Conceptual Design Options Survey

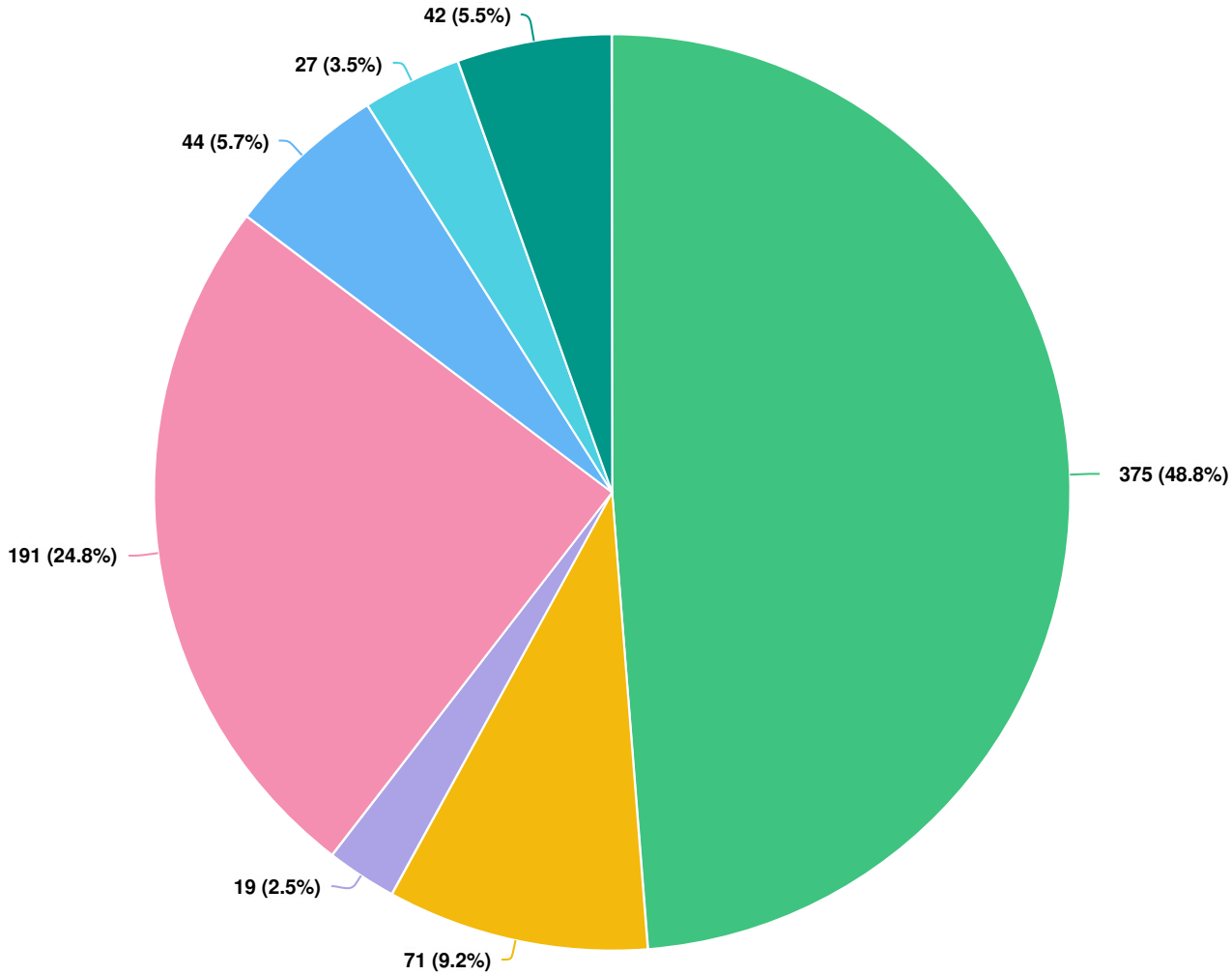
SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

PROJECT NAME:
St. David Street Reconstruction

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 How does this project relate to you? (Please note the project area is described as St. David Street North from St. Andrew Street to Edinburgh Avenue).

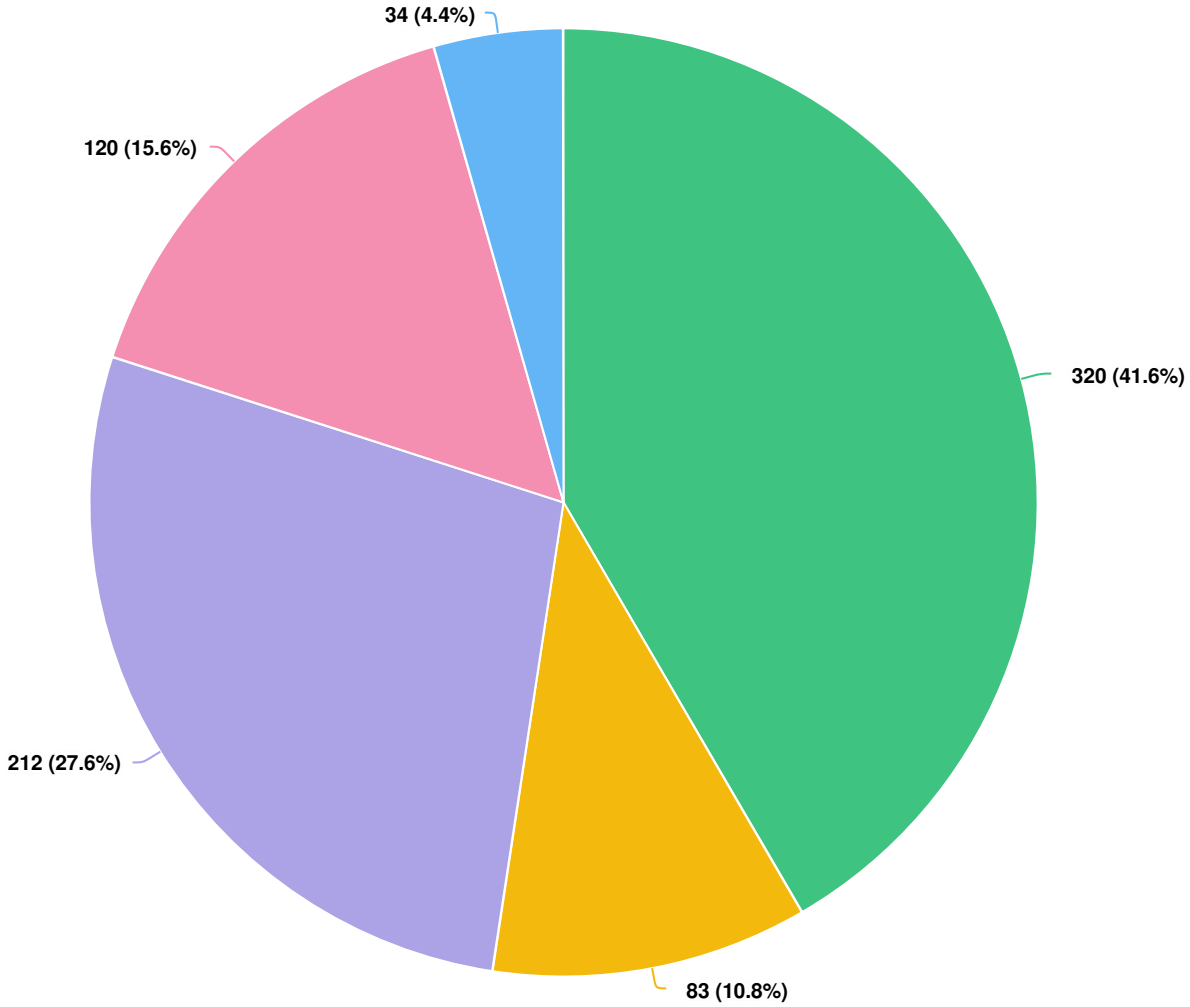


Question options

- I live in Fergus
- I live in the project area
- I own a business on St. David Street North from St. Andrew Street to Edinburgh Avenue
- I drive on St. David Street North from St. Andrew Street to Edinburgh Avenue
- I walk on St. David Street North from St. Andrew Street to Edinburgh Avenue
- I cycle on St. David Street North from St. Andrew Street to Edinburgh Avenue
- None of the above

Mandatory Question (769 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 Which conceptual design option do you prefer?

