time.

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3/16/2022 07:57 PM

I don't feel there is a need to have a timed car-free zone. Vehicle access should be available at all times. The city has become restricted enough where vehicles are concerned and we rarely go downtown or through town anymore. We now try to shop as far away from downtown as we can. We suggest to anyone that is driving to Victoria to avoid the whole downtown area due to the confusing mess that has been made of it. It's bad enough being a resident never mind being a tourist trying to drive downtown. Try doing deliveries in a vehicle - it now takes up to 15 minutes longer to get from one end of the city to the other due to back ups and having to detour around blocks that you can no longer drive straight through. Vancouver St. is truly a mess! Living in this city for well over 40 years, I've never been nearly hit so often (especially by bicycles that run red lights, stop signs, ride on sidewalks, etc. as they now feel they own the city and have the right of way everywhere) both in my vehicle and on foot as in the last 2 years. I always felt safe riding my bike and having my children ride theirs downtown in the past but not anymore. Perhaps

it's because we followed the rules of the road and were aware that we were as responsible as the vehicles in watching out for others.

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No. All good.

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I believe a small transit train( golf cart) "jump on and off" stopping at each intersection, would alleviate the concerns of shop owners about tourists not having time to get to the south end of Government.

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3/16/2022 08:06 PM

Too many cars.

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Thank you for remembering the need for public washrooms!

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3/16/2022 08:54 PM

Bikes should have two way access the entire length of Government St because the Wharf St bike lane is dangerous in its narrow two way design. It is an awkward inconvenience to be forced to turn off Government at Yates when heading south.

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3/16/2022 08:55 PM

The bollards used to block vehicles should be able to be electronically controlled by designated vehicles -- emergency vehicles, obviously, but also horse-drawn carriages if necessary, and taxis. This is universally used in Europe.

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I worry that there should be other priorities - our downtown is already very nice, and things like accessible housing seem like it is more important and pressing than creating a plaza and more dining space. As a student, I can't afford to live here without creating debt for myself, let alone being able to go out and eat.

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3/16/2022 09:45 PM

Love it all, I absolutely adore how Government feels much more welcoming and easy to access for me as a pedestrian and cyclist. The whole vibe has dramatically changed, locals are so happy to have the patios and some street shopping, it's like a little Europe (and those who've never experienced that in Europe or cities like Quebec City are realizing why that lifestyle is so popular in Europe).

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Washrooms and furniture/landscaping that is easy to hose down is key.

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I think that you need to consider negative impacts of permanent outdoor seating. I like the idea of planting lots of trees and timed closing to traffic.

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3/16/2022 11:00 PM

These are lovely ideas, but at the expense of all-day vehicle access. Wharf St. will now be a traffic jam all summer with the new bike lanes and it must be avoided. Douglas St. has limited turns westward, leaving half of downtown virtually inaccessible if Government St. is not available to vehicles. I used to shop, dine and do other business frequently downtown. No longer. This is very disappointing.

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3/17/2022 12:34 AM

I've always enjoyed myself in downtown Victoria the most while walking on Government Street without having to worry about traffic. It's great to have some peace of mind while enjoying the amenities and businesses of Victoria, knowing you can easily go across the street to look at something interesting at a storefront, or sit outdoors in one of the picnic tables Government Street has today.

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3/17/2022 02:45 AM

Stimulate boutiques, stores, shops, restaurants, beer and wine cellars, coffee/tea/chai shops EVEN fish restaurants like "Sealand" in Austria, FOR CITIZENS, lesser for tourists. How many Touristy Canadiana shops do we really need, eh?

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3/17/2022 06:46 AM

Add an effective amount of CCTV along the corridor. You KNOW this will draw the undesirables and criminal element. Especially at night.

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It would be good to have the emphasis of the European history somewhere between the Harbour and Chinatown effectively turning Government st into a "chronological street" telling the history of Victoria. You can have the Lekwungen story told at the harbour, A European story told around bastion square and then Chinatown story told near Pandora. Placard, statues or displays in place would make this an active goal not a passive mention.

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3/17/2022 08:28 AM

A great plan except for the plaza part, which will not be used as intended. The first section should be seen as a transition toward being a truly car free destination section.

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As above, the city has other priorities, or ought to. Civic renewal is a

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fantastic idea — when you have a city that supports economic diversity amongst its citizens. We can't just keep getting pushed further and further out with the idea of "Living in Victoria is a privilege, not a right. If you can't afford it, you don't deserve it." That leads nowhere good. Let's focus on an affordable Victoria first.

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Activate the space with approval and encouragement of mobile vendors.

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3/17/2022 09:02 AM

This would be incredible. Tourists would love it and give the downtown a much more welcoming and community feel.

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road surface replaced with brick

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Government Street is the product of European history with Chinatown as an addition at one end. There is no need to include an indigenous element.

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3/17/2022 10:00 AM

All cars and delivery trucks must MUST not be allowed from 6 am-1 am. Deliveries and access by autos and trucks must only be after 1 am always.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:15 AM

I strongly urge that Government street be converted into a pedestrian only street from Humboldt to Yates. The current compromise plan will only lead to confusion as to when and where motor vehicles are permitted. A pedestrian-only street will be quieter, cleaner, safer, and livelier for people.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 10:19 AM

No cars allowed ever. Every city in Europe has street(s) for pedestrian-only use, and in which most or all automobile traffic is prohibited.

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I noticed in one of the information panels that Government Street would be accessible for "protests"; I don't support this, as they tend to be confrontational and aren't reflective of the collaborative tone of the redesign.

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You might want to think about how people will get to the street -- cycling routes? Pleasant pedestrian routes from bus stops and

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parkades?

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May need additional parkade -- I know too many people who won't go downtown already because they perceive parking difficulties.

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Concentrate on encouraging business instead of making things "pretty".

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Great ideas!

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maybe it needs some defining "decor" (banners or ?) that defines the whole area. and maybe it's own name - not "Government Mall". The issue of bikes, pedicabs and horse-drawn carriages will have to be carefully addressed as pedestrians meander on the roads. Sounds risky.

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Zero cars, except for handicap accessibility.

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This is headed in the right direction and I strongly support "Refresh" concepts - after years of hand-wringing and delay....

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1. As mentioned earlier, the one-way traffic flow might cause a lot of bikes to ride the wrong way, which hurts acceptance of the active transportation strategy. I don't have an answer, just think it needs more thought. 2. The horse carriages are an awesome traffic calming idea, and are cute. 3. Getting the cruise ship coaches off Government is key - they are horrible and loud.

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I've always had a preference for it being permanently car-free, but I like the idea of scheduled time windows for drop-offs / deliveries! I feel that the street could become very european and lovely, but because of the downtown traffic it does become less desirable to sit out on a patio with the noisy cars.

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Make sure businesses feel supported, or the good ones will leave and the street could become all tourist amenities (t-shirts, chocolate, etc.). It would be better for there to be more "local" spots that the locals frequent. Right now it kind of feels like Niagara falls or the Vegas

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strip: stuff for visitors.

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I think there's a real opportunity to enhance southbound cycling connectivity, either by signing for two way, slow, travel in the pedestrian zone, or by encouraging southbound people on bikes to use Langley Street. Langley is practically a "shared street" already, but we'd need to do something at each end (Yates and Broughton) to make the connection safer.

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one way street on wharf going south and government going north providing wider lane for drivers. i believe this is safer as well

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More bike parking, please and thanks!

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I think the city would benefit from looking at the current built environment standards already developed by the Federal Government's Technical Committee before re-vamping government street and determining what "is" and "isn't" accessible for individuals - this project looks excellent, but lacks quantitative data.

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Almost every European city has a pedestrian zone ...deliveries are made in the early hours of the day...

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Get creative! There are many amazing placemaking initiatives around the world. Make it colourful and fun!

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There is a lot of very useful environmental psychology that could be applied to make this space an excellent improvement to the city. There are ways to minimize the risk of crime, improve the sociability of the spaces, and make the street otherwise safe and attractive. The science shows that spaces with curved lines and lots of leaves are the most conducive.

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Yes: I want to reiterate including the block from Pandora to Fisgard in the design. That makes the most sense, and it will make Chinatown even more awesome, and spread people out a bit more. I don't know if you've noticed but MY GOODNESS, the amount of people along Govt in front of the Empress to about View is astounding in the summer. It's not fun for us who work downtown, and live close to downtown. Let's encourage people to spread out up to Fisgard by

making that whole stretch pretty, inviting, and pedestrian, and family friendly. And dog friendly. On leashes, of course. Where is the library going to go eventually? I guess it can't be incorporated in this plan? Sure would be nice to have a library with an ocean view.

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Whats the budget? Secure bike parking anti theft

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Great plan. Let's do more grand public spaces and plazas throughout throughout the city!

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No non-commercial vehicle access times from Humbolt to Yates at least. Rerouting streets to accommodate

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could restrict private cars at all times; private cars have other ways to go

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I think having permanent high quality restaurant patios will be a big draw. Eliminate motor vehicle traffic as much as possible/realistic.

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I recognize commercial traffic is likely necessary but all of government street being pedestrian only would be so wonderful.

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Can the city consider a zone allowing overlapping outdoor liquor license or a general licensed area to allow clients from various restaurants / cafes / bars to mingle together with their food and drink? If accompanied with a suitable performance space, this would create a fantastic street level cultural experience, akin to plazas in Europe, South and Central America, etc.

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Please, please, please keep as much pedestrian-only space and outdoors dining as possible!

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Cars don't need to be on Government st, especially between Humbolt and Yates. I don't see the benefit of any car access

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More curved, organic forms if including benches and planters.....get away from hard, 90 degree angular forms to something to soften the hard cityscape.....also more trees and bigger trees that exist now, big enough to create a lovely cathedral like canopy along the street.....maybe plane trees that grow to be large trees and are pollution resistant like the ones in Paris. Also large arbours over the seating areas that are covered in grape vines. grape vines are almost care free if they are allowed to grow in the actual ground as opposed to containers.....they are able to find water which will decrease the necessity to irrigate.....the general overall changes should increase the green canopy, which would be in line with the Urban Forest Plan.

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Less car traffic and more pedestrian traffic separated from cycling and scooter traffic.

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Would be great to have some sort of free public transit circling or adjacent to the government street making it easy to tour downtown or travel into/out of downtown.

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Need to continue engaging business about their needs and make the street a desirable location to operate a business. Also not to overlook the fact that more residents downtown will make for increased vibrancy. Re. parade route: I feel the proposed changes will make Government Street less desirable as a parade route given width requirements. Perhaps it's time to re-think the idea of continuing to use the street for that purpose?

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Doggy friendly spaces with some grass, water fountain and poop bag dispenser

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Please continue to include more infrastructure to lock bikes to...currently inadequate and often sign posts are the only option! Need some on both sides, every block!

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As mentioned previously, think of expanding the pedestrian friendly experience of the south portion to the north, to encourage that type of commercial activity. There are no restaurants (outside of coffee shops) between Yates and Pandora.

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Would love to see planning align with arts and cultural programming

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that has been successful in places like Vancouver. Restore Arts centric infrastructure and help local artists thrive

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Nope. Glad to see it.

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A kids' play fountain so close to Cent Sqr makes me question the underused fountain at CSqr. Already this area lacks public use on an ongoing basis, except for when the stage area is used. Why not make CSq fountain a kids' play fountain, or if you must, in addition to one on Gov't street? A performance space proposed at the corner will also duplicate the existing CSqr stage. Are you planning to ensure the two spaces are used jointly for events? And what are you planning for the future of Cent. Sqr in relation to changes on Gov't street? QUIT DEFAULTING to restaurants and bars to enliven any space - such outcomes will result in giving over PUBLIC space to business. is the city planning to change taxation, biz license policies to compensate? i really dislike most outdoor patios currently in existence. half of the year they are EMPTY due to weather, with or without coverings. implementing permanent coverings will be additional costs for many businesses. Think about current economics: restaurant and bar staff don't presently earn a minimal \$20/hr as needed to pay Victoria rents. Generally, their employers can't afford such an hourly fee. And do you expect inflation to retreat given world instability anticipated for some time to come, plus food scarcity? Who will frequent more restaurants and bars, other than seasonal tourists and the moneyed crowd in this city. (There is plenty of wealth in Victoria that NEVER reaches the street here.) Will restaurants and bars will they expect the city to compensate? or lessen city taxation amounts? better be VERY clear with policy before enacting, and as a taxpayer, I will not support. Don't forget current and growing inflation and food scarcity due to factors the city cannot control.....will rest/bars become the purview of the wealthy only? (we have TONS of money in this city that NEVER reaches the street) I for one, have definitely stopped going out to bars and restaurants as I used to, upon seeing the increased prices. From now on, I am only considering places that I feel have quality offerings & service - which is about 50% in Victoria. When I cycled on Barcelona streets in 2017, I was on narrow streets amongst pedestrians. I have enough respect and sense to travel at their pace, walk the bike when necessary, and not impose myself. I wan't hassled due to my behaviour. However, in Victoria I've seen plenty of disrespectful and ignorant cyclist who insist on riding on the sidewalk, run red lights, turn corners into traffic without pausing or stopping as req'd. Who will enforce different behaviour with this proposed redesign? You talk about 'end of life' trees. What does that mean? Are they diseased or showing signs of true distress? or is this simply verbage to permit yanking them out? The trees you suggest planting

will take quite some time to reach the stage of providing the shade so desired. You make no mention of planting new trees while letting existing ones live until the new ones reach a sufficient stage of maturation. If you permit vehicles at all, then have one lane, one direction, continuous on Gov't St. With specific times for delivery and minimal pull-out spots. No general public parking. Perhaps outside of delivery time, the pull outs can be assigned to disable DropOff only. NO general PARKING. Washroom/s every two blocks, and maintained on a regular 24 basis. Frequent water fountains, and maintained. Continuous cleaning maintenance along Gov't St. Require ALL businesses to do the same in front of their establishment - and enforce if not done. Pay more respect to our heritage architecture/history. Really highlight these aspects. Remember that visitors come here for the cleanliness, walkability and heritage aspects, because these three aspects are not found in most cities. Oh yes, and the oceanside. And please stop promoting a redesign of Gov't street as 'one of the best streets in Canada'. Stupid. The City can't ensure quality offerings by businesses on this street. All the City can offer is a beautiful, clean atmosphere with interesting things to see and engage with, outside of consumerism.

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Seating areas need to provide shelter from sun and rain Expanded storefront space - more than souvenir shops, and more than one main souvenir shop operator, for variety

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I think it is important not to make Government Street entirely car free at this time. It is necessary to allow morning commercial delivery, and also late evening taxi pickup as this area is the entertainment zone for Greater Victoria. And equally important, traffic provides eyes on the street to minimize negative activities. Victoria does not need a totally car free experience such as Granville Street in the past (still recovering) and Spark Street Mall in Ottawa. The car free concept can be revisited say in 20 years. Thank you for the work done to date, and thank you for asking for feedback. Carry on. S. 22

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My greatest concern is that the design will be too "modern minimalist" and stark/cold and will not age well as much contemporary architecture is similarly at risk of (i.e., the style of all new condos). I deeply hope that the design will have some warmth and timelessness and bring a sense of care and humanity (of all income levels!!!) to the area.

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The concern expressed re: cruise ship passengers not being dropped off on Govt. street is foolish in my opinion. Even cruise ship

passengers can walk one block to government street. European cities by the dozens have made their cores pedestrian-only with huge success. As a Victorian who did not feel any attraction to downtown, I have been going down regularly since the pandemic measures have made the space slightly more interesting. You are on the right track here investing in our core and making it a people place. Many cities have made their cores welcoming so you are not reinventing the wheel. The changes are decades overdue.

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Must be ways to keep it clean. No point investing in something that will be spray painted and trashed. this street needs to be Victoria's showpiece

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Less cars the better. 100% car free areas would be fantastic

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So nice to hear that government street will be improved. I love the idea of permanent patio and reduced car traffic.

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Great work! I can't wait to see the finished product.

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Safety issues must be addressed. The explosion of vulnerable folks in our downtown core keeps me and my family away. I have had my wallet stolen, I have been yelled at, and I have witnessed patio diners be accosted, as well as urination against public buildings in broad daylight. Downtown is not a place I go, sadly. I used to go all the time. My young kids hardly know the place. No matter how pretty and inviting you make Government street, it will all be for naught if these issues are not addressed properly. Safety first.

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There should be less space for cars and on-street parking.

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Where possible add interesting activities for locals and tourists to do- not only eating and walking.

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Really listen to what people are saying.

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All pedestrian areas and washrooms require regular cleaning and

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maintenance. The public washrooms can very quickly become places for drug abuse and vandalism. A bylaw to not allow people to sleep and setup homeless shelters along Government Street. Regular policing (perhaps by horseback or cycle) to oversee loitering and vandalism.

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Laurel Point hasn't even been touched! Any while I think the finished plan is unnecessary...just nice grass, a few trees, benches and paved walkway is all that is needed! Keep it simple! It was perfect before!

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In especially the southern section there should be a hard focus on Indigenous culture and history, it seems to me. This should be ongoing and involve Indigenous representation within the administration of the space for programming and support. I will be curious to see what the pushback is from local residents, old and new. Thanks!

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I hope the design and plan works to knit together the public realm of each of the cross streets and does not ignore those connections.

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Greater clarity and definition needed regarding traffic use in the lower sections. It is difficult to respond to loose and ambiguous statements. the traffic issue is a fundamental part of the Government St. concept.

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It's wonderful. People need to socialize, visit and remember what an enjoyable experience they had, and I think we're about to see it.

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Need vehicle access and parking downtown. I don't support the privatization of public space (i.e. propane burning patios for restaurant patrons); concern that seating etc. is going to become a bed for homeless people; looks like a lot of money while I can't get a pothole fixed on my own street or our aged trees replaced.

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Forget cars.

