

Active Travel – Age Friendly Suburbs 2018/19

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD



PROJECT

The Age Friendly Suburbs Program (AFSP) aims to deliver pathways and pathway related infrastructure (such as road and pram crossings) to provide better access for the aged community as well as other pathway users who may have more specific mobility needs.

Six suburbs were the focus of this year's program: Narrabundah, Isabella Plains, Aranda, Stirling, Campbell and Holt. These suburbs were selected based on their age demographics and the presence of aged care facilities.



THE CONVERSATION

From 1 May to 14 June 2019 we engaged with the local community and stakeholders in each suburb to get feedback on priorities for upgrade from a list that had been previously compiled for each suburb.

These priorities were identified from previous community feedback collated from Fix My Street requests and the Community Path Priority List and by the project team during site inspections. Maps were designed for each suburb highlighting the location and nature of each proposed upgrade. We asked the community and stakeholders to provide their feedback via the below channels.

- Face to face consultations at local shopping centres within each suburb (Weston Creek for the suburb of Stirling and Kippax for the suburb of Holt) and attendance at two events hosted by the Aranda Residents Group 'Active Aranda' project.
- Targeted consultation with the aged care facilities in each suburb. Each aged care facility (11 in total) was contacted and those that expressed interest in the project had the opportunity to provide their thoughts and feedback on the proposed works.
- Email submissions.
- Submissions through the YourSay website.

WHO ENGAGED

The project team engaged with many Canberrans, including the local community, aged care facilities and a number of other key stakeholders.

Consultation was targeted to the over 55 age group and we engaged with them through visits to the aged care facilities in each suburb and inviting them on walks with the project team to identify areas of the path network which could be improved to provide better access. We also visited local shopping centres between the hours of 9.30 and 11.30 am which were identified as the peak visiting times for this demographic.

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Consultation channel	Numbers we spoke to
Submissions via www.yoursay.act.gov.au	Eight submissions received
Email submissions	18 emails received
Stakeholder meetings	Six sessions at aged care facilities
Drop-in sessions at local shopping centres	Seven sessions (five at local shopping centres and two at Active Aranda) = approximately 230 people attended.
Website hits (www.yoursay.act.gov.au/AFSP)	494



Key insights from the community

The key findings of the consultation undertaken at each of the six suburbs is as follows:

Narrabundah

1. Strong support for upgrades to the existing paths around the shops.
2. Support for a new path connection from St Aidan's Village to existing bus stops.
3. Community did not want any trees removed to install new paths.

Isabella Plains

4. Very strong support to provide a formal crossing from the bus stop to the shops, which is used by the whole community in addition to the aged community.
5. Support for upgrades to the connection to the shops via the existing underpass.
6. Support for new paths over existing dirt desire lines.

Aranda

7. Support for the provision of traffic calming measures to help reduce vehicle speed and improve pedestrian safety along Bandjalong Crescent.
8. Very strong support for improving the existing paths around Aranda Primary School.

Stirling

9. Strong support to complete the pathway connection from Streeton Drive to Hindmarsh Drive, which is a walking track used by all members of the public from school students to the elderly.
10. Support for providing better access to and upgrading the existing bus stop(s) on Freemantle Drive which is commonly used by two aged care facilities in addition to school students.
11. Support to complete path connections which are currently unconnected in Stirling.

Campbell

12. Support for additional pedestrian crossing or pedestrian refuges throughout the suburb to assist in crossing roads which were noted as becoming increasingly busy.
13. Strong support from both aged care facilities to provide new pathway links towards and around the shops including new paths over existing dirt desire lines which are used by the community.

Holt

14. Feedback received noted the need to provide additional crossings and refuges to get to and from the Kippax shopping centre from Holt.
15. It was observed that many residents of Higgins to the south actively travel to Holt on a daily basis and they noted that upgrades which improve access to and from the Kippax shops from Higgins would be supported.



WHAT'S NEXT?

We have used your feedback to shortlist a scope of works within the allocated project budget. Any items that don't make this shortlist or fall outside the scope of the Age Friendly Suburbs project such as streetlight upgrades will be recorded for consideration as part of other future infrastructure delivery projects.

To find out more about the Age Friendly Suburbs Program and other initiatives, policies and projects in Canberra, visit www.yoursay.act.gov.au.

Key Timings

[Step 1]- 1 May – 14 June 2019: Community consultation

[Step 2]- July 2019: Preliminary Design

[Step 3]- October 2019: Finalise design documentation for construction

[Step 4]- Early 2020: Construction expected to begin

[Step 5]- Late 2020: Construction expected to be completed

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

494

We reached 494 people via YourSay

>230

We spoke to more than 230 individuals face to face

12

We delivered 12 presentations to over 300 people

>15

We sent emails to over 15 organisations

>50

We visited businesses, community groups, shopping centres and distributed over 50 brochures/ plans

100

We received 100 items of written feedback