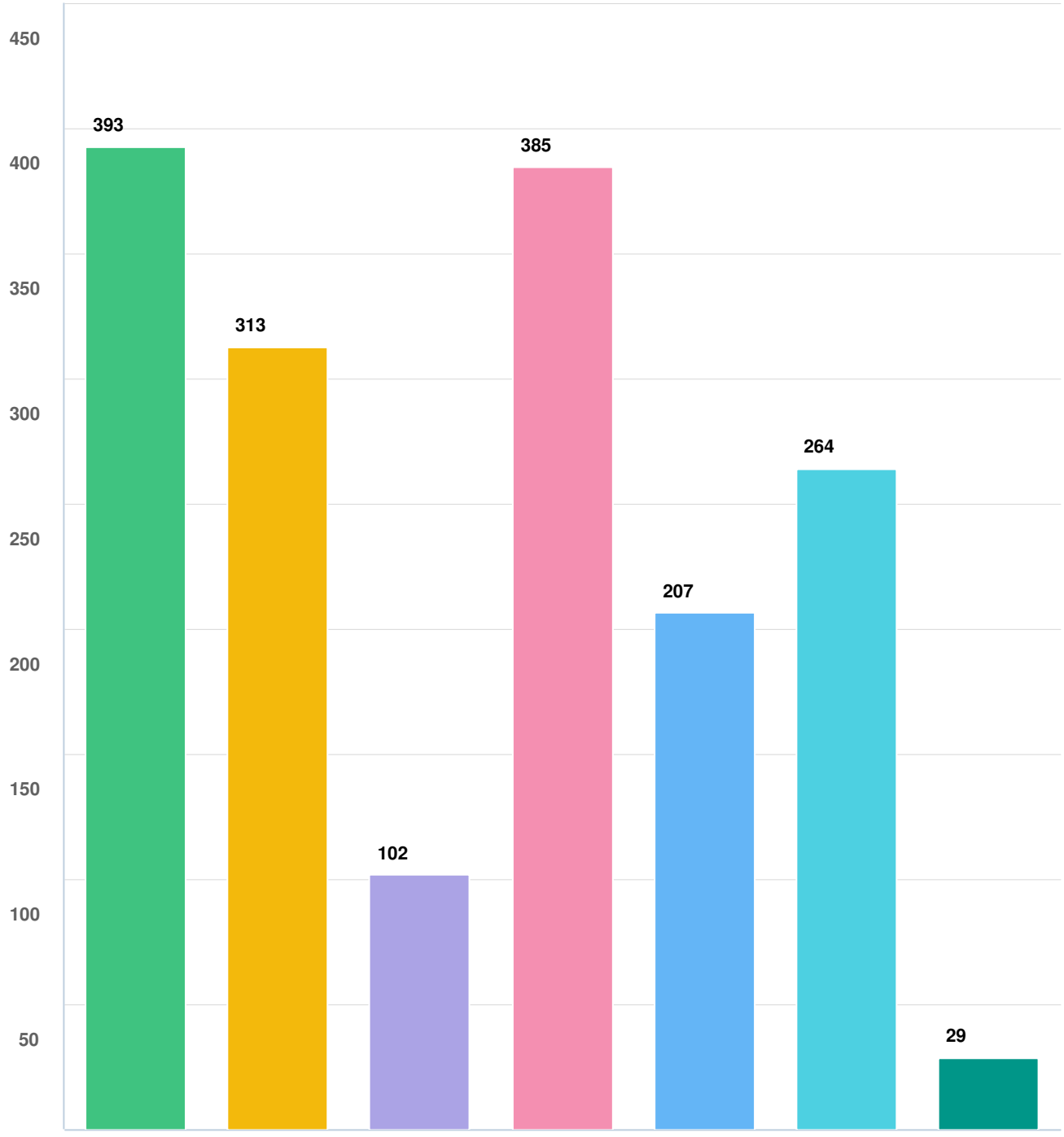


Question options

- Option 1: Replace Existing
- Option 2: Remove on-street parking lanes and increase boulevard/ sidewalk width
- Option 3: On-street parking from St. Andrew Street to St. Patrick Street
- Option 4: Separated Cycling Lanes
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (769 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 What aspects of the "Re-Shape your St. David Street" project are most important to you?



Question options

- Maximizing on-street parking
- Improving sidewalks and walkability
- Adding dedicated cycling lanes
- Improving the visual appearance of the street by adding features like benches, decorative streetlights, and trees
- Reducing vehicle speeds
- Improving the flow of vehicle traffic
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (769 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Are there other important factors that staff should consider through the project design?

Anonymous
3/02/2021 03:43 PM

Anonymous
3/02/2021 06:13 PM

It would be great to plan rerouting commercial traffic out of the downtown core.

Anonymous
3/02/2021 09:17 PM

Extend decorative street lights north of St Patrick. Install decorative street signs (which should eventually be extended through downtown). Decorative barriers or bollard posts for separating the bicycle lanes should be considered

potterychica
3/02/2021 11:41 PM

the antique lighting is a must! please don't make it rudimentary.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 12:27 AM

Minimize the cost by only fixing what needs to be fixed and maintain the parking and possibly upgrade the pedestrian sidewalks to make sure that the elderly and the handicapped are looked after.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 12:32 AM

As much as I like to cycle, this is a major highway and its first priority should be to maintain as much traffic flow as can be reasonably achieved with consideration to the bridge that restricts the flow to 2 lanes.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 12:58 AM

This is a main artery through Fergus. Please don’t mess it up with cycling lanes. It is a highway. It should be left mainly as it is, think of long weekend traffic. No bump outs or other hindrances to impede traffic flow. Fergus already lost many parking spots (34 I think) when the library development was constructed. To lose another 14 spots would be an idiotic thing to do. Of course, that would help send people to other places to shop. If you want people to shop in downtown Fergus, you have to give them CONVENIENT parking, not 3 blocks away. The businesses near the St.David St./St. Andrew St. need these parking spots.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 01:18 AM

Unfortunately, the thing that makes Fergus different from Elora is that Elora's main street is GREEN! There are trees! In the middle of a hot summer in Fergus it's frying and there isn't a lick of shade. This design needs a tree somewhere.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:45 AM	It’s very hard to walk with a stroller and a partner (sidewalks are to fricken small)
Anonymous 3/03/2021 04:33 AM	Important to consider/implement a ring road to keep traffic (specifically tractor trailers) from coming through town. As Hwy 6 zig zags through town it would make sense.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 04:39 AM	Sorry that Elorans felt put out by the bridge ... it was needing replacement as it was not structurally safe long term.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:50 AM	Bike lanes not needed not enough bike traffic in town plus this is a main road that has heavy daily traffic.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:51 AM	Na
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:25 AM	Accessibility. We have an aging population with more and more mobility challenges. We need to consider how difficult it is to navigate curbs with walkers/wheelchairs, even canes. Regular curbs are challenging for these populations. Stepping off even a four inch curb trying to get into a car is a potential for injury. Is it possible to add a different type of curb to our walkways sidewalks? Will there be accessibility experts involved with the project?
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:31 AM	Parking ...keep parking spots downtown. Important for small businesses on the main Street ...if there is less parking ppl will not come to shop.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:38 AM	I use that street frequently (drive, walk) and live in the area. I don’t cycle up that street due to volume and speed of traffic. The reduction of parking spots could be problematic but I believe is offset by the other improvements.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:38 AM	Make it safe & inviting for cycling to promote healthier living for the residents of CW.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:47 AM	We need a town bypass and truck restrictions on st. David St to reduce the trucks through town

Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:48 AM	On street parking is essential for businesses. I will go to big box stores if it is inconvenient to find parking on st. Andrew street.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:21 AM	Providing a bypass for trucks to avoid driving through town would be a significant improvement although I assume it would not be easy.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:26 AM	The downtown shops already suffer with trying to get people to visit with parking, if you remove anymore it will be a negative to them
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:27 AM	This will promote people using the downtown
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:28 AM	Beauty! Some other regions have incorporated street art and murals in their corridors
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:29 AM	I hope and pray the street will not be closed while this is being done.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:31 AM	We should be doing what we can to encourage bringing people downtown
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:32 AM	Trees and landscaping! Downtown Fergus has very little greenery "on the street" and appears harsh. It does have lovely parks and stuff but they are all away from the main streets. We need to lure people to STOP and SHOP and the only way to do that is to offer ample, ON STREET parking AND make it look inviting/alluring enough. NO BIKE LANES! Bikers NEVER shop as they have no way to take/carry purchases home. Put bike lanes on SECONDARY roads where its safer for both cyclists and DRIVERS.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:36 AM	Many intersections on that road are very difficult to execute left turns!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:41 AM	Get tractor trailer trucks off that street! What a nightmare!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:45 AM	A bi-pass for hwy 6 needs to be created first. Can’t imagine any work being done with the amount of traffic that goes through that area in the summer.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:46 AM

It needs to be appealing to those that live here not just visiting. Also the cat walk from downtown to the back parking lot need to be redone it smells like pee, looks dirty and grungy. There isnt a lot of life and colour to downtown. Having separate lights that give walkers all ways to walk like downtown guelph has.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:51 AM

There is not enough parking in downtown as it is. I can't believe you would consider ANY proposal that reduces on street parking... Unless you are going to fully-fund a free to use parking garage in downtown Fergus? OMG BIKE LANES? Are you serious? Too dangerous!

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:57 AM

We need to add bike lanes to every road construction project we take on. Not everyone has a car. Let’s stop letting the car rule our lives

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:57 AM

Maintain or expand on street parking. Make the whole street look nicer with some greenery. Take over the old service station (contaminated land) like you did in Elora to make a community green space.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 08:05 AM

Parking is already a problem Foot traffic not a problem as long as there are dedicated crosswalks at appropriate locations that people would use. Narrowing the lanes will make it even more challenging for delivery trucks and couriers. If we’re all about “shop local” make it possible and enjoyable through ensuring essential parking.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 08:25 AM

Place for secure parking of bicycles

Anonymous
3/03/2021 08:30 AM

If parking is an issue downtown, could Fergus better utilize the parking available on the behind the stores on the north side of st.Andrew’s in the future? The grand river should be the focal of downtown and it would be great if eventually stores/restaurants/markets were more centered around the river for a great walking/shopping experience with prime parking still available on the Main Street.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 08:30 AM

I think cycling lanes are needed but the traffic flow in this area is alreadt really bad, especially in the warmer weather. We need a solution for this as well.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:35 AM	Just have parking on the west side between St Andrew and St Patrick
Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:45 AM	Traffic implications with construction.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:00 AM	Eliminating parking would only add to the current issue of not enough parking for downtown residents and people coming to explore and shop.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:08 AM	Increasing parking spaces allows for more ease in shopping locally.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:21 AM	A bypass around downtown Fergus.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:21 AM	Streets need to be more pedestrian friendly, family friendly...get the cars out of downtown, no on street parking, but better parking lots away from the main areas
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:27 AM	Adding a middle turn lane for people turning left. Forget about the bikes.
Dave Bell 3/03/2021 10:16 AM	It's a major highway and as much as cycling is increasing, we need to think about safety and the flow of the traffic and pedestrian use.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:41 AM	Put limits on downtown parking to deter workers from parking there all day, add another parking lot in the empty lot up the hill
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:42 AM	What are the short- and long-term land use planning goals for this corridor? It would be helpful to include these in the project summary, to ensure the final design is compatible with these goals. If it is not possible (ROW width, financial, other factors) to extend separated cycling infrastructure north of Hill Street, the transition from separated to on-street cycling lanes will need to be carefully designed, with ample signage for north-bound driver education, and I would recommend transitioning first to wider than normal cycle lanes with specialized painted surface to at least 60m past Garafraxa, and consider cycle movement boxes at major intersections. As an example, see the cycling infrastructure put in place in Guelph on