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Overall, it would be nice to have a place that is accessible for as many different people as possible while feeling like an oasis in the city (i.e. vehicle free except for essential vehicles). Space should be designed with residents as the primary consideration and tourists as

a secondary consideration.

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More permanent street patios

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Panhandling, sleeping, tenting, grocery carts, not allowed

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Please make pedestrians and bike access a priority. The opportunity to make Government a welcoming street for both residents and visitors alike can't be missed!

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Trees: I think this has to be well thought out. Existing trees can only be cut down when they actually see the end of their life span. Why not use the same kind of tree, and maintain the same shape? It is now a historic feature of the street. Floral displays: How will these be incorporated? Public art: I only see one mention of art - the indigenous sculpture. Why isn't there a concept for public art the length of the street? A combination of permanent and changing pieces. Review Oak Bay's program which seems to produce a consistently high standard of interesting, well constructed public art. How about an actual lock-up bike stand, with attendants, at Johnson and Government - kind of a mini bike parkade? You pay a small fee and your bike is secure where thieves can't access it. This is a great location for access to all of downtown. Could include paid bike parking for those working downtown. If you come down and go drinking, there should be an option for secure bike parking for the night if you are impaired and can't safely ride home and need to take a bus. Use the money for the plaza at Johnson and Government to revitalize Centennial Square and tie it into the rejuvenation of Government Street in a logical way, and to develop a bike parkade at this intersection. Perhaps a bike parkade could incorporate public washrooms into the design - again, washrooms that have an attendant so everyone is comfortable to use them.

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Government street is a vital thoroughfare, and should NOT have limited car access. If you want local business to thrive and to truly be inclusive to all age and all demographics you would recognize the significance of it having car access. By diverting access not only are you causing more congestion elsewhere but also making it more difficult for the people who want to shop locally. Wider sidewalks and more sitting areas are NOT going to drive more people to the downtown core, a downtown with more fluid vehicle grid and additional parking will. If people have have ease of access, they'll

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want to frequent the area, and currently that's not the case.

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It's a good direction, but the trees are isolated from other vegetation.  
It would be great to find ways to replicate the plant communities interspersed with the other features; permeable ground cover; indigenous plant communities, not just individual trees; food forest; permaculture principles;

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when you get letters from voting citizens and 70 plus percentage are not in favor of bikes lanes but yet you proceed like nothing happened you obviously have your own agenda. I had no idea or heard anything about the " first phase of public engagement" it was not very well advertised. Why don't you have a vote on it and let the people speak instead of running your own agenda UN style. I think the council should check it's moral compass.

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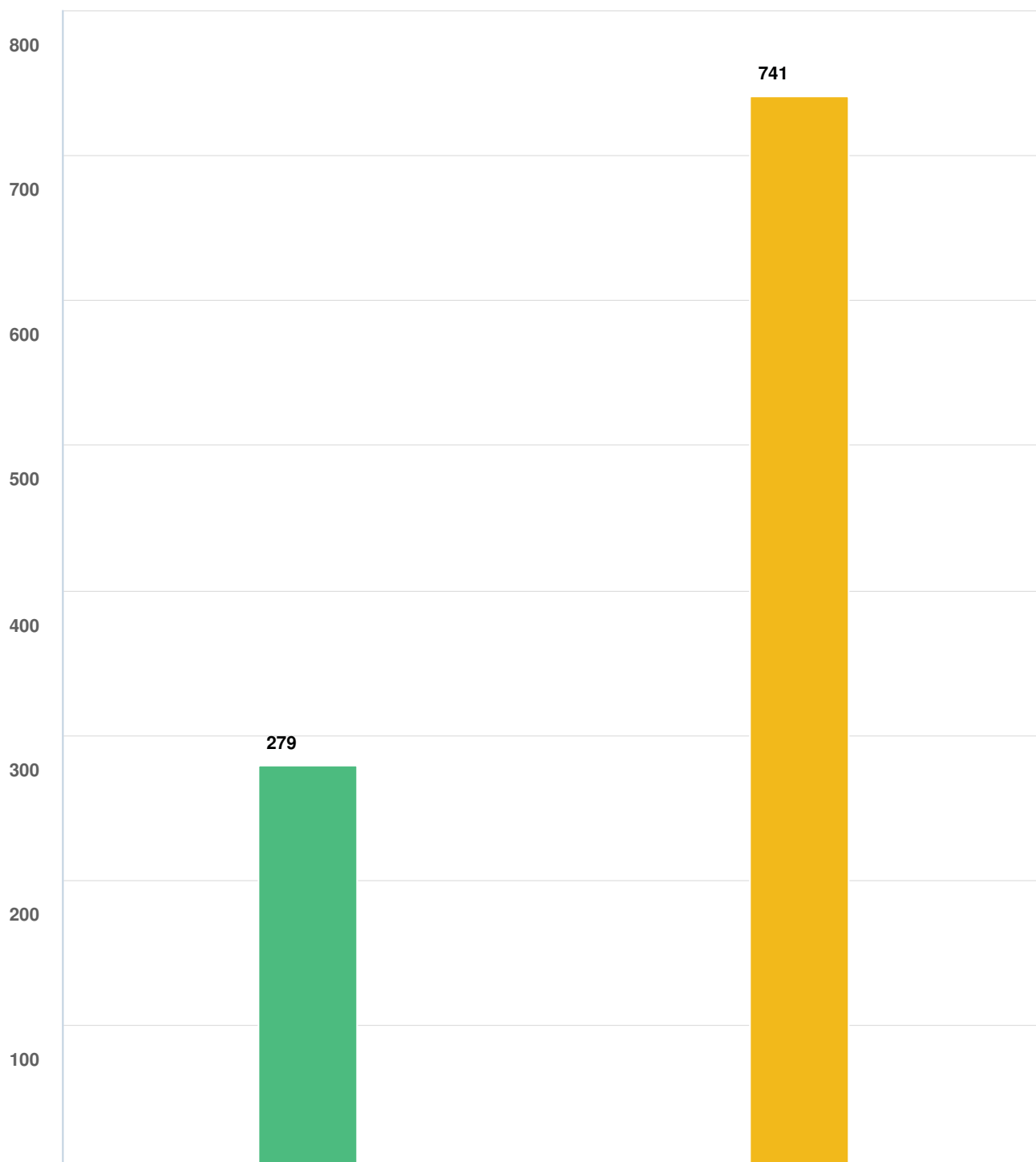
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Please consider places for secure bike parking

**Optional question** (478 response(s), 585 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q15** Did you participate in the first phase of public engagement when we asked the community to share their ideas on "How to make Government Street one of the best streets in Canada?"

**Question options**

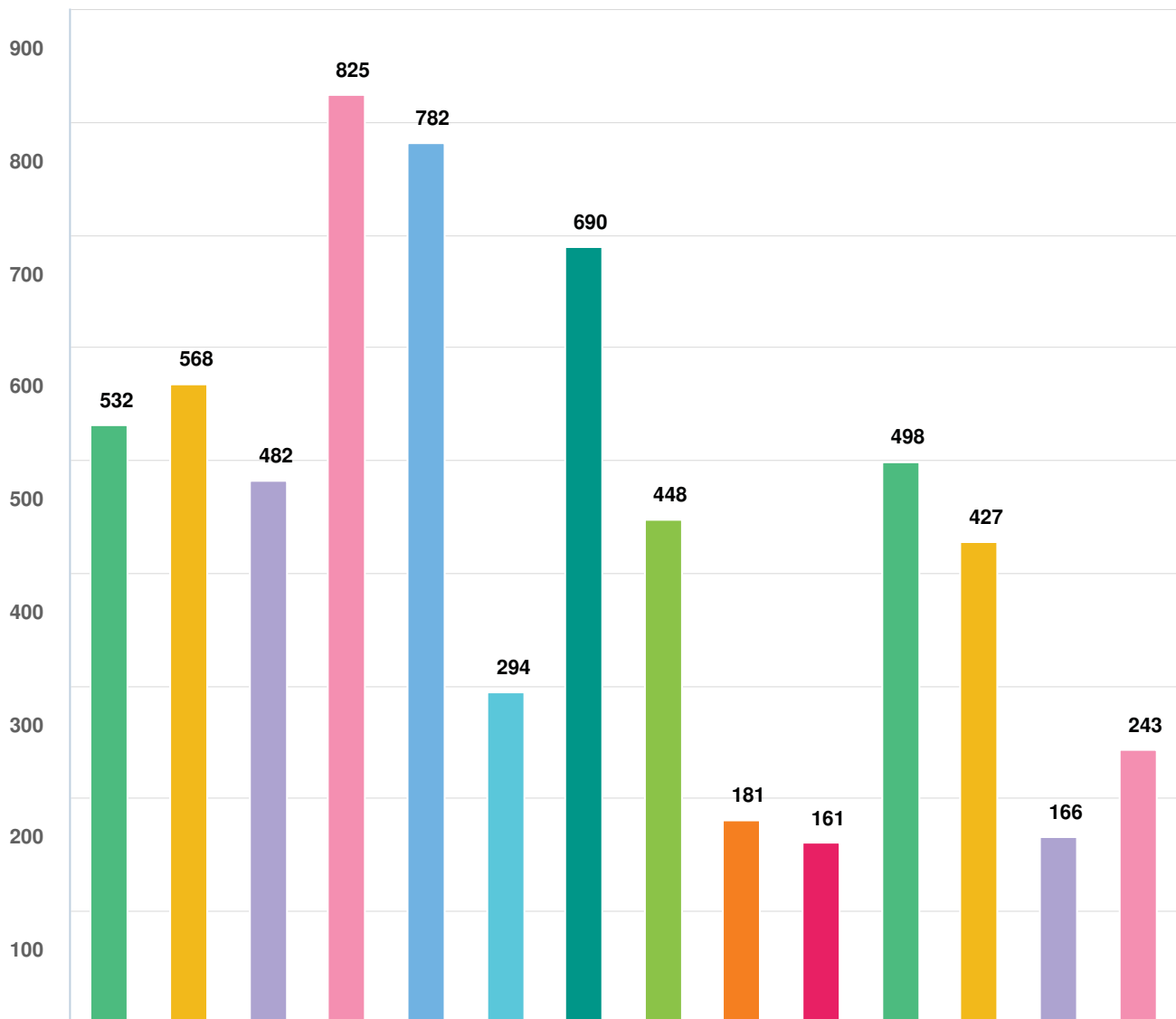
● No ● Yes

Optional question (1020 response(s), 43 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



**Q16 What would make you want to visit Government Street more often? (Please select all that apply.)**

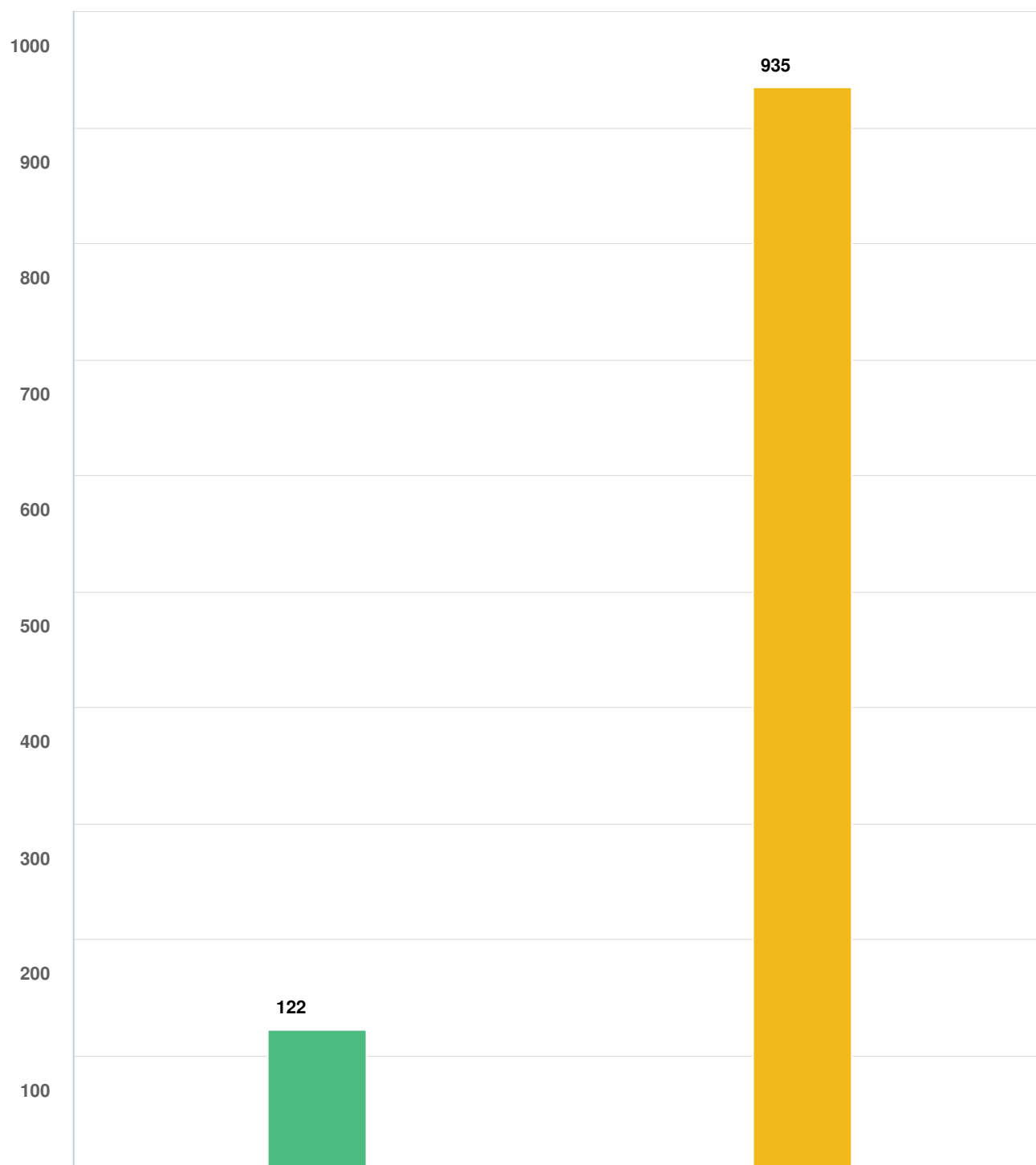


**Question options**

- Continued parade route
- Continued access for motor vehicles outside of timed car free periods
- Continued access for bicycles, pedicabs and horse drawn carriages at all times
- More bike parking
- On street parking on Government Street and adjacent streets
- Accessible parking spaces
- Accessible seating, sidewalks and roadway
- Flexible spaces to enjoy community events, performances, concerts, etc.
- Expanded storefront space
- Expanded restaurant patios made with high quality materials
- More pedestrian friendly areas (i.e., wider sidewalks and new seating)
- Timed car free zones from Humboldt to View
- Public plaza to enhance Chinatown
- Public plaza focused on Lekwungen culture (i.e., cultural pavilion, Indigenous street market, landmark public art, cultural interpretation)

Optional question (1048 response(s), 15 skipped)

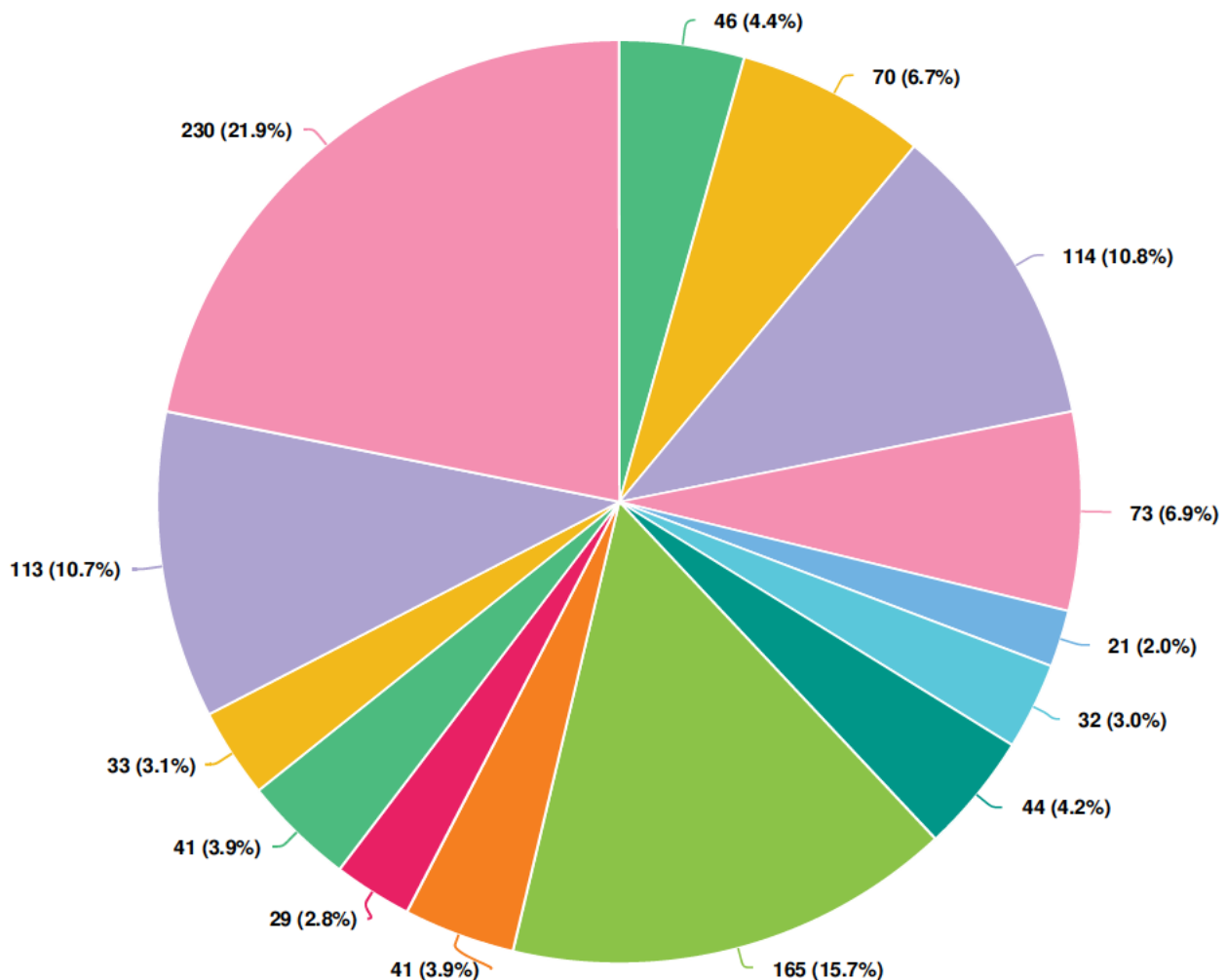
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**Q17** Are you a Victoria business owner/operator?**Question options**