	Gordon Street (Gordon south of Waterloo Ave. and Gordon at Stone). Are other traffic calming measures being considered? Option 4 includes narrower lanes which can help, but also removes most of the on-street parking. (As a side note, it is interesting to read that traffic calming is one of the desires/goals, yet 3/4 options increase lane widths...) Specially painted and signed crossings (and possibly signalized PXO's) at key locations would greatly help pedestrian movement and act as traffic calming. Also consider a signed reduction in speed in this corridor (and on other streets within the downtown region); a 40 km/h limit would not be unreasonable for this corridor, and 30 or 35 km/h elsewhere in the downtown would also help with pedestrian movement and by-pass traffic. What studies have been done to look at by-pass traffic movement? Anecdotally I see a lot of traffic using other streets to by-pass this corridor, and some of these changes may increase that. Please consider additional traffic calming measures along key by-pass routes and lowering of speed limits, to help move the majority of traffic back to the main corridor. If the study area corridor is designed well, traffic speeds could be reduced and yet still provide as much or more volume through the corridor. Consider limiting left turns from the main corridor to major streets, and increasing the length of stacking lanes (or adding left turn lanes where they don't exist) at major intersections.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:47 AM	Maintain the historic look of the downtown area. Improve visual appeal on the north east corner of St. David and St. Andrew st.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:48 AM	One side parking and one side added sidewalk and greenery
3/03/2021 09:52 AM	It's a major highway and this is the top priority which the flow of traffic is restricted by the bridge having only 2 lanes.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:04 AM	A middle turn lane.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:13 AM	I would like to see the safe flow of all traffic in this area improve. That means pedestrian bicycle and motor vehicle. That being said to capture some of the essence of the downtown core on this section of road would also be nice to see. The nice street lights and the trees would also be a welcome addition.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:15 AM	I walk and bike from the north end to downtown to work. Biking on st Andrew is to busy for bikes, I rarely see other people biking on at

	Andrew. I take side streets to work. I don't think bike lanes would be utilized enough, but we need to have street parking to support local businesses and residents. Walking to work... the sidewalks are horrendous and not in good shape. I would be happy to have the sidewalks re-done. Yes from garafraxa to st Andrew would be nice visually. Also if you can utilize the vacant lot on at David N...
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:16 AM	Traffic flow
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:31 AM	More parking for employees to be able to work , amd customers .
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:43 AM	Parking
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:45 AM	As above .This is a highway . We do not need to put bike lanes on this steet . Or trees or parking . We should put a center trun lane all the way on this steet . To inprove flow.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:46 AM	If cycling lanes are added in this project, what future plans are in place to link to the ECT and/or provide other dedicated cycling infrastructure in Fergus?
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:49 AM	Better traffic flow for east/west traffic on St.Andrew St., such as a longer green light for east/west traffic during 'rush' hour.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:05 AM	Re-directing Hwy 6 traffic
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:05 AM	all traffic is forced through this corridor. we need alternatives.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:05 AM	Save the money to reinvest into something that’s actually needed.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:15 AM	no cycling lanes because it technicailly is highway 6
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:21 AM	Pedestrian traffic is vital for many reasons both economical and personal. The local shops need patrons to have access and added

	spots to enjoy the scenery are essential for the growth Fergus is seeing.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:22 AM	Expand public parking lots
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:23 AM	Bicycle lanes do not make sense as we have 6 - 9 months of harsh weather which does not facilitate using a bicycle for much of the year when driving is still and option during these months.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:25 AM	Fergus is a beautiful town with a vibrant and historic downtown core. There is ample parking in multiple dedicated lots nearby. The most travelled corridor through town should show the pride we have in our community. Proper walking spaces with decorative lighting and plantings will make our downtown a destination rather than an escape to elsewhere.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:44 AM	Consider routing large trucks around the outside of town.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:48 AM	New bypass route
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:51 AM	Plan for the future for a growing town. More people will be moving down here and driving.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:53 AM	To consider environmentally sustainable materials when possible.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:01 PM	More posted speed limit signs
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:03 PM	Please seriously consider a bypass around Fergus. The amount of vehicular traffic on St. David Street now is doing a lot of damage to the heritage structures - huge cracks appearing when heavy truck traffic hits a pot hole - well, when a heavy truck just drives by our property. Please give thought to keeping the "valley of the mid-Grand River in this area more natural through wider boulevards and the planting of trees. Beatty Line could be a major route for traffic and there is LOTS of room in that area for heavier traffic. Also a bypass must be considered either at Beatty Line or in the Wellington County #29 area. It's TIME for a bypass!!

Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:09 PM	Bike lanes create more problems
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:18 PM	Turn that empty fenced in lot that's right on st. David Street into a park.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:22 PM	Parking is needed. Where would you like people shopping in our downtown areas to park? It’s bad enough already.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:25 PM	Improve your roads outside of the main drag.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:40 PM	Decorative street lights. Remove a few parking spaces going south at St. Andrew so you can have a right hand turn lane.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:44 PM	increase the curb appeal. Elora can be so lively and busy while Fergus isn't as lively because there has never been the sidewalk room to have outdoor seating
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:45 PM	Fergus is growing, and traffic is increasing.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:48 PM	Left turn lanes would be helpful
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:56 PM	1. Safety for children walking to school across town. The st. Andrew/ hwy 6 intersection is very busy and unsafe for children at this time. 2. MOST IMPORTANT! Reroute large transport trucks out of the downtown and away from school zones/ walking zones. This is a major safety concern for children and elderly. Consider having weight and size limits of trucks that are allowed to go through the downtown core.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:56 PM	I think cycling lanes should be on alternate roadways; not on such a busy section of a provincial highway.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:02 PM	Adding cycling lanes throughout the town will create opportunities for more environmental friendly tourism to thrive.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:02 PM	Maybe consider a bypass for through traffic and highway tractors.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:08 PM	It would be great to encourage truck traffic to bypass our lovely downtown. They travel too fast and are noisy. Perhaps increase police presence during the day to curb speed?
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:09 PM	Just don’t take away the parking. There isn’t enough of it to begin with!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:09 PM	Volume of vehicular traffic entering and leaving this designated area as well as impact of "overflow" vehicular traffic on the sidestreets adjacent & near this area.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:10 PM	We definitely need a centre turn lane and more parking. We don’t need bike lanes.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:11 PM	Adding bike lanes on Hwy 6/ St. David St could potentially be dangerous and a hazard to this street. Not only that but only adding bike lanes to this street and not any other street makes no sense in my opinion, do it all or none..
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:16 PM	Increasing traffic calming measures to promote a walkable/lively downtown might also start conversations about a through traffic bypass to reduce truck/trailer travel through the downtown core.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:16 PM	Centre turn lane
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:17 PM	Rarely see cyclist.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:18 PM	Improving the look of this section of road would be awesome. It is currently so ugly and such a regularly traveled section of our town that people driving through may be less inclined to stop and visit because it looks terrible. Hopefully improving the look of this section will make it more inviting.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:26 PM	Keep easy access to small businesses down town
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:32 PM	Parking
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:33 PM	slowing vehicle traffic up and down HWY 6 corridor is key. Too many bicycles are using the sidewalks on St, David St N, and its just a matter of time someone comes out of a shop or store and is hit by a bike flying down the street
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:43 PM	Parking is limited in Fergus which can turn people away. Not sure who owns the vacant lot on Hwy 6 + Hill St but if you could make a few additional parking spots/ sitting area it could help with encouraging people to come and walk to our downtown core
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:48 PM	Maximizing parking will allow people to have better access to our local buisnesses and events
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:50 PM	St David Street is used heavily by large vehicles (highway tractor trailers). If trees are planted, they will need to be trimmed excessively so as to prevent trucks from destroying them. A tree's branches/ crown will very likely extend over the street, and will end up being trimmed and flattened on side facing the road. A lop sided tree looks terrible, and can pose a tipping risk if loaded with ice/snow or during heavy winds. Also, tree roots will inevitably push up portions of the sidewalk/ road and create tripping hazards for pedestrians and potholes for motorists. The roots will also be disturbed during any future roadwork, further increasing the likelihood of the tree falling.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:52 PM	Not spending a ton of tax payers dollars
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:59 PM	overall cost keep as low as poss. keep to the budget approved so the town is not on the hook for extra cash like the bridge
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:06 PM	How it will effect the residents in the area
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:07 PM	Reduce unnecessary travel through downtown core, consider building a bypass

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:09 PM

Don’t put the trees below hydro lines like what happened in Elora. Waste of money and now requires maintenance. Looks nice, but terrible planning.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:10 PM

Trees Benches Bike Lanes Sidewalks This will be beautiful

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:15 PM

Snow removal - Option 2 and 4 don't account for snow removal

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:18 PM

We need to maximize parking . Center Wellington is a community with a mix of urban and rural users and loss of parking is not an option lest we alienate our rural dwelling population those people won't shop in Fergus if they can't park. They will go to Arthur, Elora, Elmira etc. Rather than fight for parking location.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:21 PM

Putting bike lanes to St Andrew Street doesn’t make sense to me as it’s a short distance but then the bikes are back into traffic or on the sidewalks. Recommend that a comprehensive Biking Plan be developed that will get cyclists safely from Point A to B out of the busy traffic areas and to trails or other bike laned roads.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:23 PM

Cycling lanes are best served east and west. Having such a short link of cycling lanes alone is grandstanding and not practical. Until a truck/traffic by pass is available, PLEASE do not slow traffic down on St david .