☐ No ☒ Yes

Optional question (1057 response(s), 6 skipped)

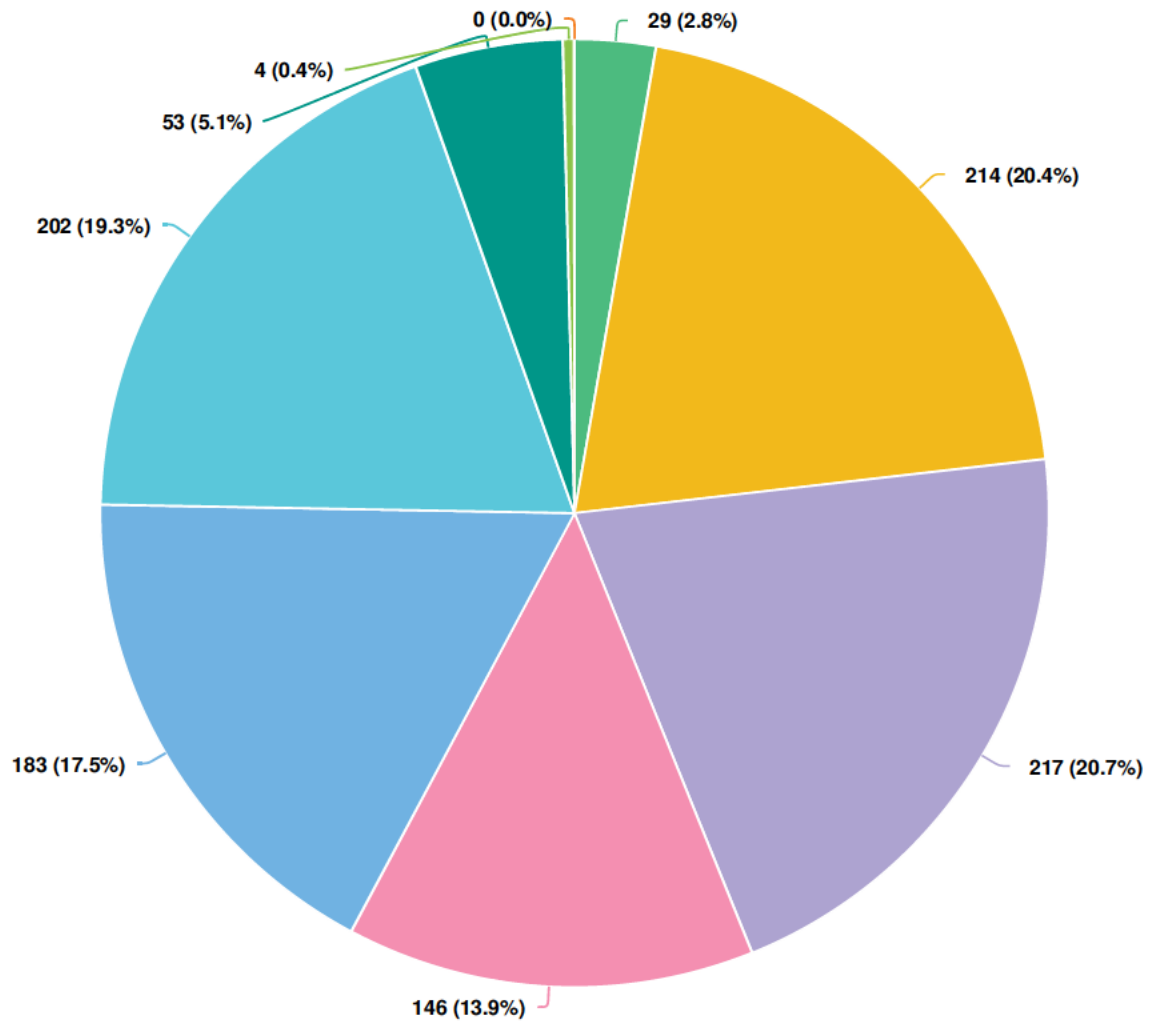
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**Q18** Which Victoria neighbourhood do you live in?**Question options**

- 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 (1052 response(s), 11 skipped)

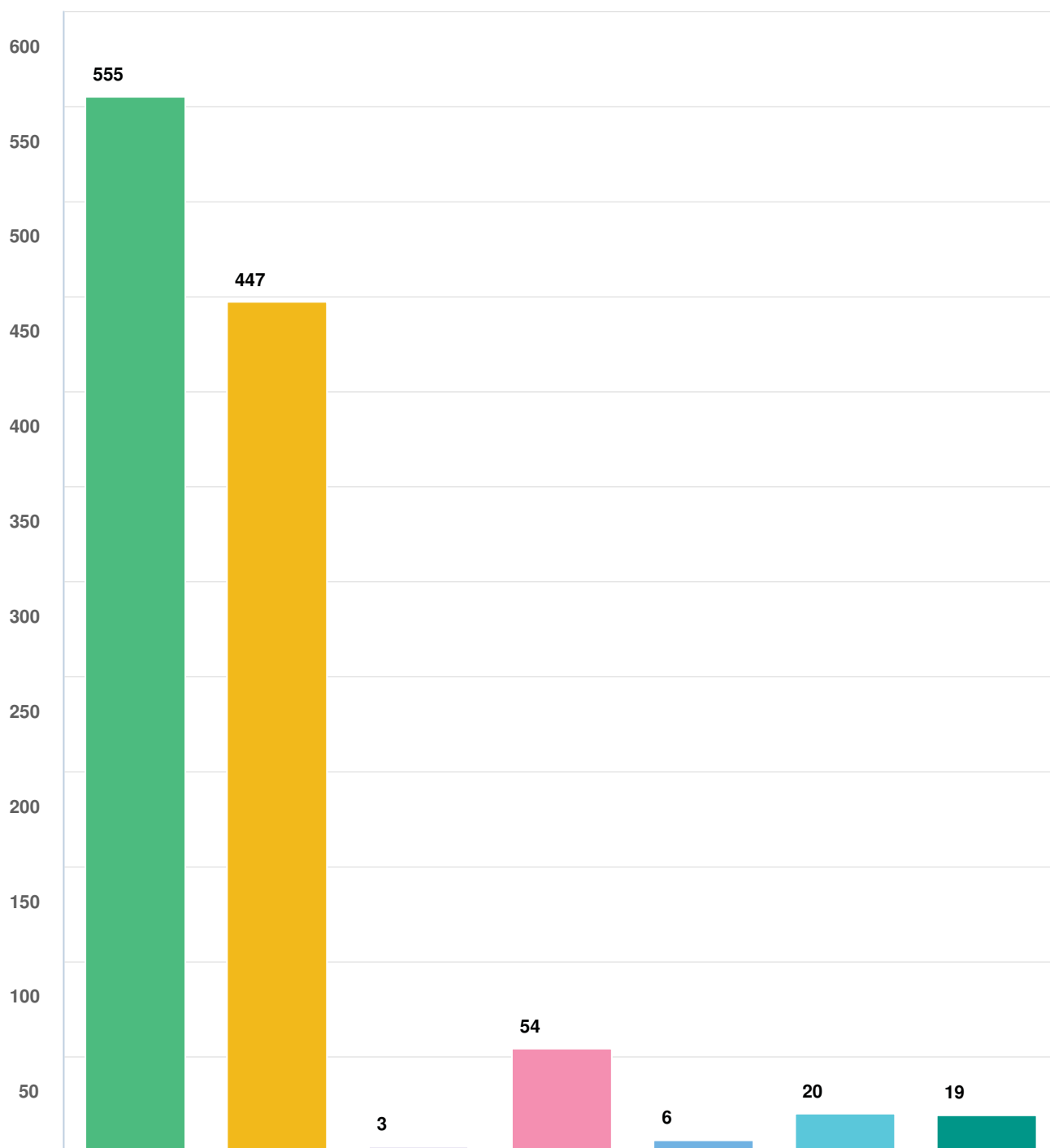
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q19** Please select one of the following age ranges:**Question options**

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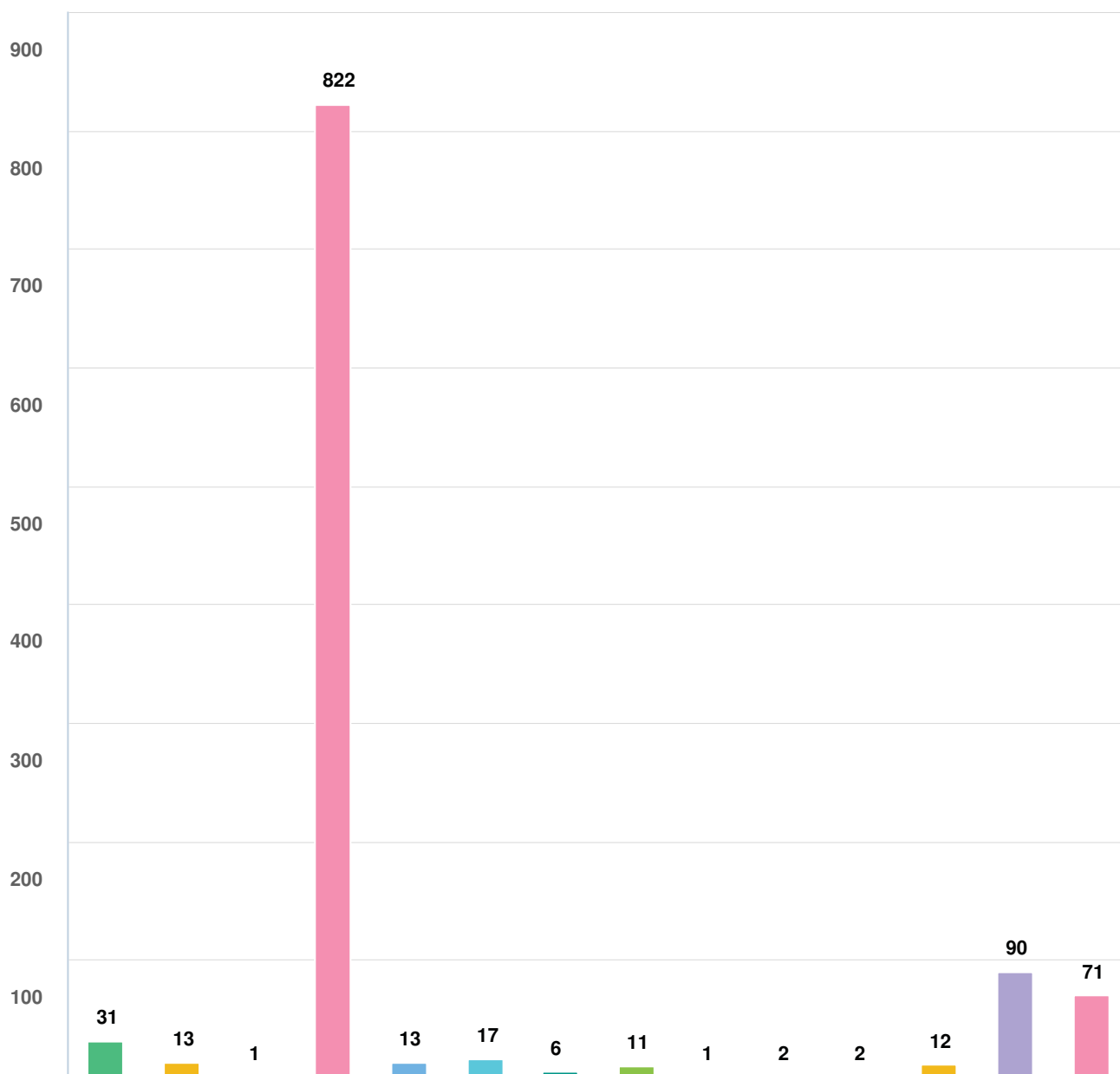
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**Q20 How would you describe your gender identity? (Please select all that apply)****Question options**

- ☒ Woman / Girl ☒ Man / Boy ☐ Transgender ☐ Cisgender ☐ Two Spirit ☐ Non binary ☐ Other (please specify)

Optional question (1033 response(s), 30 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

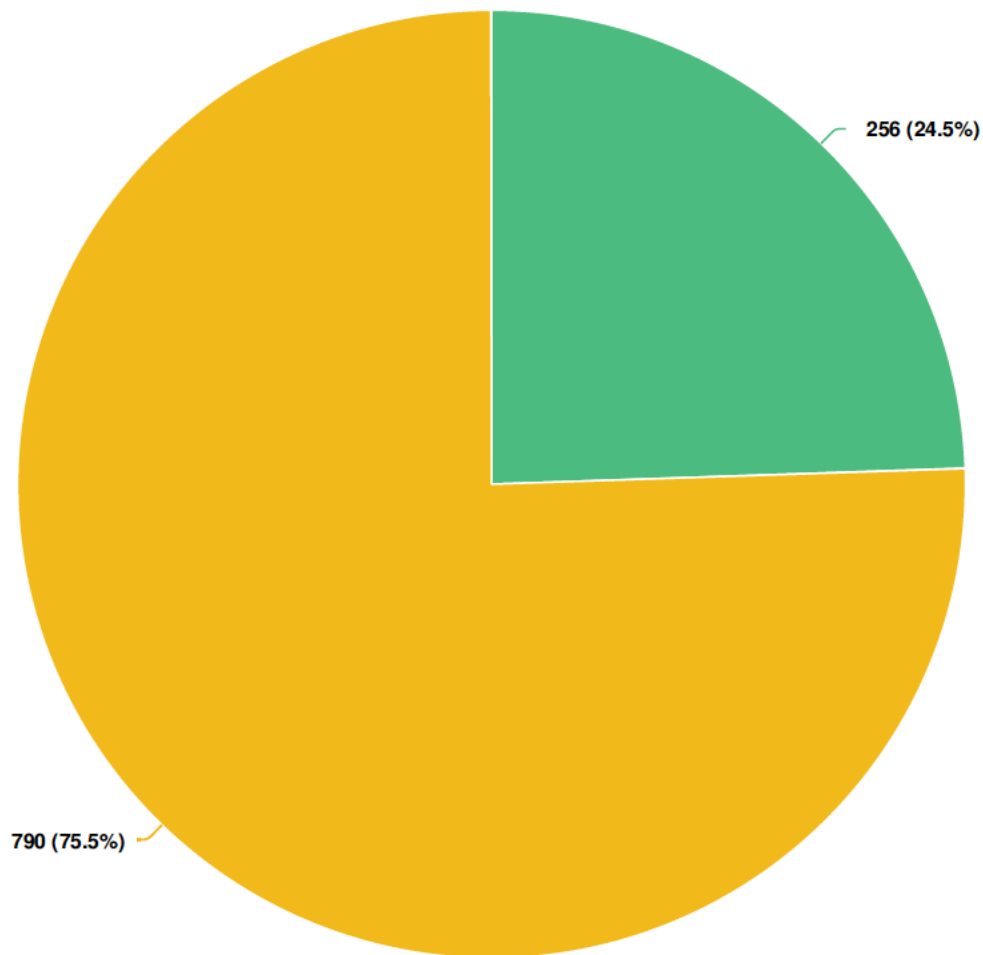
**Q21 What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply to you)****Question options**

- Other (please specify)
 ● Prefer not to say
 ● Latin American (e.g., Brazilian, Colombian, Mexican)
- North African (e.g., Egyptian, Algerian)
 ● Caribbean (e.g., Jamaican, Guyanese, Trinidadian)
- African (e.g., Nigerian, Somali, Senegalese)
 ● West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Syrian, Afghan, Saudi Arabian)
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai)
 ● East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- South Asian (i.e., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)
 ● European (i.e., French, British, Dutch)
 ● Inuk/Inuit
 ● Metis
- First Nation

Optional question (1027 response(s), 36 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q22** Have you moved to Victoria in the past five years?

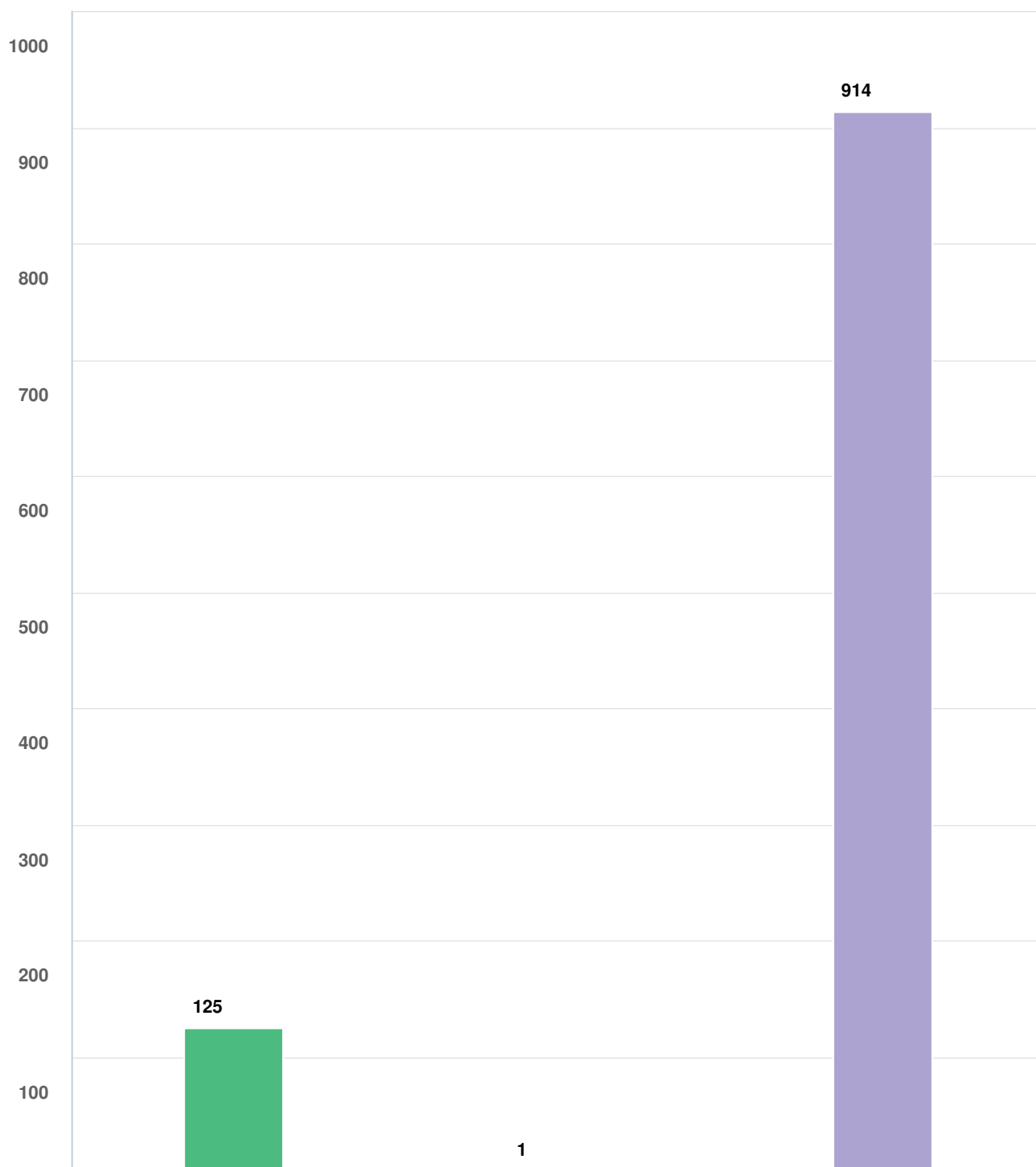


**Question options**

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Question type: Radio Button Question

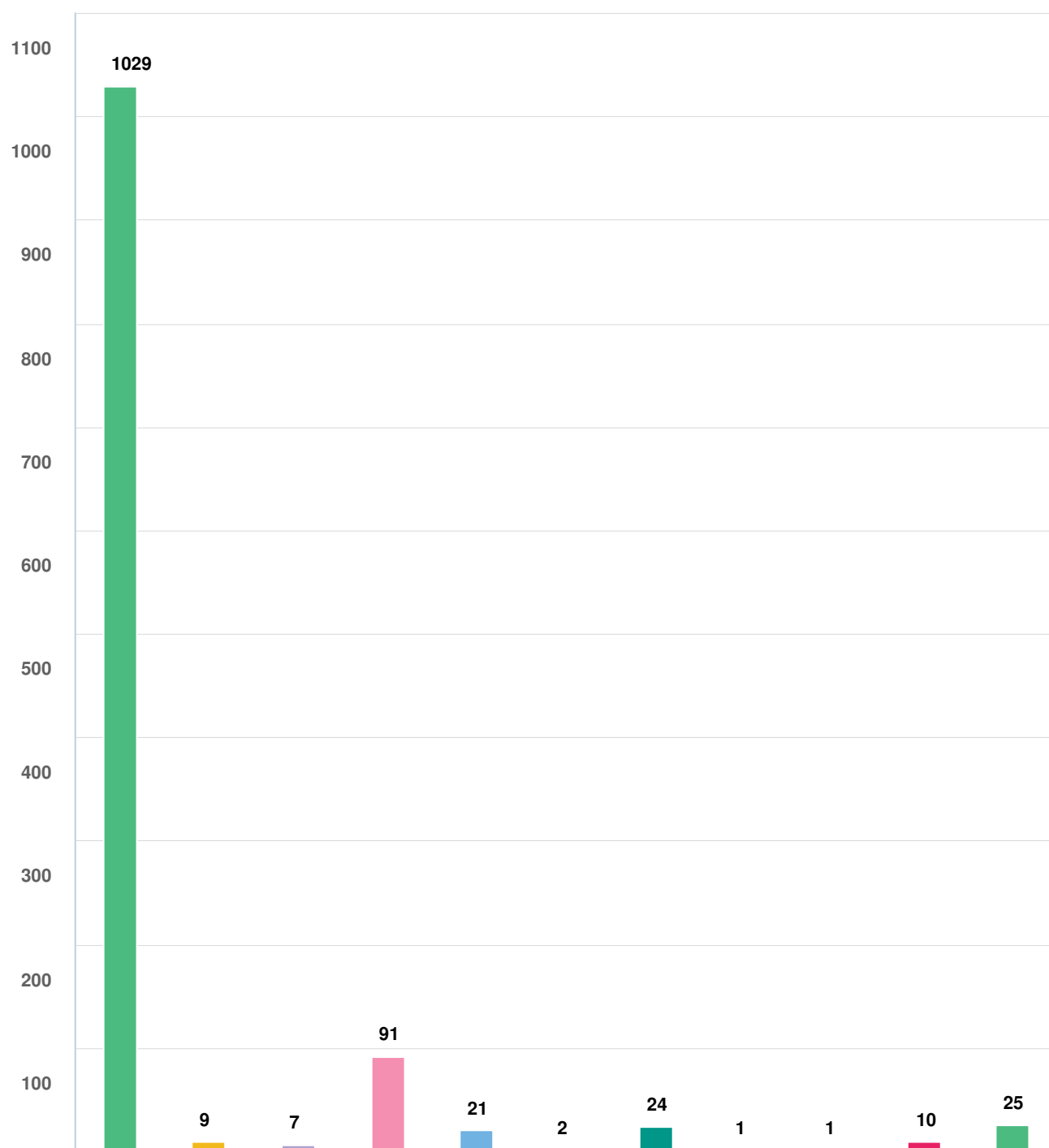
**Q23 Do you identify as being: (select all that apply)****Question options**

☐ None of the above ☐ A refugee ☐ An immigrant

Optional question (1038 response(s), 25 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question



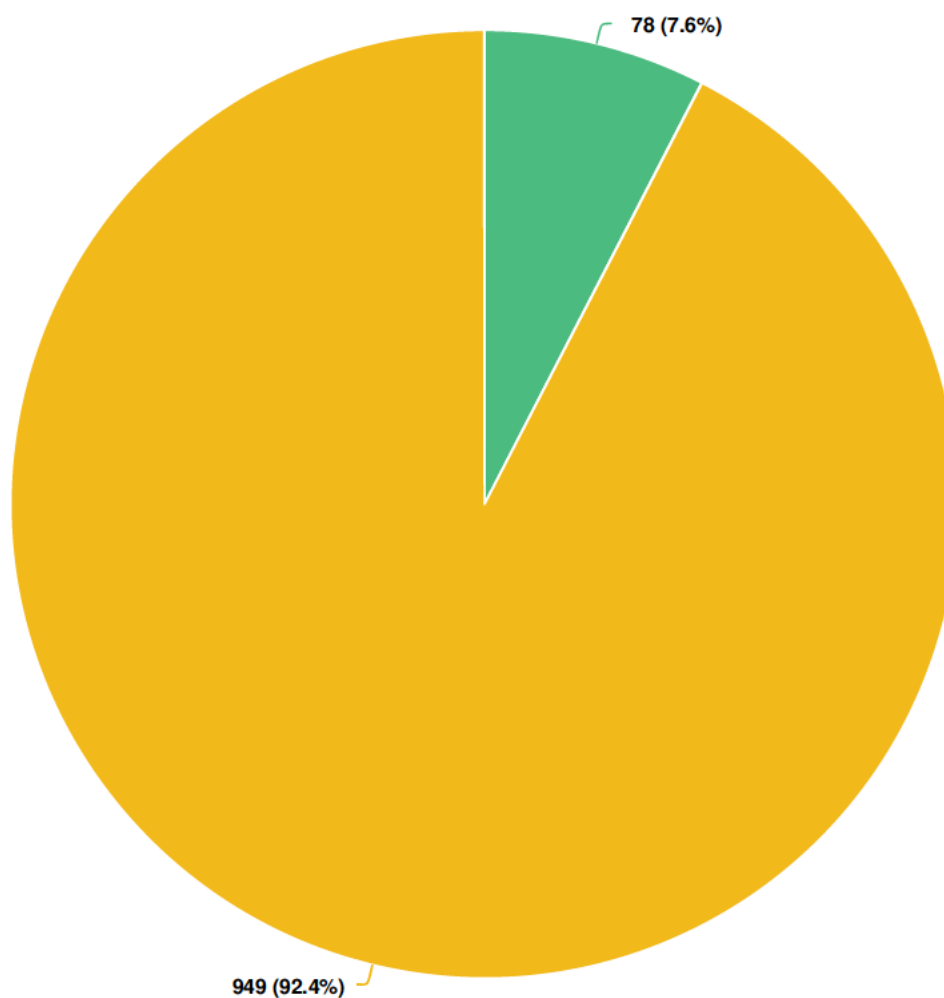
**Q24 Which language(s) do you speak at home? (Select all that apply)****Question options**

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

Optional question (1041 response(s), 22 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q25** Would it help you if City documents were translated into other languages?

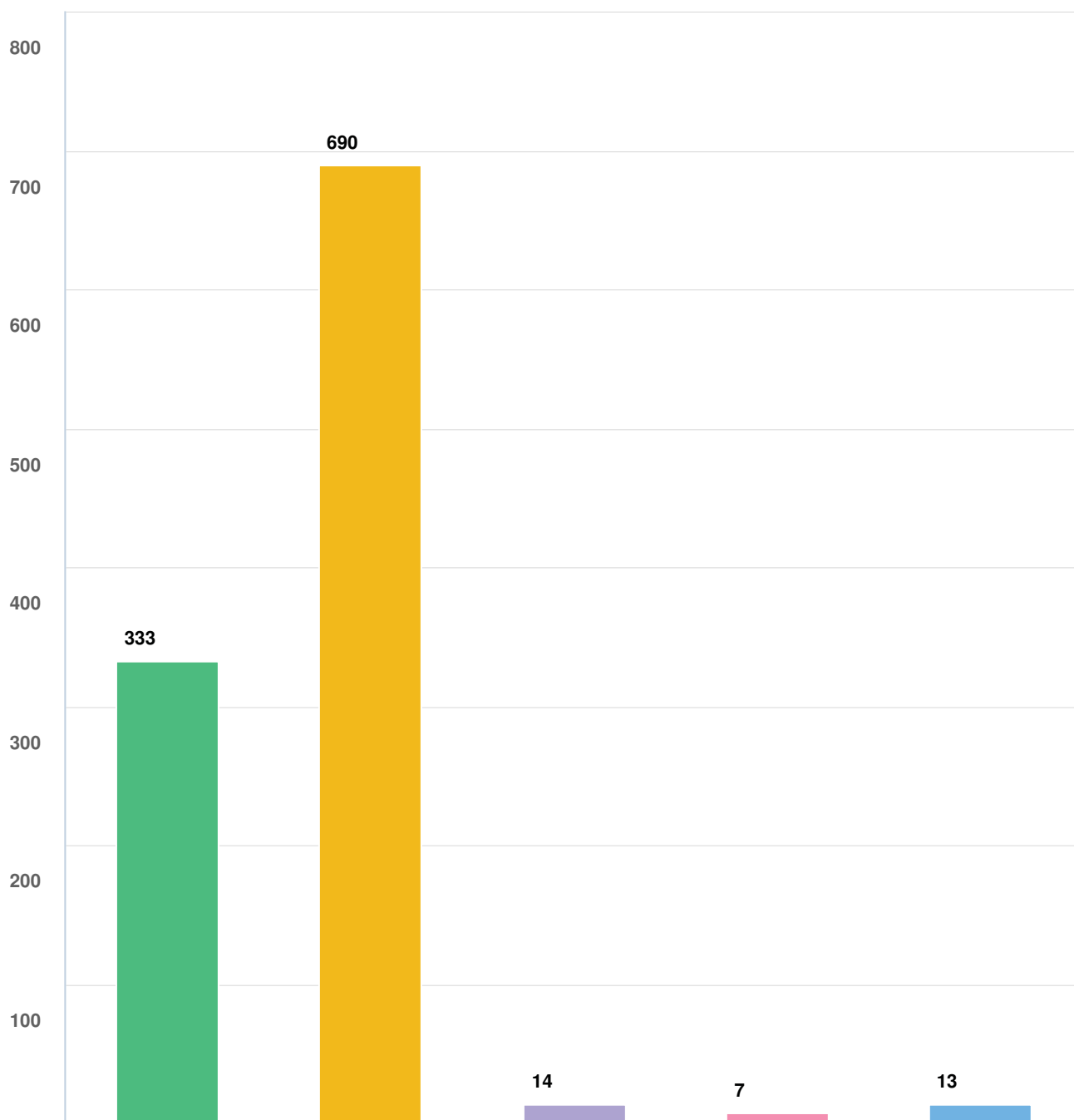


**Question options**

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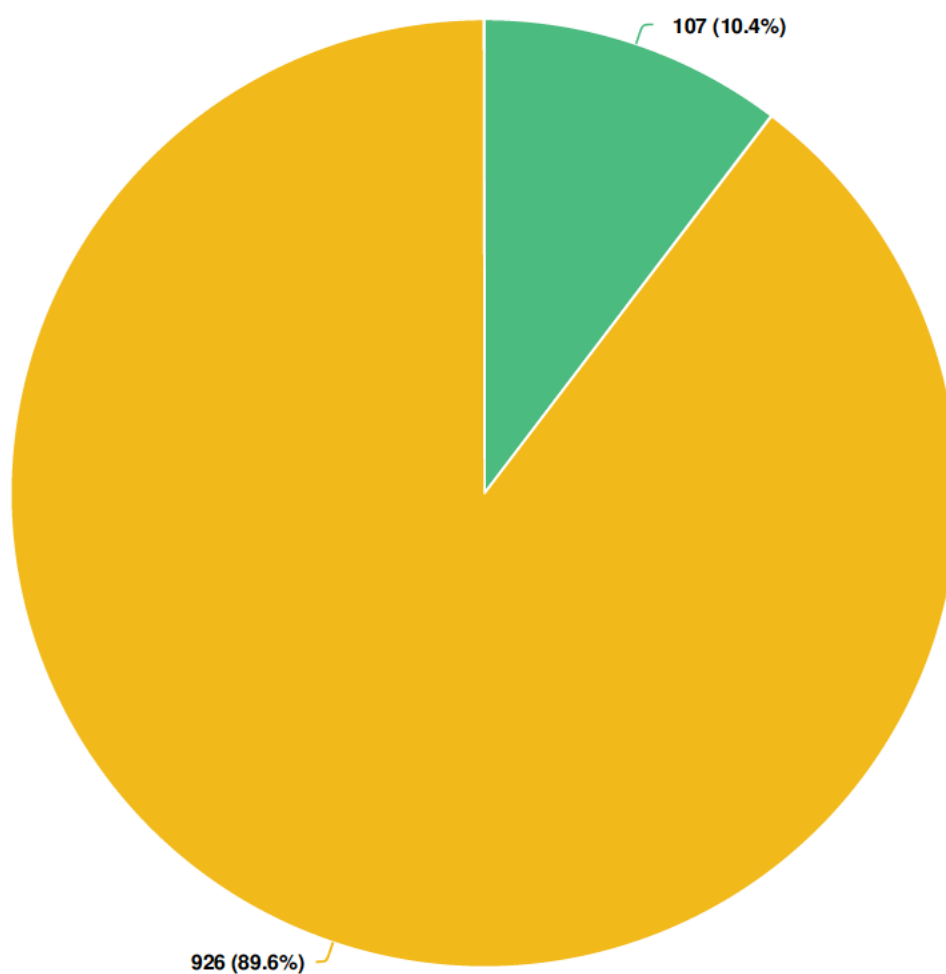
**Q26 What is your current housing situation?****Question options**

- Other (please specify)
- Currently lack stable housing (for example, staying with a friend, living in emergency shelters, transitional housing or are without a home)
- Affordable or Below market rental, co ops
- Own
- Rent

Optional question (1046 response(s), 17 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q27** Do you identify as being a person with a disability?



**Question options**

☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (1033 response(s), 30 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q28 | Is there anything the City of Victoria could do to make it easier for you to share your feedback and ideas?**

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Just remember to include everybody inclusion is important

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Yes, don't ask respondents if they own a business in Victoria. It makes it too obvious that the City cares more about businesses than it does about residents, and discourages participation.

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Thank you for allowing us to provide input. Keep up the good work!

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In my 82 years I have visited 67 countries. The ones that stand out in my mind are those with cities having pedestrian areas that are completely vehicle free (except for access by delivery vehicles). Victoria is such a beautiful city, but its character is spoiled by cars, both parked and moving. In the past few years one hugely positive step taken by the city has been to establish bike lanes!

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Don't ask me questions about gender, age, home ownership, etc. I strongly suspect you weight my opinion based on prejudice against white men.