Anonymous
3/03/2021 02:34 PM

Local businesses down town need more parking to increase business not reduce it. If you remove parking you will be hurting your local business resulting in more vacant main street buildings.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 03:01 PM

Build a bypass.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 03:24 PM

So many parkingless tenants and store owners as is. If you take away parking it will be terrible. I litterally park on a side street usually st Patrick. Then walk with my groceries AND a 3 year old to get to my apartment on ST Andrew St. Its ridiculous.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 03:42 PM	I live off Forfar, and turning onto the street when coming back from Walmart, etc is really difficult and blocks the flow of traffic. Having a four-way stop or lights (like on Garafraza) is not sustainable for flow. I'd rather see a small roundabout or have dedicated turning lanes to make it easier to get onto the streets that are off St Davids/Hwy 6. Also, maybe more green vehicle stations? We should promote green energy and green initiatives given 1) our location; 2) Center Wellington's promotions of eating local and supporting local; 3) overall concern of the environment and future of the environment. By going "green", it would demonstrate we're considering environmental factors but also show concern toward the people and community and wish to keep the greenery and green spaces we have, as natural and pristine as possible.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 03:49 PM	Noise/sound of trucks travelling on hwy 6, turning lane onto st Patrick from both directions, advanced turning lights (all directions) at st David/st Andrew intersection.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 03:51 PM	This stretch of town would really benefit from additional trees/greenery. I would like to see a combination of better walkability and bike-ability, but I would priorities greenspace over bike lanes if it's not possible to accomplish both. It's hot and exposed in the summer and there are too many trucks going through the downtown. The core of Fergus would be a much nicer place to live and work if St. David St. was "quieted."
Anonymous 3/03/2021 03:58 PM	Traffic volume is projected to triple due to new housing (your numbers). Where is it going to go?
Anonymous 3/03/2021 04:15 PM	A truck bypass is so necessary. And please make this town more walking/cycling friendly. It’s terrible for that right now.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 04:25 PM	As I said, "Do the right thing now instead of going through all the headaches for the next 20 years from more and more traffic."
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:05 PM	Nearby parking for cars and bicycles not on the street. patio and sitting areas.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:32 PM	Yes transport traffic. There should be an alternate route for them.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:35 PM	Is there a space within downtown that could be turned into a parking lot? While I am willing and able to walk from a side street, others may have accessibility issues that would prevent them from walking longer distances. I would also love to see more bike locking areas 😁
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:46 PM	I think in a booming area/community, on street parking is crucial. There is rarely any downtown parking on St.Andrew and I feel it's needed on St.David. I work on St. David as well and the road is already more than wide enough for parking and a driving lane (there's no need to make the driving lane wider) There are also plenty of businesses there that need the street parking. Unfortunately as soon as an area becomes difficult to find parking it deters consumers from going to that business (one of the reasons I hate ever needing to go downtown Guelph with their minimal parking). Fergus would be wise to keep theirs. I also feel we would benefit from just adding a bypass for trucks and keeping our downtown as is with all its heritage.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:47 PM	Rerouting trucks to bypass. Cycling or walking on the street with current truck traffic would be unpleasant.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:09 PM	Traffic flow for small businesses/convenience
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:44 PM	Clean up the vacant land from where the old Gas Station was make a park area like mill st Elora.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 06:49 PM	I am sure there is not a speeding issue out here due to the on street parking and the pedestrian activity. Many times speeds are perceived. On street parking is extremely important for a downtown area.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:25 PM	Rerouting heavy trucks out of the downtown core
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:43 PM	Not that I can think of.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 07:47 PM	There is not enough parking downtown as it is, please don't take more away.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:17 PM	Planting of trees.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:23 PM	Just please consider people with disabilities that use these sidewalks
Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:34 PM	If on street parking is eliminated, keep in mind the tourists may just choose to keep driving
Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:59 PM	Benches don't just add visual appearance. Providing places for people to linger animates the street and encourages additional pedestrian traffic.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:12 PM	touching up the painted lines to make it more visible, solar powered lights,
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:22 PM	Huge trucks turning left at garafraxa, not much room at the corner already.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:59 PM	Maintaining character of neighbourhood while giving the opportunity to increase foot traffic.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:01 PM	Redirecting traffic they downtown- why have we not built a bypass? I own a business that brings at least 5 transport trucks a day through Fergus and they should not being driving through downtown Fergus.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:54 PM	street parking is necessary for tourists and locals alike. Less park means less revenue to the downtown area
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:04 PM	reduce speed limit center wellington wide , and enforce it .
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:21 PM	A bypass
Anonymous 3/04/2021 12:39 AM	Advanced green lights for all directions of travel. Keep parking as much as possible while beautifying the area. New streetlights like the ones on st andrew and add planters with flowers. Place benches and garbage receptacles.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 01:06 AM

Universal design must be prioritized ex. Accessible parking spaces should be available even with Option 4, touch less cross walk buttons, cross walks for the blind or individuals with hearing loss. Areas to safely lock up bikes. Benches are excellent. However, small bistro tables for enjoying meals from local restaurants would encourage visitors to the downtown to support local as well as enjoy the newly improved space. Bistro tables must consider universal design or be accessible. The design should incorporate outdoor art from local artists or areas for rotating art and cultural heritage exhibits relevant to the downtown space designed in collaboration with The Wellington County Museum and Archives & Fergus community members. An app could also be developed as an engagement feature. The town may consider pedestrian friendly events downtown. There must be garbage disposal and composting readily available. The holiday light display is an annual highlight. I hope this will continue. Areas where cyclists and pedestrians cross into space must be clearly visible for both to eliminate or reduce the risk to one's health and safety. I'm a leisurely cyclist with a cruiser bicycle that lives on Union Street West. My partner has his own road cycle bike which he uses often in town. I'm anxious about cycling on the road beside transport trucks especially so I often cycle trails instead. I would like to cycle downtown to a local restaurant or pub, or perhaps even eventually cycle to the railroad bridge trail which leads to the WCM in my own bike lane from my home. I think adding cycling lanes is an excellent idea as it encourages all levels of cyclists to hop on their bikes and travel safely to their destination. I think the traffic speed must be reduced downtown to at least 40 km/hr if we will be encouraging more pedestrians and cyclists to use the downtown space.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 07:13 AM

This is a heavy traffic area and if we continue to grow and expand our residential communities we have to have efficient ways for traffic to flow north and south through the town. Maybe it's time for a bypass to avoid commercial traffic through the downtown core...

Anonymous
3/04/2021 07:43 AM

Ending a bike lane at Edinburgh which is where the road get particularly dangerous to bike traffic doesn't make sense. Arguably Black St to Strathallan is not the place you want people to ride their bikes too when you have just ended the protection of a bike lane. When drivers see an impediment to traffic or an extra obstacle (bike lane, construction, etc) at the point this impediment ends is where drivers will speed up. It's the nature of a driver. This could create a speed issue specifically where children cross the road at school.

Anonymous

Reduce truck traffic in an already heavily congested. Divert traffic to

3/04/2021 07:54 AM	Gartshore or develop a bypass. None of the options presented can be successful unless you change the truck issue.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 07:58 AM	This is a busy stretch of hwy 6 that passes straight through the Fergus. It's not a bike lane friendly area for families and kids to be cycling. I'm a serious road cyclist and if I needed to ride this area, I can easily blend in with the traffic for a few short blocks. More trees would be great.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 08:08 AM	Sightlines at the corners and crossing
Anonymous 3/04/2021 08:20 AM	Parking sparse in area of st patrick
Anonymous 3/04/2021 08:42 AM	That we are a rural town with people commuting in for supplies and shopping please dont eliminate more parking for us.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:31 AM	People bike on sidewalks in Fergus because the roads are dangerous to cyclists, especially downtown where parked cars and narrow streets make for a nightmare scenario. Since people bike on sidewalks in Fergus, it makes sense to make the sidewalks as wide as possible. Bike lanes are a nice idea, but if the existing bike lanes (St Andrew St E) are any indication, the bike lanes would always filled with gravel or snow. The sidewalks in the St Andrew to St Patrick block are terribly narrow and treacherous in winter. Any plan needs to take snow buildup into account. In many places in Fergus the roadway snow ends up on the sidewalks, and snow clearing is not as fast as it once was.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:40 AM	A safe cycling plan for St David St N should include a larger plan for safe cycling routes to and from the Project Area, and safe/secure bicycle parking downtown.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:44 AM	As that is a major thoroughfare for very large trucks it is important to keep the traffic moving. The bicycle lanes could be allocated to parallel streets which would be safer for all. Major trucks must be kept off of the Main Street of Fergus (ie no left or right turns except for delivering) so it is not used as a thorough fare.
Anonymous	If option 1 is used (not my preference), please include traffic calming

3/04/2021 09:51 AM	measures and boulevards along all sides walks to protect pedestrians.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:53 AM	Need to develop and link communities across CW with safe bicycle lanes
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:55 AM	Without a bypass, none of options 2, 3 or 4 can proceed.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 10:08 AM	Preserve heritage building style.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 10:25 AM	Ensure consistency with rest of downtown architecture
Anonymous 3/04/2021 10:40 AM	Access to store fronts
Anonymous 3/04/2021 11:24 AM	It looks like the reduction of street parking to one side is only in the option 4 - I think it could be a good idea to use that as an option 3a? Green space is the most important factor in any town revitalization - draw people in yes but keep them in. If it's just roads you'll just get vehicle traffic - not enough to sustain such a small town.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 11:58 AM	Cycling/wheeled movement is critical but this is not the best space. Having information about how you could move cyclists safely from downtown up towards Walmart area is needed so we can make good decisions.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 12:34 PM	Create alternate and more appealing truck routes to the industrial areas of Fergus to take trucks off St David St N & Hill St West
Anonymous 3/04/2021 01:39 PM	Read Suburban Nation and then reconsider the types of development which are being implemented at the outskirts of town. Downtown revitalization projects such as this one, while important, are not enough to maintain the integrity and overall health of our town.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 02:08 PM	Not sure that this would be included in this specific design, but the downtown core needs to be more accessible for all mobility needs (wheelchair, stroller, etc).

Anonymous
3/04/2021 02:16 PM

I'm all for bike lanes but not on the highway and not at the expense of parking for small businesses. Have you ever tried to turn right in downtown Ottawa? Somebody on a bike gets injured everyday. Designate bike lanes on back streets.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 02:39 PM

Provide drivers who are travelling from one end of town to the other with alternate routes to avoid congestion in downtown area.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 04:25 PM

Widen turning lanes onto St Andrew st.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 05:20 PM

That if anyone place of residence is affected by the construction that everything be done in a timely fashion and everything be replaced to their EXACT before state.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 06:13 PM

How narrower lanes will be affected in the winter when the snow banks take up half the width of the parking spots in the west side of St David St North of St George St.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 07:41 PM

There is limited parking in Fergus for business so it is important to keep some.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 09:28 PM

Option 3 is excellent. Do NOT add cycle lanes for there are clear options for cyclists in side streets.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 09:47 PM

Yes, please get your priorities straight.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 11:12 PM

I have never seen anyone biking on this street but there’s definitely a lot of vehicle traffic. Personally I wouldn’t consider putting a bike lane in this area as it is essentially an extension/connection of the highway. It would be nice to have some greenery downtown.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 02:12 AM

I support bike traffic. But I do not support adding it to main roads. For the sake of safety and traffic flow it should be directed to secondary roads.

Anonymous

We need parking spaces downtown. I was there around noon just last

3/05/2021 06:27 AM

Friday. No street parking (except wheelchair), no parking behind the library or behind where Universal Rentals used to be. After another loop around Main St area I had to park at BMO bank which I dont think is a Public Parking area but I fortunately only had 1 quick stop. This isn't even tourist season. If there's no parking there will be nobody shopping businesses. If in town people can't even get a parking spot in February how will anyone else? Keep the parking or make more in the downtown area. Another note, Horizons is a busy restaurant elderly go to. Walking a distance isn't always an option for many of them.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 06:34 AM

Put all bike lanes on the back streets with designated bike parking and bike racks in the 3 down town parking lots. Encourage businesses with larger parking lots, ie Eccles tone financial, the banks, to set aside one space for bike parking and buy them a bike rack. Please stop inconveniencing the many, to be popular with the few

Anonymous
3/05/2021 07:54 AM

We can gain future parking by making the parking lot on the north side of St. Andrews Street into a tiered parking garage.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 08:41 AM

I believe that keeping the on street parking from st Andrew to st Patrick is critical for those business that reside on that stretch of road. The sidewalk on that stretch is already wide enough. Creating an enjoyable walking environment will help improve tourism traffic to our downtown. We have an issue with the large transport trucks running red lights on the st David st Garafraxa st intersection (i live there and see it often) so anything that can be done to slow traffic in the area to help decrease the likelihood of transport trucks deciding to run the red would be extremely beneficial. As well with that same intersection, the pedestrian crossing button on the south ease side of the intersection is extremely poorly located. Often people do not notice it, and it is not very accessible to those looking to cross who arrive at the intersection from Garafraxa st e.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 08:44 AM

big picture on bike infrastructure to move people up and down from that section of town.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 09:54 AM

Adding a bike lane would be dangerous. With the amount and speed of commercial and regular vehicles and the number of kids that use this street, it would be a catastrophe. Sit in my driveway for an hour and you would be shocked at how fast traffic goes, then slams on their brakes to stop for the light. It shakes the house. I would hate to

see a child killed because they got swept up in the backdraft from a passing semitruck.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 10:41 AM

Widening anything encroaches more on present homes and removes older trees. Slowing traffic directs it north on Tower to St George St. Speeding or increasing traffic increases the shaking of homes, endangers foot traffic, and makes left turns on to St David more difficult.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 10:50 AM

eventual transport truck bypass

Anonymous
3/05/2021 01:51 PM

Cycling lanes are not necessary. Their useage is virtually nothing in the winter and limited in the warmer months. The argument used to justify the Library expansion on St Andrew St. was that bicycles would be much more prevalent so the loss of parking was not an issue. This of course was a complete joke, there are hardly any bicycles in the bike stand at the Library and the loss of 30 plus parking spaces has been a serious problem in the downtown core. Further bike lanes tend to slow traffic and by so doing more pollution is created as vehicles are idling more and starting and stopping more. A smooth flow of vehicles is much better for the environment.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 03:19 PM

Replace aging water & sewer as needed

Anonymous
3/05/2021 03:20 PM

Do not take away the parking spaces, downtown parking is hard enough, these spaces are desperately needed. Consider changing the lights at St Andrew-St David to be Advanced Green for left turns on both the South and North, please consider the same for St David-Garafraxa intersection, where there is currently no advanced green in either direction, causing traffic to back up.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 04:43 PM

Consider a bypass for Fergus to maximize traffic flow.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 05:00 PM

While adding designated cycling lanes is essential to our area, this section of road is not a smart design space for them. Cyclists who are using the roads will not likely want to be on the busiest vehicle sections, and having a separate bike lane that leads to roadway which does not have space for cyclists is dangerous. I am a huge fan of adding bike lanes, but not in the downtown core. We should also make space and plane for more parking which is not on the street.

Anonymous 3/06/2021 12:13 AM	I think keeping parking is important for those who cannot walk long distances to businesses
Anonymous 3/06/2021 08:45 AM	Please consider not having bike lanes. It would be a hinderance to the flow of traffic through the area.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 09:46 AM	Eliminate all overhead wires like has been done in Elora. Provide a safe crosswalk across St David either at Hill St or St George. Help improve community connectivity. The highway is a huge barrier to this.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 10:16 AM	Guelph added bicycle lanes and very rarely do we see bicycles on them. They have made traffic in Guelph an absolute nightmare by taking away vehicle lanes!
Anonymous 3/06/2021 11:58 AM	You removed 30 spaces with the library expansion and you want to remove more? No one is riding a bike in this section due to truck traffic. Traffic speeds including transport trucks are way too fast.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 02:31 PM	If the street lights are changed will they blend in with the rest of the road and roads that can turn onto this part of St David. More trees means more cost for maintenance.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 07:06 PM	Detours during construction. Keep parking for locals and for customers. Effects on local businesses during construction. Traffic flow. It’s always very congested from Bridge street to St. David street.
Anonymous 3/07/2021 09:24 AM	Pedestrian crossings
Anonymous 3/09/2021 10:09 AM	More advanced greens at St. David & St. Andrew, particularly turning onto St. David from downtown core
Anonymous 3/09/2021 02:29 PM	I do like adding a little bit of beauty to the area but as this is not extensively business beyond St Patrick/St. George - benches are nice but not something that would be widely used.

Anonymous 3/09/2021 03:26 PM	Add advance green to southbound traffic downtown.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 03:58 PM	Alternative routes around Fergus
Anonymous 3/09/2021 04:08 PM	Make it pedestrian and visitor friendly.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 04:14 PM	As a business owner that heavily relies on parking, we must keep some sort of parking on the street.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 04:40 PM	I live in Fergus and walk and drive this stretch daily. Fergus needs to find a way of making this area visually and functionally pleasing and have a traffic calming effect on this area.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 07:25 PM	What ever design is chosen make sure to get a reputable construction company to do the work so it's not having to be repaved in a couple years. Cheapest is not always the best road to go.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 08:21 PM	I hope that bike lane features and sidewalk expansion tie into a bigger plan for downtown Fergus and Elora. This is a great move forward and we need more of it.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 08:52 PM	An advanced green at lights on Tower St. South at St. Andrew St.
Anonymous 3/10/2021 10:37 AM	updating what we have and not changing too much
Anonymous 3/10/2021 11:00 AM	Moving Hwy 6 traffic out of downtown Fergus
Anonymous 3/10/2021 03:30 PM	Need pedestrian crossing. St George st might be best
Anonymous 3/10/2021 07:20 PM	Reducing truck traffic through the core. Its loud and dangerous at downtown intersections.
Anonymous	Although we appreciate nature and beauty, the planting of trees and

3/10/2021 10:29 PM	installation of decorative lighting should not take precedence over functionality and access to the downtown core. The businesses should stand on their own merit.
Anonymous 3/11/2021 10:12 AM	I like the idea of adding bike lanes, though everything in the diagram looks a little congested and I think that it might be dangerous if there is too much in such a tight space. We often ride our bikes downtown and simply detour through the neighbouring streets for safer travel.
Anonymous 3/11/2021 12:56 PM	There are quieter more bike- friendly streets just one block away that cyclists can use to get to the heart of downtown or to cross through town, so I don’t see separated bicycle lanes as a necessity. The parking spots between St.Patrick and St. Andrew are usually full and are really essential to keep. Bicyclists could really use more spots to lock up their bikes when they stop to shop downtown. Trees and other decorative elements would be a wonderful addition, especially around the Circle K (which is really a desolate asphalt- covered spot in the heart of our town).
Anonymous 3/11/2021 02:16 PM	No money should be spent on anything except Option 1 considering this is HWY 6 which needs to be re-routed around Fergus. Especially due to all the truck traffic that affects the road surface.
Anonymous 3/11/2021 06:33 PM	Where is the traffic supposed to go during all this? Especially trucks....I don't think we mood to spend money on bike lanes or speed bumps. Just replace infrastructure ,resurface and get on with it. After all we do still want tourism?????;
Anonymous 3/12/2021 07:56 AM	clean up the old gas station site and the other lot make it a public space. If it is private owned make them clean it up. It is an eye sore.
Anonymous 3/12/2021 03:40 PM	My choice of option 3 would be different if there was lots of parking downtown but there doesn't seem to be enough. If lots more parking was available I would chosen option 2.
Anonymous 3/12/2021 03:42 PM	Crossing at St Patrick is dangerous due to high volume and speed and hard to see far because of parking, could allow larger area before/after crossing where there is no parking to increase visibility
Anonymous	The north east corner of Hwy 6 and St. Andrew is an eyesore. It