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Don't use these surveys as an exercise to promote a predetermined agenda. If you're serious about community input, don't ignore aspects that run contrary to your particular biases, especially when a significant majority of individuals have made their preferences known.

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i appreciate the City's efforts to connect with residents for feedback.

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3/02/2022 04:17 PM

I did not have to log in to complete this survey which is appreciated. Requiring registering and logging in was a participation barrier for some persons with disabilities

Screen Name Redacted

What has my race or gender identity have to do with this survey? Its

3/02/2022 05:40 PM

disgusting that you'd ask that. Am I a resident and/or business owner in Victoria should be all you need to know. I'm disgusted that you have to racialize this

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 08:04 PM

I wish that I hadn't been required to create an account to complete this survey. It almost stopped me from filling it out. Thank you for all your work to make this project happen!

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 08:07 PM

No; you are doing a very good job of trying to solicit feedback and ideas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/02/2022 10:03 PM

More free form clustering of needs. Not enough kid stuff, dog stuff, bike stuff.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 06:56 AM

LESS CONTROLLED QUESTIONS...'CONTINUE WITH  
PEDICABS, HORSES...LOADED, I DON'T WANT EITHER

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 06:58 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:18 AM

Shoutout to the Capital Daily for sharing a link to this survey. I want to be involved!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:07 AM

(A note about question 23. - I am technically an immigrant, but moved to Victoria as a child, so I no longer... identify as one, if that makes sense?)

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:22 AM

This works great! However email follow up on council and committee meetings relating to the surveys I take would be great.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:28 AM

I think you are doing a great job - keep it up

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 08:30 AM

The sidewalks to be more level to the bus when it lowers, more level and wider sidewalks, especially since Victoria is continually getting more crowded.

Screen Name Redacted

Feedback QR codes built into city signs for neighborhoods

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3/03/2022 08:33 AM

Screen Name Redacted No

3/03/2022 08:44 AM

Screen Name Redacted Thanks for the opportunity.

3/03/2022 08:52 AM

Screen Name Redacted This is a well designed survey

3/03/2022 08:55 AM

Screen Name Redacted Keep up the good work making Victoria safer by increasing pedestrian foot traffic and encouraging density resulting in a vibrant core.

3/03/2022 08:58 AM

Screen Name Redacted The present City Counsel is very accessible for public input. Keep up the great work.

3/03/2022 09:00 AM

Screen Name Redacted Yes, stop asking "identity" questions. Age, ethnicity etc should NOT be a part of participating of this type of survey. What difference does it make what my age is!!!!

3/03/2022 09:18 AM

Screen Name Redacted This is a good place

3/03/2022 09:23 AM

Screen Name Redacted Quit spending money on projects that aren't supported or are outside the scope of municipal responsibilities.

3/03/2022 09:32 AM

Screen Name Redacted Your public engagement efforts are refreshing and wonderful

3/03/2022 09:50 AM

Screen Name Redacted Make space for language ideas: Per my above response it would be good to see street signs in Lekwungen first then English second, with historic signage following the same as well as multiple languages, based upon the demographic profile of the area (not tourist demographics).

3/03/2022 10:03 AM

Screen Name Redacted I think these surveys are great, as I feel that most people's lives make it difficult to attend public meetings. My only suggestion for improving the feedback process, and maybe this is already the case, would be

3/03/2022 11:03 AM

for city planners to connect with individuals who through the survey process have expressed novel ideas, so as to encourage that person to better flesh out their idea. This would at the very least, produce confidence that the city is actually reading each survey submitted. At best, the city may discover a few visionary citizens who might be tapped for positions on relevant volunteer committees or at least may be consulted from time to time in an ad hoc manner.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:10 AM

Continue with the practice of posting well produced information boards on the site of proposed changes. These inform many users of the space that may otherwise be oblivious to the plans.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:16 AM

I found this survey on Capital Daily, in case you want to know.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:18 AM

Actually listen to the people. Mayor Helps, council and especially Ben Issitt do not respect the views of the people who pay taxes within the municipality.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:30 AM

keep up the survey work. it's great

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 11:54 AM

Keeping an ongoing dialogue section for the creation of more small business spaces and affordable or below-market rental, co-ops

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:08 PM

make an app and get us all to download it. put alerts for polling / surveying so its easy for residents to give quick feedback

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:25 PM

Getting the word out on survey's like this.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:27 PM

More of these

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 12:46 PM

ensure info re: upcoming changes and opportunities to provide input are provided in social media in a timely fashion

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 01:21 PM

Return to public meetings as soon as possible.



Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:17 PM	Listen to the responses - to what people who are outside their small and introverted group are saying. What Victoria has done to its downtown/park area has made it difficult, if not impossible, for many, but especially for people who are mobility impaired. Traffic is often hopelessly snarled, and more and more roads are being rendered useless to people who need to use cars to get around. The message rings out that, if you are not able to use a bicycle or walk for long distances, don't bother going downtown or even trying to enjoy the green spaces that used to be such a pleasure for many.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 02:37 PM	Leave well enough alone
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 03:27 PM	Having to make an account is a bit annoying. I wouldn't have done that if this project wasn't so important to me.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 03:28 PM	Rather than a limited list of questions which include only the options the left-wing councilors want, permit respondents to add or rephrase options.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:51 PM	This is perfect.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 04:52 PM	Actually listen to feedback. The residents of this city do not believe in any 'engagement' anymore. They don't bother wasting their time participating anymore as the councillors push their own agendas instead.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 05:19 PM	Very well presented
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 06:30 PM	Better bike infrastructure. Although it's already good better bus system. I would love to see streets be pedestrian friendly with only pedestrian and transit access. Raised crosswalks are would be great at busy intersections.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2022 07:06 PM	The need to create a registered account is a disincentive to participate, especially for those who don't regularly participate. This skews feedback to the same group of people who always engage rather than a more representative sample of all residents.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:31 PM

The residents of the areas need to be included in city redevelopment plans as it affects them directly. The city should be mailing notices to these residents so they are made aware. Otherwise, they have to actively search for news.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 07:51 PM

accessibility of vehicles for wheelchair/mobility users, for seniors, for parents with little kids, for our tourist who expect proper accessibility with vehicle usage for the same reasons as citizens do, in order to actually get to government streets locals stop all these road screw up and discrimination ...

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:27 PM

Frequent surveys like this on Gov't St with a public return of findings

## Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2022 09:58 PM

You failed to provide a car-free option that isn't time restricted.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 06:19 AM

Bravo! Good on the city for taking this next step in developing more walk ability in the downtown core. Although operational, I feel this plan should be accompanied with a plan regarding certain behaviours downtown: drunk people, unstable people, homeless people, etc. If the City is going to overpopulate this area with more opportunities for people-driven amenities (seating and plazas) I think behaviours should also be addressed with ambassadors or mental health workers who are incorporated to ensure a safe and welcoming space for all and help deter or curb certain behaviours that could lead to damages, theft or occupying space (current example being Centennial Square)

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 08:23 AM

The sign in procedures for these surveys are a barrier to free and easy input. The password protocol has stopped me several times. I do appreciate the efforts made to show the draft plans...I only hope that a majority of Victorians can access them. I have lived here for 49 years.

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:29 AM

Thank you. BE BOLD BE BOLD BE BOLD!!!

## Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 10:36 AM

Maybe advertise current survey's more broadly. Through the public library system perhaps, in the Times Colonist, etc. I often seem to stumble across them by accident but know I have probably missed some that I wish I hadn't.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 11:48 AM

Real consultation before Council has already made up its biased mind.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 04:40 PM

I have family members with mobility issues. The closing of Government St has made it much harder for them to get around downtown. Parking isn't always easy to find with mobility issues. Dodging the new red benches are hard for them and a few of the outdoor patios have taken over the sidewalk as if two people are walking together, a wheelchair/walker has to wait for them to get by (example: Bard and Banker and Earls. to name a few). Closing the street doesn't help as walking further around them on the street is an added stress to them. For now, this has made their world smaller and not larger as City council and Mayor would like us to believe. As well, adding bike lanes to Government St isn't necessary. Education and ticketing bikers who fly up AND down Government St. either on the street or sidewalk isn't safer. For someone who was nearly killed by a cyclist (two weeks in a coma and years of rehabilitation), adding bike lanes to this will make it harder. As not all bikers use the bike lanes. I would like to see Government updated, as already stated, it has been 50 years since it was created. Trees add shade and neighbourhoods, better light or more lighting is needed, creating worlds of both indigenous people and the old building in the area by plaques indicating what was here before, wild to the area before building went up(trees, animals hunting grounds, streams, who or what these building were used for originally. Making the sidewalks look like old wooden planks (out of concrete). Making the street a living museum, with points of history on both sides of the good and the bad. I'm still against closing off Government St. to all traffic at anytime. There has never been an accident before and making the streets confusing will only cause trouble down the way.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2022 05:11 PM

we'd love to have more people have access to this type of information and the ability for them to input information for government projects. more voices heard makes a better space for all.

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 07:46 AM

Events specifically geared towards parents - childcare and/or activities for kids

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2022 10:02 AM

This is a great exercise, and if surveys are recurrent I would like them to be promoted more. I feel I only got to know of its existence by chance

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Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 12:12 PM	Make survey opportunities more known. Advertise more on social media and the Victoria BC Subreddit.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 12:37 PM	Publicize these opportunities more
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 12:49 PM	I've got a baby coming soon and would love to be able to take my kid downtown to hang out without having to go into a restaurant whenever we need an indoor break - I want more thriving small businesses that we can browse in and enjoy and some indoor spaces like the Atrium where we can get out of the weather. I cannot afford Victoria prices for restaurant food even as a homeowner, and I can't take a baby into most restaurants anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 02:02 PM	Eventually have connected bike lanes so there are no gaps between bike routes where a cyclist has to be in car lanes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 02:33 PM	I only heard of this survey by chance through a reddit post, though I'm sure I'll hear of them more often now that I've signed up to your emails.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 02:34 PM	The process of signing up for this is a turn off to completing it. Logging in through Facebook/Google etc. would be much easier. I nearly didn't do the survey at all because of this.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2022 05:40 PM	good job City hall.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 07:27 AM	Instead of pdfs use webpages that can easily be scrolled on a mobile phone
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2022 04:58 PM	have printed questionnaires at libraries
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 11:00 AM	yes, a website open to residents, that would allow them to vote on all city initiatives, projects, and many of the decisions. Not that the vote would be in any way binding, but would give an indication of what the residents think and consider important. And possibly what the priorities should be. It would be an ongoing interactive process between Cityhall and the Public.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 11:28 AM	Take feedback seriously, you don't have the best reputation for that... would love to see that change!
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 12:28 PM	Listen when spoken to!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 12:51 PM	No. This is a great forum.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 03:54 PM	Actually listen to what people have to say.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 07:22 PM	Although I don't need docs in another language, they should be avail!
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 09:27 PM	Thanks I feel people outside of Victoria should be able to respond as until recently downtown Victoria is frequented by all local people.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2022 10:20 PM	Improve transparency of of the process
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 09:11 AM	Providing these opportunities for input is important and appreciated.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 12:02 PM	No. You have figured that out quite well. Credit to your IT group.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 01:37 PM	Send documents to my business that's in the downtown core. I found out about this more by accident than by engagement from the City of Victoria.
Screen Name Redacted 3/08/2022 05:32 PM	I am very happy with Engage Victoria!
Screen Name Redacted 3/09/2022 01:13 PM	This is the best survey I have seen so far. Please keep up the good work.
Screen Name Redacted 3/09/2022 04:48 PM	Yes. Hold a targeted consultation event for people with disabilities and maybe include seniors. Provide better information on the

proposed circulation changes, with street labels, distances, and make future through routes easier to identify. Ask single-construct questions that I won't struggle to answer because the answers to the multiple ideas may be contradictory. People will want to know how they can get to particular places they may frequent.

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3/09/2022 07:33 PM

Thank you for this opportunity!

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2022 08:58 PM

Include businesses and building owners when making decisions that effect the business and property values. Seems like some of this council does not care to listen and has their own agenda. And they do not listen to the professionals like the city urban planners and city staff we are paying a salary to for their valued input and the DVBA that tells them Govt St should not be closed. What is the point of having staff if they don't listen to them? They have destroyed certain parts of the city with bike lanes, camping in parks and trying to defund the police. Really? Our city has going from a 10 to a 1. Brutal

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 01:04 PM

Eliminate having to set up an account and password, majority of people won't which results in skewed surveys.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 08:23 PM

No, the log in survey system is really great, and I hope it helps improve quality feedback to the city

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2022 11:29 PM

This platform is good, because I can fill it out in the evening after taking care of other commitments.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2022 10:08 AM

Frequent engagement with citizens via surveys is an excellent start. On-going communication is vital (i.e. reporting findings and describing plans)

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3/11/2022 03:07 PM

I don't live downtown but I am downtown often, using services and patroning businesses

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 05:28 PM

Implement some of them.

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2022 09:00 PM

would have liked the graphical items to be larger.

Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 08:28 AM	not having to register for a website
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:27 AM	Not having to sign in each time. Have a public forum. Do not lump bikes in with pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 12:06 PM	Citizen assemblies, direct democracy, consensus-based decision making.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 01:36 PM	This was a lovely opportunity to share my streetcar vision. Thank you.
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 02:13 PM	Spread the word more about these changes! I happened to stumble upon this because I was looking into whether the city was doing any pedestrian street projects but I think more people need to know about these awesome initiatives!
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:37 PM	More accessible washrooms and area for people with disabilities. Really hard to get to facilities in beacon hill park and bike lanes are scary for blind people.. too many raised curbs for people who are not able bodied
Screen Name Redacted 3/13/2022 11:39 PM	I'm so happy to see this project coming together! My friends and I have been talking about this type of project for years, so it's great to see it starting to take shape! I really hope this is made a priority for the city, along with constructing Ship Point park. Bravo!
Screen Name Redacted 3/14/2022 09:40 AM	It would be helpful that the actual tax payers of the businesses being impacted should have a higher rating of importance on feedback than the general public with no real investment in the initiatives.
Screen Name Redacted 3/14/2022 11:43 AM	The email notification for this survey went to my spam folder in Gmail, for some reason. Might want to look into email deliverability.
Screen Name Redacted 3/14/2022 12:07 PM	Avoid closed questions
Screen Name Redacted	I found the draft photos on this page too small to read properly.

3/14/2022 12:27 PM

Consider offering the ability to enlarge them.

Screen Name Redacted

3/14/2022 05:10 PM

I signed up to provide feedback on anything the City wanted feedback on but only found out about this survey through the Capital Daily newsletter. When you get an email address from a respondent to any survey, send email asking whether that person would like to be informed of future opportunities to provide input. Then send the yes-sayers links to everything their feedback would help with. They don't have to respond to all, but you'd get a wider demographic of respondents

Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2022 11:11 AM

Allow for "other" responses, not just pre packaged responses (See question 16)

Screen Name Redacted

3/15/2022 11:32 AM

I think it would be useful for the city to consider folks who work downtown as well, such as in the city of Vancouver surveys.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 12:18 PM

Stop being so dismissal of any feedback. Stop destroying any feedback. Stop ignoring any feedback, Listening to only the feedback mayor and council want to hear.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:46 PM

Make it happen takes way too long to get anything done. We desperately need a downtown refresh and to be proud of our city again. Attract everyone to want to go downtown, instead of avoiding it due to homelessness, dirty, and just feeling in safe. Also some of venues aren't classy enough , just wood structures thrown up because of Covid which was totally the right call. But is permanent let's make them look nicer. Just picture a small European city they have it all figured out!

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:52 PM

Consult with conversations!

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 01:56 PM

See above comments. Thanks for asking.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:02 PM

accomodation for hard of hearing

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:11 PM

Not require a login.



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3/16/2022 02:17 PM

less bike lanes

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:17 PM

Share these opportunities to provide feedback more often through email. I missed out on some of the previous surveys simply because I wasn't made aware in time, which is disappointing.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:24 PM

While the current major and council are in power, NO. All feedback has been 100% ignored ever since Helps came to power. Her personal agendas are to go through no matter what the taxpayer says. This has been proven time and time and time and time again. Ethics and morals mean nothing to this person and most of the council members. She and most of the council are a disgrace and have turned a once beautiful city into S. 22 dangerous narrow streets, unsafe bus stops for the elderly, blind and disabled, tall buildings blocking all the sunlight, a large number of parking spots removed and on and on and on. S. 22 S. 22 And you wonder why people don't go downtown anymore. Hmmm. That's a tough one.....

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3/16/2022 02:34 PM

Election

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:48 PM

Hopefully, comments are shared with the designers and landscapers.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:50 PM

I think you're doing an admirable job.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:51 PM

I received this survey by email four days before the close date. You should give more time.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:54 PM

I'd be more open to sharing my ideas if I felt they were actually considered. I suspect most public input is given zero consideration if it does not agree with what civic officials have already decided.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 02:55 PM

Thanks! Online engagement platforms like this work for me! :)

Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:07 PM	I hope my concerns are heard. I am an old timer from Victoria and appreciate the opportunity to save our traditions like the early flowering trees, musical entertainers on the street, and bronze statues. Would be happy to have musical street entertainment areas added.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:14 PM	Victoria is doing an excellent job!
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:16 PM	Make it truly anonymous, people should never have to register to do surveys.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:17 PM	Get better accessibility for city council meetings, mayor and council should all have accessible social media platforms to be engaged on. Less in Camera meetings so the public knows what's actually going on with our decision makers/money. Quit allowing Victoria counsellors to connect privacy breaches without repercussions.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:18 PM	All good for me.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:26 PM	Appreciate the survey and best of luck. Excited to see the Vision.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:43 PM	I dunno, it seems like I always miss this stuff and I'm pretty engaged. Your results are going to skew massively in favour of old people who do nothing but sit around looking for town halls to attend.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:52 PM	thank you for this service
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 03:57 PM	Try listening. No one supported these stupid bike lanes and yet now we're stuck with awful city planning (Vancouver and Richmond are especially stupid, inhospitable and wasteful, but bikes lanes on opposite sides of traffic on Fort and Pandora and European all-way cross walks next to 4 way cross walks are also notably stupid.) this fake! 3 days to provide feedback "engagement" is nothing short of bullshit.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2022 04:51 PM	I note that even though the initial survey had a lot of comments on public safety, bylaws, homeless, etc., the idea of cleaning up the

downtown core is totally absent from the new plan. The problem wont go away.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 05:33 PM

you guys are awesome!

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 06:36 PM

Do not write your survey questions slanted in such a way as to encourage the answers that you want.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 07:36 PM

I have found lack of parking to be a major issue in going downtown more. Aging family members with mobility issues an issue for being able to park close enough to restaurants etc.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 07:47 PM

No.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 07:57 PM

Large advertisements in the paper when decisions are being considered so more people have the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 07:59 PM

All good.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 08:06 PM

More surveys less cars

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 08:50 PM

clean up downtown streets not very inviting at present

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 08:55 PM

some public discussion meetings where we can hear each other's ideas

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 09:18 PM

When you post these, please improve the image quality. I'm not suffering from eye problems and I'm having trouble seeing them clearly. If you are passionate about accessibility, then please consider it for these presentations.

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2022 09:46 PM

When you are doing changes to the streets in my neighbourhood, send me a letter addressed to me. (This was not done for the recent changes to Richardson which were a complete surprise, and I did not

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get to add my input as I was not asked via post). Thanks.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 02:45 AM

This platform is perfect

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 07:29 AM

Please do the 'same' survey in VIC WEST around the Roadhouse development. We are most concerned about the high rises planned for our area. The height of several proposed high rises is totally out of proportion with the area. We need low-medium rise apartment buildings (under 10 stories), anchored by a Granville Island concept in the Roadhouse buildings. We have written to the city before and have seen little in the way of meaningful community engagement as in this survey for other areas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 08:48 AM

Read my comments in session. And take them seriously. I care about this city and my fellow citizens — I wish I had the confidence City Council did too.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 11:09 AM

No, you never listen anyway, You just do what you want. You've made that pattern very clear.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 12:21 PM

the City is doing a great job at this! thanks for the opportunity to engage.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 01:03 PM

Although the public input process in North America is flawed, Victoria is much better at it than other cities I've lived in. Need a way to engage more young people that live (or want to live) or work here, so the feedback is not dominated by older homeowners with time on their hands (like me).

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 01:13 PM

I appreciate the video overview, helps save time and makes it easier to understand the bigger picture/makes me more likely to engage with the survey!

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 03:30 PM

actually listen

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 04:15 PM

I work for the Accessibility Directorate at the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. I'm excited to see the desire to include "accessible" equipment in this plan, but encourage the city to

read the federal standard B651 to ensure it has technical knowledge of the built environment and how it effects people with disabilities as B.C. has yet to develop our own standard.

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3/17/2022 04:35 PM

Finish the Peter Pollen Park!!!

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2022 11:27 PM

no

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 11:28 AM

try listening...

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 12:33 PM

Surveys are easy!

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 02:15 PM

Make signing into the website easier

Screen Name Redacted

3/19/2022 03:06 PM

You do a pretty good job already.

Screen Name Redacted

3/19/2022 03:51 PM

not sure if it's my computer, but twice the survey page disappeared with my comments, and took a long time saving and proceeding to this last page.....

Screen Name Redacted

3/19/2022 06:46 PM

The engagement program has a high profile and is easy to access

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 08:27 AM

Very well designed survey. Thank you for asking for input via the capital daily

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:32 AM

Please consider the opinions of local municipalities (Oak Bay, Saanich, etc) as downtown is very close by. Our money is easily spent in Victoria, too.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:49 AM

No this is a good process

Screen Name Redacted

Don't make people set up accounts to provide feedback, it hinders

3/20/2022 09:50 AM

people who are elderly and disabled from providing critical feedback.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 09:53 AM

You're really doing a fantastic job reaching out to the community to encourage input and engagement. Thank you so much!

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 10:32 AM

I like the surveys esp with comment boxes because sometimes the questions aren't well defined

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 11:05 AM

Listen to the people!😊

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 12:15 PM

opportunities to share a small amount of feedback at more frequent increments. e.g. using instagram stories to poll people on which option they prefer more, what they'd like to see more of/less of, etc. It doesn't all need to be so formal!

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 12:55 PM

Thank you for this opportunity to participate!

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 01:18 PM

I'd like to hear of the schedule, what and when things will happen for the new Government St. look. The sooner the better our streets have had such a downfall over the past years, it's time for the renewal of our downtown city streets and I am grateful for it's coming. Thank you.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 02:59 PM

Send email reminders for input further ahead of the deadline (at least a week).

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2022 04:56 PM

A new Council

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3/20/2022 09:23 PM

Make public forums or city works projects more widely known. I would appreciate heads up on feedback sessions via mail, or email that way do not miss out on opportunities to have my voice heard on important decisions that affect how I access amenities.

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3/20/2022 09:55 PM

I think we should have access { freedom of information} to all the responses and letters sent to the city hall so we can see if the city is truly working on behalf of the voters. Things that were not on the Mayors platform for reelection should be voted on they are wild cards

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{hidden agenda}.

**Optional question** (177 response(s), 886 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Government Street Refresh** Engagement Summary

## Appendix C

### **Public and Stakeholder Engagement – Phase 2**

- Phase 2 Survey Report

## **Email Feedback**



**From:** [Engagement-External](#)  
**To:** [Engagement-External](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback - Government Street Refresh - low allergen plantings  
**Date:** March 23, 2022 3:36:58 PM

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**From:** S. 22

**Sent:** March 18, 2022 12:36 PM

**To:** Engagement-External <[engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca)>

**Subject:** Feedback - Government Street Refresh - low allergen plantings additional information

Firstly, there is a glitch in the engagement system for sending an email. If I click on

### **Email Us**

Provide feedback on the draft concept design by sending an email to [engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca) with "Government Street Refresh" in the subject line **by Sunday, March 20, 2022.**

It brings me to a Register page, even though I was already signed in.

Anyway, the substance:

Firstly, about low allergen plantings. I attended an online forum and brought up the topic of low allergen planting. Someone responded that the City will follow its standard in this regard. I felt that staff considered that this issue was "in hand" and dismissed it. I don't think it is addressed and thus I raise it again.

I follow this topic and am not aware of a City standard.

The City established CITY OF VICTORIA PARKS Lower Allergen Landscape Planting Resource List for its use. The document consists of some considerations and information on plant allergen ratings. It is not a standard.

<https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Parks~Rec~Culture/Parks/Documents/Growing~in~the~City/GITC%20Lower%20Pollen%20List%20DIGITAL.pdf>

"This plant list is intended to assist in the selection of lower allergen landscape plantings and is not a comprehensive list. For additional resources please refer to the document Pollinator and Allergy-Friendly Gardening in the City of Victoria. Below are some tips to help increase the success of your lower allergen planting."

"Consider proximity of plantings to high traffic or gathering areas to reduce the potential for plant species that can attract unwanted pests i.e. social wasps such as yellow jackets"

*Build Back Victoria Permit Requirements & Information* says only "Where planters may be installed as part of the patio, businesses may consult the City's Low Allergen Landscape Planting Resource List."

So that is entirely voluntary and I am not aware of any processes in place to ensure that businesses follow low allergen planting practices.

This consideration may have been sufficient for a hastily cobbled together program to help businesses survive during the pandemic but is not sufficient going forward. Instead, under the Government Street plan, private businesses who want to use the public domain should be *required* to use lower allergen plants. They are being given a privilege and it is reasonable to ensure that they help make everyone welcome.

[https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Engineering~Public~Works/Documents/Build%20Back%20Victoria%20Guidelines%20\(June%202021\).pdf](https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Engineering~Public~Works/Documents/Build%20Back%20Victoria%20Guidelines%20(June%202021).pdf) Another City resource, Pollinator and Allergy-Aware Gardening, contain tips for private gardeners on their own land and again, is not a standard.

<https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Parks~Rec~Culture/Parks/Documents/GITC%20Pollinator%20and%20Allergy-Aware%20Gardening%20FINAL.pdf>

Staff have advised Council that they use low allergen plantings where people travel and congregate, but this is not always the case. Given the pedestrian priority objective of this project, it would seem to be incumbent to recognize this as a place where people congregate and plant accordingly. It's also not just about pollen, but also attracting stinging insects. Not to do so would be creating a barrier, which is contrary to the Accessibility Framework.

Secondly, I would hope that staff would seriously consider previous input about dogs. Dogs can be anywhere in the City on leash, but being on leash does not preclude those dogs creating barriers for people. It may be fair to expect that as downtown gets denser and traffic is reduced, dogs will become a major user of Government Street. Some of the “room-type” seating areas may prove suitable for dog-free refuges. I request that you incorporate dog bag dispensers and anti-odor dog waste receptacles. I also share with you Principles for Accessibility in the Fairfield Neighbourhood Plan, 2019, which explains and substantiates the need for the things I am asking for.

[https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Planning~Development/Community~Planning/Local~Area~Planning/Fairfield~Gonzales/Fairfield\\_NP\\_Final-web.pdf](https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Departments/Planning~Development/Community~Planning/Local~Area~Planning/Fairfield~Gonzales/Fairfield_NP_Final-web.pdf)

As part of this plan process, a Health, Wellness, and Accessibility workshop was held. The following principles and strategies were suggested for design of public realm in Cook Street Village:

- Make it comfortable to navigate to and in the village for differently-abled users, considering factors such as lighting, pavement selection, signage, comfort in accessing transit, accessible parking and loading, and accommodation/parking for a range of mobility devices.
- Enhance safety and comfort within the village, considering factors such as pavement texture and pattern selection, enhanced crossings, **allergens (e.g. in landscape, from dogs)**, and creating a welcoming ambiance in all seasons (e.g. selection of landscape for colour and interest; furnishings, lighting)
- Encourage gathering of people of all ages and abilities. **In designing public realm and “outdoor rooms”, consider a range of specific needs. While all spaces should be physically accessible, a full range of different abilities**

**should be considered so that there is a space for everyone. (Examples: allergen-free area; location on a side street for those needing quieter environment; safe child-friendly spaces.**

Thirdly, I believe that my verbal comment about **lighting** was not understood. The AWG made recommendations about lighting for people with brain injuries and differences. From what little I know, it's about flicker rates. My comment was not about the light standards, but the bulbs. I believe that Councillor Loveday is knowledgeable about these lighting standards.

Sincerely, **S. 22**

**S. 22**

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** Engagement-External  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 3:36 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh - lighting

**Categories:** Tracked To Dynamics 365

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 19, 2022 11:42 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External <[engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh - lighting

Further to my recent correspondence about lighting, this attached CoV document, the Accessibility Guide, may be of use to this project and documents that the City has recognized accessibility implications of lighting.

*f) Does lighting pose neurological triggers?( Might the type of lighting chosen trigger a neurological reaction?)*

Regards,

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S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 21, 2022 12:31 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street refresh feedback

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi, I realized I hadn't finished the survey and tried to fill it all out by midnight, but got timed out. Just thought I might as well send along some of what I'd written already:

I support each of these 4 segment visions, and the overall vision, but it would have still been welcome to have a bit more information on how these Government St. plans fit into the overall area. I know that Govt. is the street that needs to undergo construction anyway, and the refresh at the same time makes complete sense. But at the same time there are already pedestrian-priority but underdesigned / under-programmed nearby streets (eg Broad) and squares, whose future I would have also liked to hear more about.

How will the Broad corridor, Govt. corridor, Wharf corridor, and cut-through corridors (between Govt & wharf) interact with each other? Imo a cut-through in the middle of lower Yates (corresponding to the ones by the parkade on street down and market square one street up) could benefit pedestrian movement (and alleviate foot-traffic congestion) just as much as extending Government sidewalks on that block.

Similarly, I'm very pleased to see the Chinese community highlighted in the proposed plaza but would have liked to see the existing Centennial given more programming and emphasis more so than a new adjacent area. I also wonder if such valuable public land could be better used for things like housing or a small community centre / library type building. It's weirdly shaped, so I'd be totally willing to accept that those uses are much less viable than a square. The point is just that the wondering happens--I would have just liked to see the materials engage with these alternatives a bit more, and with the other nearby pedestrian areas and their (under)use a bit more. And my apologies of course if this kind of thing is addressed in materials I haven't seen.

Thanks for all your work, and I hope my thoughts as a frequent pedestrian through these blocks can be of some small help. Looking forward to strolling along the finished product in a few years!

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 20, 2022 6:19 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Commentary regarding the Government Street Project

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

One of the issues that appears to be a constant when this type of project is being considered, finalized and ultimately put to the (*often expensive*) is the one of "unintended consequences". Said consequences seem to be on the verge of coming to the fore once again in the City.

Too often, what begins as a great idea or concept becomes something akin to addictive to those who promote it, to the point where anyone who does speak words of caution about the "side effects" of Project Z tends to be overlooked or as has happened, outright ignored. Then, when those very real consequences happen (*and they do*), Project Z becomes something of a fait accompli, and those in charge are quick to point out that "while we had money to spend on Project Z, sadly there isn't enough money set aside to alleviate the specific issues we overlooked early in the process.." The recent issue of traffic diversion on Richardson Street, where one of only a few access points to Oak Bay was cut off over the protests of residents, commuters and even the Oak Bay Mayor and Council proceeded apace with little or no credence paid to those who raised their hands to speak. is only one example. The list of projects that might fall under the umbrella of "unintended" or perhaps more properly "overlooked" consequences could include the partial closure of Beacon Hill Park, which initially cut off access to a good percentage of the handicapped folks. Also, the basic concept of bike lanes on both sides of Pandora, which resulted in traffic lanes with zero margin for larger vehicles -legally permitted to be 102 in (2.5m)- such as buses and larger delivery trucks on the main route from the eastern portions of the City to the West (*via the Johnson St Bridge*). Reports from those who must use this corridor daily (Transit operators, delivery folks) still talk about being forced to proceed down Pandora with their outside mirrors overhanging one

lane or the other and that it's only a matter of time before something "really bad" happens.

Unintended Consequences- Even though I do not reside within the City Limits, I can still see what is bound to happen if access Government Street north from Humboldt is cut off, and I can only wonder why no City official has come forward with options for the vehicles (*large and small*) that will not be permitted.

If a commuter's destination is Saanich or beyond, there are truly 5 ways out of James Bay to the north - Wharf, Government, Douglas, Blanshard and finally, Quadra. Vancouver Street, which like Blanshard and Quadra is easily accessed via Superior Street, has been largely closed to commuter traffic, is no longer part of the overall picture. This closure has already added to the traffic volume on Quadra and Blanshard streets. Closing off Government Street would exacerbate what is already a nearly-untenable situation.

So where will these folks go? Obviously, the answer is "to one of the remaining streets- Douglas, Wharf Blanshard or Quadra. Has anyone determined how the addition of the Government Street traffic will affect those already-crowded streets? Blanshard northbound at times resembles a parking lot already. Blanshard also funnels northbound traffic to the Pat Bay Highway, as does Quadra, while Wharf Street is really just a funnel to the Vic West area, though many hundreds of commuters utilize it to get to Selkirk and beyond. Additionally, Douglas Street must be at or very close to capacity, while Cook Street is likely too distant and too hard to access (*via either South Turner or Dallas*) to be included in the conversation.

In the end, Government Street is really one of only two arteries which ultimately lead to the West Shore, one of the fastest-growing areas of the CRD. Diverting access to the sole remaining street will inevitably result in more and more vehicles (*large and small*) standing still, stuck in heavier traffic, wasting fuel, and perhaps more importantly, time as a result of the changes being considered today.

Please give serious thought to what will happen to all those cars and how their re-deployment to essentially the sole remaining arterial street will affect its' loading before you make this decision. At the same time, please check for the possibility of

there being more "unintended" or "accidentally overlooked" consequences to this proposal should it go through?

Thank you for your time,

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## Rob Gordon

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**Subject:** Government Street

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My husband and I have travelled to many cities around the world and found the ones that had streets dedicated to pedestrians, street entertainers and market vendors, in addition to retail store fronts, were the most vibrant and drew city dwellers as well as tourists into their core. I believe the total ban of vehicle traffic on a substantial portion of Government Street will enhance the experience of the city and increase business for the retail and restaurants in the area.

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Sent from my iPad

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 20, 2022 9:10 AM  
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**Subject:** Engagement

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Fix the roads, potholes AMD infrastructure. That is where the tax money should go.  
S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 20, 2022 8:46 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** GOVERN MENT ST. PROPOSAL

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The City of Victoria is very dated in so far as it caters to people and our tourists.

The proposed design changes make a lot of sense. It gives a European feel as well as a safety feel.

I would suggest that limiting the traffic in the main areas for delivery vans only would be good.

I vote for change. Let's update this once vibrant city.

S. 22

Sent from my iPad

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 19, 2022 9:11 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello City of Victoria Council,

I am hoping you will consider a few of my suggestions for the Government Street Refresh.

Victoria is an elegant city full of gardens and quaint English charm I believe this core project must tie these elements together and like many European plazas, it could include fountains, gardens, seating for gatherings, markets, music and ofcourse lots of outdoor patios.

This is one very important element that will affect the overall look of the new design that is the permanent patios. Once these temporary permits for outdoor patios are lifted in October and requests come in from businesses to create permanent patios I believe they could be mandated to all have a cohesive look to them for instance they all have black wrought iron fencing around them instead of these wood Barkerville looking temporary structures we have now.

One more important suggestion I have is that the harbour ferries could be free and subsidies between the city and the local businesses they dock at...traffic would be up and the business would boom. In Brisbane Australian their little ferry systems on the river are free and subsidized by the city and everyone wins.