3/12/2021 06:11 PM	spoils the look of downtown Fergus. This area could certainly be prettied up with planter boxes and a couple of small trees. If they were introduced, they might stop aggressive drivers avoiding the traffic lights, sneaking through the Circle K parking lot and nearly mowing down pedestrians like me.
Anonymous 3/12/2021 06:33 PM	Would be nice to improve the appearance while maintaining Hwy 6 major artery requirements.
Anonymous 3/12/2021 09:30 PM	Cost and how long the project would take to finish.
Anonymous 3/13/2021 08:16 AM	No
Anonymous 3/13/2021 08:50 AM	cost of each program
Anonymous 3/13/2021 10:13 AM	A truck route around town would be great
Anonymous 3/13/2021 10:31 AM	Too much heavy traffic to safely incorporate bike lanes.
Anonymous 3/13/2021 12:37 PM	Traffic calming is a concern for us living on St David in the zone. Currently there is a large amount of heavy truck traffic that is routinely having to stop at the lights at Garafraxa and many trucks use airbrakes which creates excessive noise. This goes on at all hours. Also during peak periods in the afternoon/evening, the amount of traffic heading North from downtown through the Garafraxa intersection is heavy and movement can be frustrating. This forces traffic onto the smaller side streets which in turn creates noise and hazard for the residents living there. Efficient and safe flow of traffic should be the primary concern.
Anonymous 3/13/2021 03:19 PM	Reroute the big trucks off of St. David st. North. Its loud and the congestion in front of our house has gotten really bad in the last 4 years. I live on St. David
Anonymous 3/13/2021 07:40 PM	The empty lot on the corner of st David and hill cannot be built on but can it be paved for parking for the apartments that will be losing their parking?

Anonymous 3/14/2021 09:57 AM	snow removal in a high volume traffic area.
Anonymous 3/14/2021 02:55 PM	I would be happy if there were bike lanes north of Hill St only and making the more central area more eye appealing and safer.
Anonymous 3/15/2021 11:52 AM	Future expansion and connection to the separated bike lanes established under Option 4
Anonymous 3/15/2021 12:35 PM	Use complete streets concepts...make street and pedestrian/cycling areas safe for all people aged 8 to 80, and with all abilities.
Anonymous 3/15/2021 05:16 PM	Ensure that cycling lanes don't end abruptly "dumping" cyclists into traffic
Anonymous 3/15/2021 06:33 PM	Gravel biking and bike touring is becoming really popular. If you want to bring people to town we have to be cycle friendly. There is of course the safety issue for local Cyclists as well.
Anonymous 3/15/2021 09:02 PM	Please start considering a network of routes that link parts of Fergus. I hope new subdivisions have bike lanes that connect to the cataract trail etc. Use the side streets that already exist in conjunction with some traffic calming. See west 10th street. Vancouver BC
Anonymous 3/16/2021 03:45 PM	A by-pass
Anonymous 3/16/2021 04:35 PM	Streetscape, Pedestrian and cycling safety without sacrificing parking that can affect the local business.
Anonymous 3/16/2021 08:43 PM	Get rid of Circle K. Would be a great area for a public park. Or for higher end shops/restaurants.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 01:12 PM	The intersection of Garafraxa and St. David Street has a problem with people running red lights, and is not far from a very popular park. I'm not sure if this is out of the scope of the project, but I would suggest an advanced warning sign (mainly from the direction heading north

	on St David Street towards Garafraxa, but both north and south headings have issues with light runners) to let drivers know to be prepared to stop at the lights. Alternatively, a red light camera would be less intrusive to the 'look' of the area, but I'm not sure if that is more of a reactive solution rather than a proactive one. Overall, I do think the smaller traffic lanes, dedicated bike lanes, and wider sidewalls will have a positive effect on slowing down traffic and increasing safety. Please consider a few garbage cans on each side of the street as well. Trees, trees, trees!
Anonymous 3/17/2021 02:42 PM	We walk this route with little ones daily. Please please please do something to reduce speed like narrowing the lane. Ppl run the red light at garafraxa and st David daily, it is very dangerous. Please add more trees to make this a more visually appealing part of town.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 03:22 PM	Lights with turn signals all ways.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 07:01 PM	This is our gateway - how most people see Fergus as they travel through. We need trees and other visual improvements. I recognize the importance of the on street parking between St Andrew and St Patrick but above that not needed/used. I would love to get through-town truck traffic diverted.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 07:21 PM	I am a cyclist and I do not think there should be cycling on St. David Street it is best to detour the cyclists to calming traffic areas with bike lanes and bypass that busy strip of roadway. Cyclists can get around that section by going on other streets especially if there are good bike lanes on side streets.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 07:44 PM	Unless you can defer Hwy 6 around town rather then through it, I think the current format with some beautification is best.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 09:02 PM	We are an aging society, parking and access to stores, businesses and homes along David Street North is very important to consider in the planning and project design. I do believe if we are not going to have a bypass around Fergus it is best to keep the design the same however I do think that you could add benches to make the downtown age friendly and meet the needs of people with disabilities in addition to adding trees for shade which also adds to an age friendly and environmentally friendly community, especially with fumes from vehicles the trees provide oxygen and air purification to a certain level. I am a cyclist and I recommend keeping bicycles off David

	Street North and encourage bike paths on side streets that welcome cyclists. I think cycling on David Street North even with bike lanes will be dangerous, the transports have difficulty navigating streets, pedestrian walkways and bikes are often out of their view when there is congestion in an intersection.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 10:29 PM	I believe that these changes will create more foot and cycle traffic along this corridor creating more net positives then that of the 14 parking spaces on the street.
Anonymous 3/18/2021 08:06 AM	Provide a bypass for large trucks ie a ring road, so they do not need to enter the city centre.
Anonymous 3/18/2021 08:17 AM	Removing street parking will cause huge problems in the summer with the tourism, businesses would suffer since people won't be able to find parking close to where theyre going. Not to mention the tenants in the apartments that actually need their parking spaces
Anonymous 3/18/2021 10:57 AM	Have you considered making the street one-way?
Anonymous 3/18/2021 10:58 AM	1- way street?
Anonymous 3/18/2021 12:46 PM	Active and public transportation need to be at the heart of any transportation strategy.
Anonymous 3/18/2021 04:13 PM	Add sidewalk patio space — consider closing. Streets on weekends
Anonymous 3/18/2021 07:49 PM	To keep the parking downtown as there's not many options to park otherwise with an aging population; to have sidewalks big enough with benches and trees for good oxygen and for visual looks
Anonymous 3/19/2021 09:51 AM	No fancy round areas. Keep it simple for snow plows and snow removal.
Anonymous 3/19/2021 03:17 PM	Try to mitigate factors that would drive traffic/parking onto the adjacent side streets (ie St Patrick, Hill etc.).

Anonymous 3/21/2021 03:26 PM	Wheelchair and stroller accessibility
Anonymous 3/21/2021 04:33 PM	We need to look to the future with this project... it makes sense to build according to what will happen once a bypass is designated. While cyclists may not use bike lanes as frequently as hoped in the short term, good planning and foresight will allow for future changes in the downtown.
Anonymous 3/21/2021 04:35 PM	Fergus must retain its small- town heritage as improvements are made. It is one of the most attractive features of this beautiful town.. it is not full of the noise, hustle and bustle of big city- like places. Don't ever lose this appeal
Anonymous 3/22/2021 02:58 PM	Improve and enlarge walking and sitting areas on street.
Anonymous 3/22/2021 04:36 PM	Need to maintain the character of the town.
Anonymous 3/22/2021 06:31 PM	Existing truck traffic through Fergus on Highway 6.
Anonymous 3/23/2021 06:28 AM	N/a
Anonymous 3/23/2021 10:50 AM	Additional parking is desperately needed! Especially if the on street parking is removed. There also needs to be more accessibility in town Washrooms, etc
Anonymous 3/24/2021 12:48 PM	Please consider the REAL reasons for this 'one section' redesign. Whichever option is selected.. if its only for 3 streets then how would bike lanes really be beneficial for the rest of the town roads? Parking is something that as we continue to grow ppl will need to shop locally downtown.
Anonymous 3/25/2021 06:17 AM	Set traffic lights timing better so cars are flowing through town instead of stopped at each light with the traffic all backed up in front of all the houses

Anonymous 3/25/2021 09:19 AM	Transport truck traffic
Anonymous 3/26/2021 12:17 PM	Reroute hwy 6 traffic from both north and south of Fergus. Creating a bypass would go along way to maintaining a small town feel in the downtown area.
Anonymous 3/26/2021 02:09 PM	A lot of local businesses rely on parking and traffic, especially during the summer. Please don't do anything that will hurt our small businesses. Leave or increase the parking only, and increasing the sidewalks would allow for more outside seating to keep everyone safe.
Anonymous 3/26/2021 03:21 PM	Remove the parking as there is plenty of parking in the core and maybe allow for a summer terrace at the south end to help drive business
Anonymous 3/26/2021 10:31 PM	Adjusting the boulevard for the sidewalk plow to get through Centre turning lane. Parking at times is already hard to find, eliminating parking is not a good idea. Especially with the rate of our community growing.
Anonymous 3/27/2021 10:43 AM	It would be very nice if the main volume of Highway 6 traffic could be re-routed or bypassed around the downtown core of Fergus. Perhaps going east on Belsyde, then north on Scotland, then returning to the highway at the north of the town core. The noise, delays and safety risks are only increasing as our town grows.
Anonymous 3/28/2021 01:52 PM	There are several rental properties on this corridor who use the roadside for parking, please ensure this residents and property owners are consulted before this project proceeds any further