Thank you for opportunity to voice my suggestions.

I have worked in Tourism in Victoria for many years and I love my city. I love walking around and frequently visit all downtown business. I welcome the opportunity to help create a beautiful new look for Victoria.

Sincerely,

S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 18, 2022 12:34 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Let's think 'Outside the Box'. Boxes are too confining!

Consider the entire section between Humboldt-Wharf Streets and Fisgard Street, 24-7-365.

Northbound, one-way, motor vehicle traffic shall be extended to Fisgard Street.

Exception for emergency-responding vehicles, Delivery-related traffic is permitted ONLY between 02:00 AM and 09:00 AM.

Strictly and enthusiastically enforced; any motor vehicle within the 'zone' and outside the "Service Time-Window", will be ticketed and towed.

\*\* Some of these items may seem a bit harsh, it's much easier to begin with "harsh" and reduce only if necessary. To start "soft", it is extremely difficult to increase.

\*\*\* If my recommendations are too severe, perhaps consider reverting back to 1956, when there was two-way traffic, plus parking on both sides of Government Street. Perhaps, not!

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 17, 2022 6:27 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello City of Victoria,

Just a quick note to mention that I am impressed with the city's preliminary plans for the Government Street refresh. I look forward to seeing this project realized! It will be great for local residents and tourists alike.

I have long thought that Victoria would benefit from having grand public gathering spaces, which are common in many European cities. I encourage Victoria to be inspired to create similar spaces in other parts of the city as well. Having several such plazas within a 15-20 minute walk of one another would make Victoria a more interesting place to live, and would help beautify the city. The under-used green space adjacent to the hospital at the Fort/Richmond intersection would be one location to consider for a future plaza, perhaps alongside revitalization of the (currently rather sad) urban village in this area.

Keep up the inspired work!

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 17, 2022 1:18 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Re: Govt street refresh

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello - just wanting to emphasize my support for the Lekwungen artwork and cultural elements being proposed for govt street! Great to see this, especially near the Hudons Bay centre - more landmarks that share the history of these lands is very very welcome, especially as tourists are far too bombarded with imagery of double decker buses and colonialist pride. Thumbs up!

Thanks,

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 17, 2022 12:59 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello people

I found that registration etc in order to to take the online survey discouraged to my full participation.

Refreshing Government Street is no doubt of great importance to what merchants remain in Victoria's downtown core - and to tourism operators.

My recent impression of the larger downtown core is that, within one or two blocks of this iconic area, there are empty storefronts and a significant homeless population in the area towards the water - and a forest of Vancouver-style apartment and condo towers in the other direction. Does the City's wider plan envision that towers will eventually swallow up all the space around Government Street right down to the water? Is there any provision for the preservation of other "heritage" buildings in their entirety - not just their facades?

I would like to see the City of Victoria provide improvements in the downtown for residents of Victoria of all social and economic classes. The provision of more space (public and private) for community-building initiatives (like the Open Space Gallery) would support transition towards a more equitable and humane city.

Yes, this is a challenge ... but I think it's worth considering.

S. 22



## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 17, 2022 12:34 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Feedback

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hey folks -

I recently read an article in the Times Colonist Extra about the plan for Government Street. I run a technology business in Bastion Square. Overall, I love the ideas presented for the future of Government Street. Anything that makes our neighbourhood more vibrant and friendly is okay by me.

That said, if we're going to be inviting even more performers to Bastion Square, I'd ask that the city seriously consider how it will start to enforce it's bylaw around street performers and noise. We've noticed that street performers at the entrance to Bastion Square routinely use amplification despite the bylaws laid out here:

<https://www.victoria.ca/assets/Business/Documents/Street%20Entertainer%20Consolidated%20Provisions.pdf>

When performers use amplification, it echoes through the square and impacts our ability to use our office effectively. Some street performers start at three or four in the afternoon and amplify themselves loudly enough that it makes it difficult to hold a Zoom call or concentrate on a document. At the moment, we grin and bear it. If the plan is to encourage more performances, it's important that the city proactively educates street performers on its noise bylaws and enforces the bylaws when they're broken.

Cheers,  
S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 17, 2022 11:21 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government St

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Hello,

I think making Government St pedestrian only is great except for the first block after the Humbolt St. intersection. I think the buses that come from the Cruise Ship Terminal should be able to drive down that block and drop off anyone wanting to look at the shops at that end of Government St so their passengers won't have to walk as far. Also they would get to see the Empress Hotel and the Inner Harbour on their way round on the bus, part of the attraction of Victoria.

Cruise Ship passengers generally don't walk very far so if Victoria City Council wants to give the shops at that end of Government St a break they should not shut off that block to all traffic.

All small businesses need a break after 2 years of COVID.

Please give this idea your consideration.

Thank you

S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** Michelle Harris  
**Sent:** March 17, 2022 9:35 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** RE: Government Street Refresh

**Categories:** Tracked To Dynamics 365

Thanks – I'll respond.

**Michelle Harris, APR**

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**From:** Engagement-External <engage@victoria.ca>  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 7:29 PM  
**To:** Michelle Harris <MHarris@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Government Street Refresh

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 14, 2022 7:44 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External <[engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

Dear City of Victoria Council and Staff

I have responded to the online survey. From the draft concept design it appears that no consideration has been made for a future tram system or light rail transit. Can you confirm?

Sincerely

S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 10:50 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** proposed changes to Government including change in tour bus location

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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It looks fine!!

But I had a thought about the tour buses. If you wanted them to be able to park further south on Government, just send the buses up Government, to Humboldt and then have them turn LEFT onto Wharf. When they reach Courtney, have them turn right and cut across Government. There are a couple of reserved parking spots there for unloading. I'm sure you could also accommodate the tour buses. In that way, everyone would be happy and the tourists could continue to see the "iconic" sights before they disembark.

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 8:57 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government St Refresh

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Great idea. There's an excellent example in Boulder Colorado of a similar redo of the main retail street called the Pearl Street Mall. It's always loaded with visitors and locals, buskers, food carts, plenty of great retail shop s- everything from Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop to quality restaurants, book stores, furniture, coffee cafes, clothes, gorgeous plantings. You name it's there. There's also sculpture, children friendly areas, and room for everyone. The core downtown of Boulder is walking friendly just like Victoria. In Boulder you're just a few ice cream licks away from The Boulder Creek Park where there's a farmers market twice a week, the downtown library, and a music stage. there are plenty of pics online.

<https://boulderdowntown.com/shop-dine>

Let's do it!

S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 7:43 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Re: Have You Heard: What's Your Vision for Government Street?

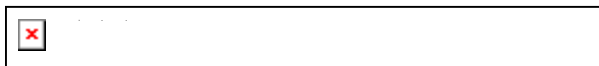
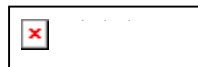
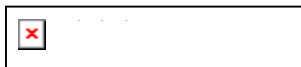
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Do not mess with Government Street! I live here. I am angry that City Council wants to make unnecessary changes to our neighbourhood. Leave.It.Along. Please; you've done enough unwanted changes. Just.Stop.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2022, at 1:23 PM, City of Victoria Engagement <[support@engagementhq.com](mailto:support@engagementhq.com)> wrote:

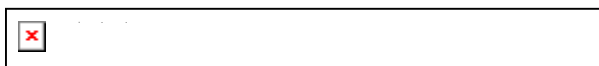


### [What's Your Vision for Government Street?](#)

Informed by the community's ideas about how to make Government Street one of the best streets in Canada, a draft new plan to redesign the street from the bottom up is now ready for public feedback.

[Watch a video](#), view display boards -- there's also two recorded virtual public presentations with discussions.

Tell us what you think by completing an [online survey](#) by **Sunday, March 20** or send us an email to [engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca) with "Government Street Refresh" in the subject line.



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**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Visitors come to Victoria to see the flowers, trees, good restaurants and great shopping. Please keep/add hanging flower baskets and trees in government street. If you allow bikes, skateboards ,etc. do not allow them to interweave among pedestrians...it is dangerous. Clean up the streets and make them SAFE! Thank you.

S. 22

Sent from my iPhone



## Rob Gordon

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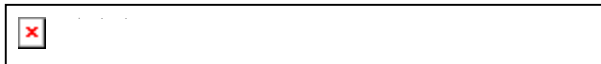
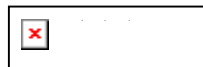
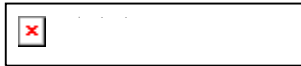
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**From:** Michelle Harris  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 5:09 PM  
**To:** Engagement  
**Subject:** Feedback: Government Street Public Space Project

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**From:** Wong S. 22  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** Joaquin Karakas <[JKarakas@victoria.ca](mailto:JKarakas@victoria.ca)>; Anna Kapusta <[ababicz@victoria.ca](mailto:ababicz@victoria.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Introductions - Government Street Public Space Project

Good morning S. 22 ,

Nice to e-meet you! My name is S. 22 I am with the Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club, who performs the annual Chinese Lion dance parade in Chinatown, as well as many other public/private events all around the Greater Victoria area. We have been in existence since 1974. Unfortunately we are no longer located in Chinatown (since 2017) but have presence for performances in Chinatown every so often.

We love the idea, and feel greatly honored to be able to participate and provide feedback towards this project.

I love the ideas that Ammar had thought of, such as kung fu workshops or public performances. I had a similar vision when I first heard of this project, as well as some additional ideas. I will list some ideas below. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

A large open concept area or a staged 20-25ft x 20-25 ft with a 15 + feet covered area from the elements, like Centennial square. Which could host public Cultural performances/ workshops for Kung Fu/Lion dance periodically as well as other local Chinese and many other cultural groups to promote and maintain their traditions throughout the year. A large covered area for audience seating under the elements, which could also be used for audience participation in workshops/programs/presentations/pop up night markets/events.

Tables for mahjong, Chinese checkers, calligraphy lessons or such.

A well lit overhead lighting with LED's that can change colours of the LED's for special occasions or seasons ie Christmas.

Lit up lantern. Same lamp posts as in Chinatown around the perimeter of the area as mentioned in the concept. Same bike racks & garbage cans as in Chinatown.

Love the idea of a bench that could be a place to play, picnic, sit and lounge, as mentioned in the concept.

Signage that directs you to the Chinatown Gate, and Chinese Canadian Museum - Victoria location (if and when they find a permanent location).

Signage that briefly names and explains the different Chinese Associations in Chinatown, such as Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), Shon Yee Benevolent Association... Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club's presence in Chinatown for over 40 years.. etc... just to name a few.

A four sided, thick glass off box showcasing a Chinese Lion dance costume and a Dragon costume with signage explaining the differences, which could also allow the public to take photos with.

A Chinese style garden with peonies or peony sculpture artwork.

Some built-in activities for kids/adults, such as a board or signage on how to say some simple Cantonese and Mandarin words.

Digital sign or poster board to advertise events/local Chinatown businesses.

Kind regards

S. 22

**Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club**

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Quadra Village Neighbourhood Gym (QVNG)

Victoria, B.C., CA

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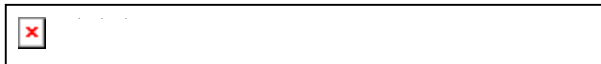
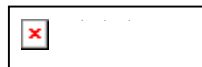
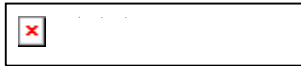
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Is it possible to have a virtual meeting to discuss?

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Simple open it to traffic. It's a road. Wharf street is too congested. No way else to get across Johnston st bridge. Government street sidewalks are wide enough to accommodate everyone

## Rob Gordon

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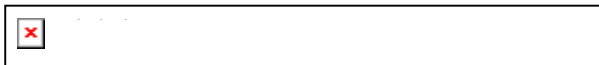
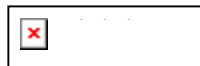
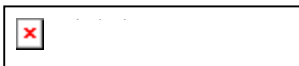
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what's wrong with the way it is? it's fine. save our tax dollars for environmental causes

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 14, 2022 1:26 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Cc:** Victoria Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** "Government Street Refresh"

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The draft concept is great, and what I saw and the atmosphere I experienced on Sunday, was fabulous. Government Street was buzzing with people, music, and busy cafes & coffee shops. I think the bouncy structures are too noisy and too space consuming. Pedestrians only allowed 10 am -10 pm, no vehicles and absolutely no buses. Delivery vehicles can unload before 10 am, or use side roads. Congratulations, it promises to be an exciting summer downtown.

S. 22

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 13, 2022 8:32 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government street

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Honestly why do you keep focusing money and time on the one of only two nice streets in this cesspool of a city ?

For example maybe you could have the Pandora -Quadra sidewalks power washed once in a blue moon so we aren't all walking to our jobs, homes and grocery stores stepping over excrement.

Or, if making the city nicer for the actual residents instead of TOURISTS doesn't work for you , Douglas Street, the actual main artery of Victoria, is disgusting. How about cleaning up that corridor?

No, let's ignore the residents needs and focus, as usual, on tourism. Hey maybe throw some ugly puzzle designs on the street or how about some ping pong tables? I mean there seems to be a lot of money to waste on the unnecessary.

Thanks for nothing city council. As per usual.

S. 22

Sent from my iPhone

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 11, 2022 5:06 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government street refresh

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I strongly support the Government Street refresh plan to limit traffic. Eliminating traffic is what leads to more people congregating and enjoying sitting in the areas designated.

I lived in Vancouver three years ago and learned how their Granville Street mall failed as a people centred area. It allowed for buses and taxis... this lead to no one using Granville Street as a mall for sitting and no outdoor patios. The buses and taxis are what lead to its failure as a mall.

Let's hope Victoria learns from using no vehicular traffic, which encourages more pedestrians, and patios.

Regards,  
S. 22

Sent from my iPad

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 10, 2022 10:38 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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The concept design for Government Streets looks promising. I have two general comments about the street's future:

1. Cyclists should ride on the roadway only and follow the one-way directional signage. It is dangerous to pedestrians for cyclists to ride on the sidewalks or the wrong way down the street.
2. Many of the awnings on Government Street are covered in bird waste and should be cleaned regularly. I realize this is a responsibility of building owners or storekeepers, but it would greatly enhance the appearance of the street if they were required or encouraged to keep their awnings clean.

Thank you,  
S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 9, 2022 12:29 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government street ....

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Why are vehicles consistently in your plans on main thorough-way (Government Street)? Many walkable/entertainment areas in cities don't have need for cars like your plans does, taking up spaces for parking. It would be a lot nicer for pedestrians to have pedi-cabs or horse drawn carriages to hop on, or just hear the sounds of a horse drawn carriage going by .... I understand emergency vehicles need to get in 👍❤️ though shop delivery trucks - could they not park on cross streets & Langley, Broad, etc. There is enough streets in Government area that commenters, shoppers & their cars can travel & use for parking besides always having to also be on Government street. It's only One street to save without cars & the sound of traffic ....for one to meandering through shoppes/ enjoy a restaurant patios/ walk thru art displays & maybe meet new artists / festivals/ entertainment/ catch up w friend w beverage while enjoying one of the new seating areas.

(Horses would be safer too! ) Many like the Charm of the horses & pedal cabs! (As well as put-put boats ... they don't apply here thou, I know! )

Sent from my iPad

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 9, 2022 9:24 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Hello,

I saw that you were doing consultations on Government Street. I do not live in Victoria but I often visit, and as a tourist I LOVED having government street closed off to cars. It was definitely a highlight of my time in Victoria and made Government street the #1 spot in the city that I went to and walked down every single night. It was a really great addition to the city. I hope it continues and that it is expanded.

Thank you.

S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 9, 2022 8:57 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Hi there,

I've already completed the survey but had another thought after walking the closed section of Government street again on the weekend. It is a suggestion to find a way of making the pedestrian signals at the cross streets with Government more visible from the middle of the road, they are hard to see if you stay in the road to cross as they are mostly only visible straight ahead in-line with the sidewalk and if you are heading south there are no traffic lights to tell you that the lights are not in your favour either if you stay in the road way to cross and continue walking south in the middle of government street.

So to enable using the roadway to walk along, perhaps the pedestrian signals could be flipped from the outside to the inside of the poles or a signal added in the old roadway to support pedestrians wanting to walk in the roadway and stay there when traversing the cross streets.

Also I'm still finding that the cones are being pushed aside or are not out well after 1pm at the cross streets with Government so cars are still entering the street despite the signage indicating they should not. Perhaps the city could install parking garage gates on timers at the cross streets that could close and be backed up with cones underneath and plenty of space for pedestrians to get past the gates.

Thanks  
S. 22



## Rob Gordon

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**From:** Mark Loria <mark@markloriagallery.com>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2022 7:17 PM  
**To:** Joaquin Karakas; Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government St Refresh

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I would like it submitted and recorded that I believe this area as outlined in the draft plan should be pedestrian only, or at least to Yates St. I also don't think horse drawn carriages should exist, as mentioned in the plan.

Here are some examples of highly successful pedestrian-only streets in Canada and around the world. Why are we lagging behind in creating a key destination that visitors seek out? Are we listening to a few large industry voices, or of the many businesses trying to benefit from creating a world-class destination?

Let me know if you need more examples or you could just google as I did in less than a minute.

<https://matadornetwork.com/read/coolest-pedestrian-streets-around-world/>

<https://www.weekendnotes.com/top-pedestrian-malls-australia/>

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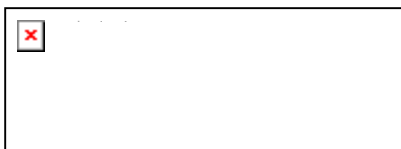
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I am happy to be involved in any way helpful. I have lived in Australia and Italy and have worked in arts and culture for 25 years with major museums and galleries in senior development positions. I am on the board of Open Space and currently represent some of the top indigenous artists in Canada including Susan Point, Robert Davidson, Maynard Johnny Jr, and Dylan Thomas.

I have also installed or coordinated or funded many major public artworks locally and abroad.

Hay'sxw'qa si'em / Thank you,

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**Director**  
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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 7, 2022 2:07 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Dear Engagement Team,

First off, let me say that I can't imagine the amount of negativity you have to deal with, so thank you for doing what you do. That said, I'm afraid I'm going to have to add to that a bit myself. Buckle up!

Taking a look at the Government Street Refresh draft concept design, I'm incredibly disappointed to see that the car-free portion will only span a few blocks. Moreover, the fact that it's timed really sticks in my craw. These concessions to appease drivers, in my humble opinion, just end up making things worse for everyone. Obviously there will always have to be exceptions for delivery and emergency vehicles, but do single occupancy vehicles really need access to this area at all? There seem to be ample parking garages within a stone's throw of the corridor, and isn't the City of Victoria trying to become more multimodal anyway? If nothing else, this sends the message that the City isn't actually serious about providing viable alternatives to cars.

There are so many examples of successful car-free zones in places like the Netherlands, Denmark, the UK, Norway, and even good old North America, so it's not like there isn't any precedent for this, as I'm sure you're all aware. Hell, it's a proven fact that businesses tend to see an increase in sales when they're situated in such places, as people who are riding bikes or are walking/rolling are way more likely to stop in.

Anyway, I know I'm but one voice in a sea of humanity, but *please* consider making this a true, 24/7 pedestrian zone.

Best,

S. 22

P.S. Other than my above complaints, I do think the plan looks great!

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** Public Service Centre - Internet email  
**Sent:** March 7, 2022 12:17 PM  
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**From:** webforms@victoria.ca <webforms@victoria.ca>  
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You have received an email from **S. 22** via the City of Victoria website feedback form

Name: **S. 22**  
Email: **S. 22**  
Topic: General  
Phone: **S. 22**  
Address: **S. 22**

Message: I just looked over the plans for Government Street. Here are my comments: we are fast losing the city of Victoria that many of us loved as more and more multi-story condos are built in every possible part of the downtown. Their architecture tends to be entirely unimaginative and, yes, ugly.

This proposal for Government Street makes it into a faux street, a street totally geared for tourists. Government Street has been for the 50 years I've lived on Vancouver Island, a real street with shops and services used by local people. The new proposals make it into a sort of Disneyland. I am very sorry to see the changes in Victoria. When I've tried to find out how many downtown condos are empty, are in fact just places to park your money, there is now way I could find to get an answer.  
As far as I'm concerned, Government Street works fine. It's easy for pedestrians and I mostly walk everywhere. It's a real city, not a pretend city.  
May it remain so.

Date: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:35:34 AM

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 6, 2022 11:01 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street

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Love the idea of an even better pedestrian thoroughfare. We were down there today and commenting on how nice it could become - should be a showcase street for both locals and tourists. Hopefully if this is done right, it will have a positive impact on the businesses too.

Thanks,  
S. 22

Sent from my iPhone with my "iThumbs" so please excuse typos!

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 4, 2022 12:53 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Cc:** Engineering Email inquiry  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

**Categories:** Tracked To Dynamics 365

Good morning. I am responding to your invitation to comment on the proposed changes to Government Street.

I have scaled the diagrams on your website and used Google Earth to determine the following:

1. The current width of the vehicular portion of Government at Humboldt and immediately north of there (Lekwungen cultural plaza) is approximately 7 m. and allows vehicular movement in both directions.
2. Your plans show the proposed vehicular portion being reduced to 5 m. or slightly less. That is not mentioned in the text for this section of Government.
3. The National Association of City Transportation Officials' "Urban Street Design Guide" states "Lane width should be considered within the overall assemblage of the street. Travel lane widths of 10 feet generally provide adequate safety in urban settings while discouraging speeding. Cities may choose to use 11-foot lanes on designated truck and bus routes (one 11-foot lane per direction) or adjacent to lanes in the opposing direction. For your information, 10 feet equals 3 m. and 11 feet equals 3.35 m.
4. The proposed width of 5 m. or less for the vehicular portion of this section of Government...and elsewhere...is not sufficient to allow vehicular movement in both directions.
5. A width of 5 m. will only allow vehicular movement in one direction....effectively making Government Street a one-way street.
6. A width of this magnitude will not be sufficient to allow commercial vehicles to stop and unload **and** to allow other commercial vehicles to move around stopped vehicles to their particular destinations on Government Street. Pullouts/loading zones will be necessary but I do not think the proposed changes provide for that.
7. A very good example of the effect of this type of constriction is on Memorial Crescent. A sidewalk was extended along the east side of the street adjacent to the cemetery where no sidewalk previously existed. This has reduced the width of the vehicular portion of the street to the point where the City installed a "Yield To Oncoming Traffic" sign and portable concrete bases to protect a stretch of parked cars. As well, some drivers are reluctant to even drive on any portion of that street if there is any oncoming traffic and other drivers drive down the middle, leading to confusion by oncoming drivers and the honking of car horns.
8. Another example is the section of Richardson Street from Cook Street to Moss Street. That section is no longer 2-way and causes challenges for two oncoming cars if there is not a vacant parking spot to pull into so one car may then pass the other.

I don't have any further comments as I think the City will do whatever our Mayor and Councillors want to do. They have made that abundantly clear in the past. I just hope that any potential negative impacts of

whatever is proposed are not just brushed off and that genuine effort and consideration is expended to mitigate those impacts.

Yours truly,

S. 22

Sent from [Outlook](#)

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Just wanted to express my full support for the plans for Government Street.

I am a pedicab tour guide during the summer. The revamped Government Street would be great for my clients and my business and for all of Victoria's residents and visitors.

S. 22



## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 10:53 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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I think it's a huge mistake to cut off traffic through Government street – it's going to dry up and die and will eventually be a dead zone. It won't be a refresh, council will kill whatever is left of downtown.

Firstly, we don't have the population to support the plan. We are not European minded, no matter how much we'd like to be, with a culture that has an imbedded experience of hundreds of years of piazzas. Nor do we enjoy a year round agreeable climate.

I lived in Vancouver and same thing happened to the once vibrant section of downtown Granville. Where once were cafes & boutiques south of Georgia became peep shows and cheap convenience stores with marauding groups of vagrants. North of Georgia, with all the high end department stores that once had their best display windows facing Granville were filled with seasonal fashion excitement with hundreds of shoppers, traffic and taxi cabs, also became a dead zone of concrete as quiet as an early Sunday morning.

Auto traffic brings people - they come and go, get dropped off and cruise the sights.

I've spoken to business owners who have complained about how customers have dropped off since closing roads, despite Covid and sadly many have moved out or planning to. Myself, and everyone I know, rarely go downtown anymore. When I moved here from Vancouver, downtown Victoria was fun and charming. Now it's become ugly, and the road closures only seem to highlight this.

As far as almost all the out-of-town visitors and clients I know, most have given up staying in the downtown core because of the frustration of driving, citing the confusion of downtown roads and road closures and the inability to drop off those with mobility issues. Many have sold their downtown residences – they say downtown Victoria is no longer a charming town.

Sad, that all this has all happened because of the current council.

S. 22

## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 10:25 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Redesign - feedback

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Hello,

I don't have time for a survey and I'll be working out of town during the sessions but wanted to 'have my say' as it were. As a new "Victorian" of less than one year, I've fallen in love with this beautiful city and, in fact, the province (I'm an Ontarian transplant who followed by son here and will eventually retire and stay).

While I've found it a friendly city, and certainly beautiful, I see and hear a lot of 'nimbyism' and complaining about change. I know the demographic here has skewed older, and these are typically the voters etc, but let's try to engage a more YOUTHFUL approach to change.

I'd love to see the city talk to young people in this city. High school students – I wonder what they might say about changes to our city? Let's engage them! Reach out.

I just fear that the same folks come out to these sessions and thus we lose the opportunity to hear from the next generation of Victorians.

I joined my local neighbourhood facebook page, and it's HIGHLY political on there about local politics. Some residents endlessly debate others on change. So this is my experience of neighbourhood collegiality in some respects.

I want better for my new home. I want Victoria to shine as the capital of BC and a capital city of note across the world. Think BIG!

Also...Pandora. Yikes. As a Torontonian I've never seen anything like it. Can we not CLEAN it up even if we have unfortunate unhoused community members 'living' there? I don't get it.

My feedback!

Thanks and best of luck, I know these types of processes can be a challenge. I wish you well. If I had more of a background here, I'd offer to help in some way but I'm just too new and also work f/t.

Sincerely,

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*Are you looking for talent? **Register for the West Coast Virtual Fairs** and meet students from UVic and SFU at one virtual fair! Click on the link below*



## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 9:15 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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This concept looks tremendous and is long overdue. My only comment would be that the corridor should allow motor vehicles the most minimal intrusion possible in terms of volume and hours, i.e., only to the extent necessary for business deliveries and maintenance and at times when it is least likely to impede pedestrian enjoyment of the space.

Thanks,

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 9:02 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street

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Embrace the mature trees, update the water main. Do not waste money on public art, rather embrace buskers, musicians, and street artists. Have the police patrol to ensure public safety. You don't need to break the bank to make a friendly and successful area.

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** Andrea Walker-Collins  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 8:58 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** FW: Government Street Refresh - Public Feedback Opportunity

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**From:** Chandler McMurray-Ives <chandler@victoriaeventcentre.ca>  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 8:54 AM  
**To:** Andrea Walker-Collins <awalkercollins@victoria.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Government Street Refresh - Public Feedback Opportunity

Hiya!

I'd love to see Broad Street utilized as a festival space!

Warmly  
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On Thu., Mar. 3, 2022, 8:52 a.m. Andrea Walker-Collins, <[awalkercollins@victoria.ca](mailto:awalkercollins@victoria.ca)> wrote:

Hello All,

The City of Victoria Engagement team is looking for feedback regarding improvements to Government Street. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas regarding the use of public space for cultural purposes such as festivals, live performance, new public art, etc. Please share widely!

There are a variety of ways you can provide feedback, including an online survey. All of the details can be found here:

[Government Street Refresh | Have Your Say \(victoria.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions please reach out to [engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca)

Regards,

**Andrea Walker Collins**

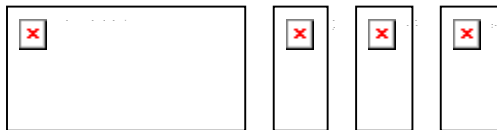
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**From:** George Scott <president@iatse168.com>  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 8:40 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Hello City of Victoria

I am the President of the Union that represents the workers at the City owned McPherson Playhouse.

I have been sent the City's press release regarding this process, and the meetings to be held next week. As workers in an affected building, we believe we should be part of one of the focus groups sessions on the 8th.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

George Scott ( he/him/his )

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 7:37 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street upgrade

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. I strongly support the idea of a 'primarily' pedestrian causeway on this section of government street. Here are a few suggestions for your consideration!

- It should look more like an open causeway than a street. (No curbs/minimal painted lines). Use different coloured bricks or other less obvious methods to define approved vehicular traffic routes.
- use durable patio stones/bricks rather than pavement or asphalt.
- provide electrically operated bollards at key intersections that can be actuated during certain times of the day by delivery vehicles, emergency responders etc. The bollards would retract into the ground when open.
- Strategically stagger the placement of trees, fountains, planters etc., so there is not a straight line of vehicular traffic flow. (In case some maniac gets through a barrier and decides to run down pedestrians). It will also make it look less like a street that's been upgraded.
- Lots of greenery, fountains, artwork. Start fundraising for artistic features and initiate a request for EOI now!

Again, thank you for this opportunity.

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 3, 2022 6:53 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government st.

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Hello,

This is a huge decision for the people of Victoria, downtown and downtown businesses. The March 20th time line is too short for such a decision. It seems like it is being bulldozed by you instead of taking time to inform and make responsible changes.

I propose this be given more time for consideration by tax payers. Show us options and present the cost/ budget - make the decision next October or November and give Victorians time to look at this major project and weigh the price tag. What other important things do we need to be spending money on that should be considered?

Is this a 'need' or just a 'want' by some council members?

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 2, 2022 7:19 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street

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I heard about the Government Street refresh on tonight's news. To say I am upset would be an understatement. Victoria has been my home since 1945 and I love this city! I am an 80-year old woman who is disabled but still manages to walk with a cane for short distances meaning a city block or so. I have a sister who is also challenged. She doesn't live with me and neither she nor her husband are still able to drive but since I am we are all able to get to our appointments and enjoy the odd movie or have lunch out. As more and more of the city is turned into places where cars are no longer welcome our accessible world is growing smaller and smaller. We are no longer able to access parts of Government Street and now we will not be able to access most of the downtown part of it. One thing I don't hear about when all these changes are being made is plans for long term parking which is needed for doctor, dentist and other medical appointments let alone outings purely for enjoyment. I have to tell you I feel more and more as though we, and many other seniors and disabled people like us are also not wanted here. I would just like to remind you that the people who are making these decisions around where cars can and cannot go will also eventually find themselves as part of the apparently unwelcome group known as the elderly. Be very careful my friends! The decisions you make may well come back to haunt you.

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** Kim Mitchell  
**Sent:** March 2, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello, I'd like to take part in the online survey. Thanks!

**Kim Mitchell**

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 2, 2022 12:20 PM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Concept

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Good morning.

I am the owner of 1007-1013 Government Street.

In front of my properties is currently an additional lane for right turns on Fort which doubles as loading zone.

The side walk on this side of Government is therefore much smaller than on then other side.

I am looking at your published Concept design Courtney to Yates and it shows a view from Courtney.

What is your plan for the 1000 block of Government?

Is our sidewalk getting wider too?

Will there be designated loading zones in the future or is loading possible throughout the pedestrian areas during loading times?

Thank you.

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## Rob Gordon

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**From:** S. 22  
**Sent:** March 2, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** Engagement-External  
**Subject:** Government Street Refresh

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Dear City of Victoria,

I applaud your willingness to re-envision Government Street, which is an iconic part of downtown Victoria, and an area that is ripe for creating a more accessible, livable, low-carbon community.

I also applaud the city for its willingness to undertake a robust series of engagements on the future of Government Street.

My thoughts on the matter are as follows.

1. Government Street, from Humboldt Street to Yates Street, should be permanently closed to traffic. Given the close proximity of Wharf Street, lower Government Street is not necessary as an automobile thoroughfare, and vehicles can easily circumvent this stretch of road, en route to Vic West or the northern reaches of downtown.
2. By closing lower Government Street to traffic, the space would be reclaimed by pedestrians, cyclists, and street culture. I have had the privilege of spending time in both European and Latin American plazas, and Government Street could become a place that is vibrant with street life.
3. The temporary closures to Government Street that occurred during the pandemic demonstrated that the concept is feasible. After the closure of Government Street, I spent more time downtown than I have in the past. Why? Because the street culture attracted me to the area. I also spent time with my kids on Government Street, and as I have said many times before, Victoria lacks cultural assets and amenities that are family-friendly.
4. Make lower Government Street a permanent patio space for restaurants, shoppers, and food trucks. I would also add an outdoor stage for music, near the intersection of View and Government. I think the entire street should be lined with food trucks, similar to the food truck zones that have sprouted up all over Portland in recent years. Food trucks are an excellent addition to street culture and provide travellers and locals with access to relatively inexpensive and diverse cuisines.
5. Pedestrians and cyclists spend more money than drivers. Study after study has proven this point. The businesses on lower Government Street might be skeptical, but these are the facts. The cars and trucks that transit *\*through\** Government Street by and large do not *\*stop\** on Government Street and spend money. They are simply passing through. This recent report from London found that cyclists and pedestrians spend 40% more than drivers around pedestrian shopping areas. (<https://content.tfl.gov.uk/walking-cycling-economic-benefits-summary-pack.pdf>.) Many other reports tell a similar story. Pedestrian zones are *\*good for business.\** In any case, drivers can park a block away and make their way over to Government Street with ease.

6. Access to lower Government Street can and should be maintained for delivery trucks. I have included a photograph of retractable bollards, which exist in many European plazas. The idea here is that there would be bollards at the intersection of Humboldt Street and Government Street, which would be retractable via a key code, which would be given to all the businesses on the street, and thus shareable with delivery drivers. The speed limit would be 5 k/h on Government Street, and thus all the business-related deliveries would continue as before, with considerations made for the spacing of food trucks and patios.

Thank you for considering this feedback. I'm delighted at the prospects of creating (mostly) car-free zone in downtown, to be enjoyed by travellers, local residents, and families for generations to come.

Yours,

S. 22

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From: S. 22

Sent: March 24, 2022 1:59 PM

To: Engagement-External <engage@victoria.ca>

Subject: Government Street Refresh

Greetings:

Notwithstanding Lisa Helps' inspiration from her European adventure, I suppose this was inevitable. Not that overall it is a bad idea, in fact the concepts may be applied in whole or in part over the wasteland that passes for downtown Victoria.

As a piece of urban planning, at least it supplies a place to start. A principle of such planning that involves public space in the form of plazas, squares, wide corridors, etc., is that of 'constriction and release'. From the constriction of narrow passages, streets, buildings, to the relaxing release of openness that includes relevant structures, landscaping textures and trees, etc.

In relation to what I have seen, read, and observed may I make the following points:

- \* I suppose due to the inevitable virtue signalling of this Council and others, having a Lekwungen Plaza is to be expected. At least let it not be littered with ersatz art and artifacts that do not reflect any relationship to what is accurate.

- \* Noting the state of Bastion Square, which has had its function as a public square ruined, there is not a need for either semi-frequent performance nor schlocky displays that pass for "Craft Markets".

- \* Cost? There has been a lot of silence in this department.

- \* Noting the nature of our climate all seating areas should have some shelter from the elements involved, otherwise there will be a lot of continually empty wet spaces that do nothing to enliven any streetscape.

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