Optional question (271 response(s), 498 skipped)
Question type: Essay Question

Q5 Please add any additional comments here

Anonymous 3/02/2021 03:43 PM	

Anonymous 3/02/2021 07:47 PM	Bikes lanes seem Unnecessary when there is several quiet streets in the area. The residence with driveways on Saint David Street north already have to be extremely careful pulling in and out of our driveway due to pedestrians and other cars and bike lanes seem like an unnecessary hazard
Anonymous 3/02/2021 09:17 PM	Separated bicycle lanes should be done with a physical decorative barriers, not standard concrete barriers or cheap plastic bollards. Images suggest planters, not sure if plants would survive. Need low maintenance but decorative feature. If parking wins as the concept , can parking only on one side be considered? Don’t understand why this was not an option.
3/02/2021 11:41 PM	It would be nice to hear that you have an outer ring road planned to actually not have David St. be Hwy 6 anymore, that way you can plan for this street to be more walkable and bikeable, and relax on benches because the traffic would be severely reduced.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:27 AM	Adding cycling lanes to the flow of an already congested highway is placing cyclists into an already unsafe condition. There are many other avenues for cyclists to use without disrupting a major highway. The priority is the flow of traffic on a major highway that is restricted by the bridge that is there. Removing the parking will not increase traffic flow due to the lane restrictions of the bridge. Parking is a much needed necessity for downtown businesses that depend on it all year round. Fix what needs to be fixed and return the street to its original design and functionality.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:32 AM	There are plenty of other streets that are safer for cyclists to use without having to worry about motor vehicles.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:46 AM	I don’t think that part of the street needs larger walking space. It’s large enough to pass even in COVID times and there are not so many people walking there. I think it’s important to concentrate on the road itself (which is horrible) and put money which you would use for walking/cycling improvements for areas in the town which is actually used by them.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:58 AM	Maybe add the cycling lanes to streets that aren’t as busy.
Anonymous	Thank you for your considerations of our opinions.

3/03/2021 01:45 AM

Anonymous
3/03/2021 04:39 AM

... but no need to mess around with Fergus as well.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 05:50 AM

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Anonymous
3/03/2021 05:51 AM

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Anonymous
3/03/2021 06:25 AM

This is a very exciting project for our community. I'm looking forward to seeing how it evolves.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 06:38 AM

Design to divert truck traffic away from doentown Fergus & Elora!

Anonymous
3/03/2021 06:51 AM

No bike lanes please

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:02 AM

I live just south of the project area and my biggest concern is the speed and amount of traffic through Fergus. Cycling on st David st is not safe especially for new and young cyclers. You are forced onto the sidewalks, or if on the road there is no room for error. I understand that there are proposals or ideas to move bike traffic off of st David to a more residential area but that does not assist people living in the neighborhood. I do not feel as though my children are safe walking or biking in our own neighbour hood due to the volume of cars and limited and narrow sidewalks.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:27 AM

Can we do this to the main St (Geddes St.) in Elora too! Benches, green space, boulevards. Can we put back the green space ripped out by the Brewing Company in Elora? I used to enjoy the birds and the trees and shrubs there so much. We need more of this in the community.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:45 AM

If on street parking is eliminated, downtown will need a proper parking lot. Trying to park in back of some of these buildings is a nightmare hence why I avoid downtown before 5pm which is a shame for businesses

Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:24 AM	As this is a connecting link of a provincial highway with a large amount of truck traffic, adding a bike lane is only asking for accidents. A more foolish idea has never been heard. Move bike lanes one street east or west if you feel the need to have them.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:30 AM	Reducing vehicle speed through downtown and having a bypass for large trucks would be ideal.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:00 AM	More parking should be priority if city wants downtown to be busy as people can’t park anywhere
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:07 AM	Wider sidewalks: this will help a lot because parts of this area are downright pedestrian hostile. It's no surprise that most of the businesses stick to St. Andrew as a result. I think it's absolutely a must-have. Bike paths: I biked extensively when living in KW, but since moving to Fergus I've found that the volume and speed of traffic, and the attitude of drivers, have been a major disincentive. Back streets aren't so bad, but destination access is what is needed, and there are a lot of destinations along St David especially with the growth of business up on the north end. You can look to uptown Waterloo for a model (as well as learn from some of the mistakes) of putting separated bike lanes through. Now that it is done, King Street is much calmer and better for everyone biking, but also walking! Since everyone who visits the downtown businesses has to get out of their car and become a pedestrian at some point, it helps when vehicle speeds are down and crossing streets is easier and safer. There were people who didn't like the plans there, and said that a few lost parking spots would destroy business. As I expect there will be here. But do we really need St David to be a car sewer for passthrough traffic at the expense of the safety and comfort of people who live, work and play in Fergus?
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:08 AM	More parking should be added. The downtown Tim Hortons location should be demolished and reallocated to a parking lot.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:21 AM	Just leave it as it is. No room for bike lanes or bigger sidewalks.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:21 AM	On sidewalk / street seating for restaurants, no cars in the downtown core. Bike lanes are a pain in the rear, see Guelph.
Anonymous	Add a middle turn lane for people turning left going north or south on

3/03/2021 09:27 AM	this stretch. Improve traffic flow.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:28 AM	I do not think having a cycling lane should be considered. There is no need for a specific cycling lane. It just makes driving on the road worse. Cyclists do not need to be biking on that road they can use another.
3/03/2021 10:16 AM	Lets remember that this is a major highway and the flow of traffic is determined by the 2 lane bridge it passes over.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:42 AM	If there are other ways (beyond this survey) that the public can be involved, please let us know.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:47 AM	I find traffic flow generally decent, except in the Tim's HOrton's/RBC area for getting in and out of those parking lots.
3/03/2021 09:52 AM	Create a separate cycling route to improve cyclist safety and traffic safety.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:01 AM	No bike lanes please
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:04 AM	People turning left often cause traffic jams in this stretch of roadway. A middle turn lane would be nice with option #3
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:07 AM	Thank you for doing this survey
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:12 AM	Unless you are going to re-route traffic going north, then you can't change the way it is. Parking is a big issue. There are plenty of trails for bikers and other roads that they can ride.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:15 AM	Speed is also an issue in st David N. I see it all the time when I walk downtown. There needs to be options for large transports other than going through the middle of the town.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:31 AM	Safety for all.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:43 AM	Lack of parking prevents me from shopping downtown. It's been a problem for years.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:45 AM	Note . I do live near this steet .Drive to work . Walk my dog . Also I bike in town . But use other streets and trails due to being a highway . Until we have a bypass of 6 we should not add to the probem .
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:49 AM	This work is long overdue.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:14 AM	Perhaps this isn't the place to state this but is really like to see restrictions around store signage to keep with the quaint feel of the community and ensure standards are being met.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:15 AM	no cycling lanes because it technicailly is highway 6
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:25 AM	Thank you for the consideration and opportunity to take the survey.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:44 AM	I like the wider boulevards to keep small children further from the road.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:53 AM	Thank you for collecting community input!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:03 PM	I'm personally tired of paying $2,000 - $3,000. a year to repair the cracks which appear in the inner walls of 1879 "Stonehome", 555 St. David St. N. Please consider the heritage structures along the section of the street which you are planning to "redo". The last time work was done outside our area - between Garafraxa and Forfar Streets, my bill for "crack repair was $4,300!! This year my "crack bill" will probably be $1,500 for repairs done re the smashing and banging of vehicles driving along the highway. Also, please consider planting a lot of trees in wider boulevards. We have two trees in front of our house. The larger tree has actually prevented a car from driving into one of our porches. The smaller tree is a PROTECTED Koch Elm which was planted to see how it would survive after being vaccinated for the bug which is killing elm trees in our area. We have a brick "walkway" in front of the house - put there by the contractor/Township when one of the trees was planted. People love to see that sort of sidewalk even

	though it is rather "rough" at the moment. Please do more of that sort of visual construction which will preserve and make the heritage area of the mid-Grand River a place where visitors/tourists will come to enjoy a bit of visual pleasure. Fergus need it/them/visitors NOW!!!!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:09 PM	You need the parking space in Fergus. There is hardly any now. When I come over from Elora you can never find a parking spot and that's why I can't shop on main street due to disability problems with walking
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:20 PM	The flow of traffic is very slow at times
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:22 PM	Fergus needs a bypass for highway 6. Additional parking for downtown business (parking garage).
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:22 PM	Bike lanes are unnecessary
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:40 PM	Road need to be fixed before 2023.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:41 PM	Reducing vehicle speed on this road is necessary. Making the town look more appealing will bring more people outside of town to visit.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:48 PM	Keep small town feel.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 12:57 PM	Putting bike lanes on that street? You are insane.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:02 PM	Great job for trying to include many options for people
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:06 PM	He have to get tractor trailers to stop using this thoroughfare. Very dangerous!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:09 PM	Don’t get rid of any parking!

Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:09 PM	I live at St. David and Belsyde (Highland Ridge) so an increase of vehicular traffic would be undesirable, as I bicycle and walk substantially in this area.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:10 PM	Centre turn lane and more parking.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:16 PM	Make an investment now into what you want the Town to look like in the future (10+ years). Don't be afraid to make the hard choice because you are worried about short term perceptions.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:16 PM	Centre turn lane incorporated into the plan!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:17 PM	A by-pass for large trucks would be safer.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:33 PM	While having bike lanes is very important, losing parking spaces to the downtown core area is not a great idea
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:34 PM	Highway 6 is going to be busy all the time, widening the sidewalk and adding a couple benches isn't going to make it more appealing to walk on. There are many other quieter streets where wider sidewalks and benches would be appropriate on. Keep it easy to access businesses with parking as the library addition already took out half the parking in that lot and the re designed one is not car friendly at all. Don't remove more parking downtown.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:43 PM	I was torn between option 3 + 4. Biking lanes could be a huge benefit as more and more people are working from home, families are spending more time outdoors and our town is growing. It doesn’t make sense to have biking lanes in one small portion of road so if you went this route. I think you would need to add more biking lanes in town
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:50 PM	I think that adding greenery is a great idea, but perhaps planters with smaller plant life that wouldn't extend over the road would be a better option.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 01:59 PM	i live in fergus and travel on that stretch of road which i can't tick a box on the first question

Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:06 PM	I just want to make sure my utilities will not be disrupted during construction
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:09 PM	This plan needs revisited. There are further options that would enhance the core of the town but these plans are shortsighted. If we Continue to poorly plan we will have no downtown core left to worry about. Parking is already a huge problem yet you are proposing removing parking. Mind boggling!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:10 PM	Love the ideas of 3 & 4 Such an improvement to that street
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:15 PM	Truck bypass needs to move up according to the Traffic Master Plan and shouldn't be a 2041 and beyond deadline.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:23 PM	Would be nice to know how these plans dovetail with St Andrew E/W, St David south past Victoria Park, and north of Edinburgh on Hwy 6. This is too much a plan in isolation.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 02:34 PM	fix the timing of the light add more parking dont take a year to fix the road that will impact your downtown business
Anonymous 3/03/2021 03:42 PM	The amount of heavy traffic going north on St Davids is a struggle for smaller cars. I realize that it is a "hwy" and therefore is a major route for transport trucks; however, those trucks cause issues with traffic flow. Ideally, a separate route around town would be nice and beneficial for the flow of traffic through the downtown core, ESPECIALLY as the downtown core is the center of tourism for those not from Fergus/Elora. There shouldn't be an excessive amount of 18-wheelers going through St Davids/St Andrew's intersection on a summer day when people are walking outside or trying to enjoy the street, patios, etc.!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 03:51 PM	It would be better if one could select multiple answers in Q1. I used to live in the area, so I know it well and now I drive, walk, and bike on St. David St., though I live in Elora.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 05:28 PM	Fix streets that need to be repaired before proceeding with this project. Again see comments above

Anonymous
3/03/2021 05:46 PM

This stretch of st. David is quite ugly and has the potential to be beautiful like Elora. No one really parks on the street and there are parking lots by the curling club that are often empty. I would love to see bike lanes, nice lamp posts and no one street parking.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 06:41 PM

Regarding question 1, I don't live in Fergus, but I do live in Centre Wellington, and I walk, drive and cycle downtown Fergus quite frequently. I'd love some walkability improvements along that stretch of road, particularly in the more commercial area downtown. I've found that area has always had a kind of windswept, side of the highway feeling that is not really conducive to pedestrians doing business. Also, it wasn't noted anywhere in your outline, but St. David street is the best place to climb the hill on a bicycle in Fergus. The hill that runs the length of the town east-west is least steep there, it's quite challenging over toward Scotland or in the opposite direction.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 06:44 PM

Maybe just parking on one side of street and have two lanes of traffic heading north or south bound.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 06:49 PM

I am extremely interested as I am moving to Fergus in June and Manage the Traffic Dept in a municipality that has a downtown area as well.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:36 PM

Although a bike lane sounds very nice and adds to safety for some bikers I feel the vast majority of transportation in the downtown core is vehicular and pedestrian (walkers). I as a mother of 4, even with dedicated bike lanes feel it is safer for my children to get off the bike and walk in this section of town. I would not be comfortable with them biking on the road despite dedicated lanes as it remains directly beside vehicles and this is a heavily travelled portion of town with many out of town travellers accessing this portion of highway 6. Reducing the vehicular lane size to accommodate a bike lane is not a priority in a smaller town I believe.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 07:43 PM

This is an exciting project.

Anonymous
3/03/2021 08:17 PM

Needs to be very efficient for vehicle travel while providing a beautiful look to the town.

Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:34 PM	Fergus is a beautiful little town and should kept somewhat eclectic to attract tourists while serving the folks of the community at the same time. Lovely planters may be a better option than planting trees unless they are potted and manageable
Anonymous 3/03/2021 08:59 PM	Nice work on a simple presentation and an easy survey
Anonymous 3/03/2021 09:12 PM	removing the existing parking spots would make it much safer for vehicles turning either way onto St David St from perpendicular streets (St. Patrick St, St George St, Hill St)
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:01 PM	Don’t take away parking downtown. Businesses are already suffering enough. No parking so ppl can bike seems obscure and would cause an economical nightmare.
Anonymous 3/03/2021 10:54 PM	Absolutely no bike lanes!
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:04 PM	build bypass this year , long overdo .
Anonymous 3/03/2021 11:21 PM	Build a bypass to highway 7 N and back to 6 N after town eliminating highway traffic
Anonymous 3/04/2021 01:06 AM	I think this is an incredible initiative. As someone who lives on Union Street West, I would absolutely love to see separate cycling lanes eventually added to this road, too. The cycling lanes could lead to the railroad bridge trail which takes visitors to The Wellington County Museum and Archives. Essentially one could bike from the museum, on to the trail, then take Union Street West downtown and loop back to the museum while remaining safely in the cycling lanes. There are quite a few cyclists who would be thrilled about this! It would be amazing for families especially!
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:31 AM	I found the options a bit confusing to understand until I figured out that each of the yellow bars in the top picture corresponded to each of the lower pictures. Thanks for involving the community in this decision.
Anonymous	Please also focus on designing safe intersections, including left

3/04/2021 09:40 AM	turning lanes at St David St N and Garafraxa, and automatic pedestrian crossing lights.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:51 AM	Please install red light camera on the lights at Garafraxa and St David Street. I witness vehicles running red lights regularly at this intersection. Also remove the need for the pedestrian to press the walk button to get the pedestrian walk signal to work crossing St David Street at Garafraxa-if you arrive at the crossing just as the light changes technically you need to wait a full cycle to get to cross sign or risk crossing.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 09:53 AM	Need to consider how vehicle technology of the future will change and it's relationship to different modes of transport. Dedicated people movement lanes with alternative modes eg: bicycle, hoverboard, segways, gyrocopters etc. will be a critical component in planning transportation links.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 10:08 AM	Identify options to divert truck traffic perhaps by upgrading 2nd line and adding a connecting road or making wellington 7 more attractive for trucks.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 10:25 AM	City should be developing a plan for truck bypass around Fergus. This would enhance traffic flow, safety, walkability, overall downtown experience, lengthen street infrastructure life.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 11:24 AM	I definitely believe an alternate hwy 6 pass should be considered to keep the traffic flow, speed, and volume within the town more manageable. This alternate would also help to encourage walking and cycling use close to town which encourages more foot traffic to local shops and restaurants. Otherwise St David and St Andrew streets and their intersection will become a pass-through to others communities and their businesses. The town core will become merely offices and car traffic.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 11:58 AM	What we need is pedestrian and cycling crossings across hwy 6. This needs to be part of plan. Ideally more than one crossing but for this specific area we need a crossing at St George at.
Anonymous 3/04/2021 12:34 PM	I would support photo radar somewhere in the project area & red light cameras at the St David St N and Garafraxa intersection

Anonymous
3/04/2021 01:39 PM

I'm a long-time bicycle commuter so I know what I'm talking about when I say that bike lanes on Highway 6 won't make it safe or practical for cyclists. They can and should take an alternate route for their own safety and to prevent congestion.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 02:16 PM

Save the decorating budget for St. Andrew St. - don't waste it on a major traffic hwy area with nothing else to drive pedestrian traffic.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 02:23 PM

How many fatalities/injuries have occurred on this stretch of road in the past 50 years because of excessive speed? I would say NONE!! Slower speeds and "traffic calming" is completely unnecessary. So are pretty trees and flowers. Just give us motorists a smooth road surface to drive on that will result in drivers not having to replace tires, wheels, springs, struts and steering parts so often!

Anonymous
3/04/2021 04:25 PM

We do not need cyclying lanes. They take up too much space for traffic.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 08:14 PM

Great to have the street rebuilt and some of that parking gone.

Anonymous
3/04/2021 09:47 PM

Some of our side roads are in dire need of repair and cannot be ignored any further. Hill Street East and St.George's Street from Gartshore to Herrick are horrendous and unsafe. Hill Str East needs a 'NO TRUCKs' sign and some stop signs. Semitrailers are tearing up along this road all day long. All complaints have fallen on deaf ears.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 02:12 AM

Downtown parking seems to work in Elora so it should work here. I would add if you remove parking you're going to degrade the overall downtown experience which already in need of a lot of help.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 06:34 AM

Bikes impede traffic flow on a main highway access. Removing parking spaces is detrimental to all businesses in that end of Fergus. Designated bike lanes can be done on the back streets with access to the main parking lots . Everyone can walk from there.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 07:54 AM

Too many people fail to notice cyclists. Myself and my husband have almost been hit multiple times by motorists just not paying attention. If there were designated lanes, this would hopefully help. It would be nice to have them down St. Andrews Street too in the future.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 08:41 AM

I don’t think the cycling traffic in the city is high enough to constitute the need for a cycling lane. I don’t believe we have enough cycling commuters in town. From what I see, most of our cyclists are cycling for leisure, and so there are alternate, less busy side streets that are taken to get across town.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 08:44 AM

pedestrian crossing is needed.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 09:29 AM

There is not need for a cyclist lane. The money and time for this project should be spend on resurfacing other roads.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 09:54 AM

Yes, replace the existing, make the sidewalks better. The town tried to add trees 3 seasons in a row about a decade ago but the salt, sidewalk and street plows killed those saplings in one season. What a waste of tax payer money then and I dont see how it would be any different now.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 10:41 AM

Re truck traffic on St George. At present some transports use Tower to St George W. At present there is a cattle transport that seems to prefer this route to St David N. Any constricting or slowing St David will exacerbate this problem. I understand that the only logical solution is not on the table; that is a bypass. NOTE: I am Chris Woode, not Tammy whose computer I am using.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 10:50 AM

I took into consideration all 4 options and I believe this to be the best option for the future of Fergus. Better foot traffic flow, beautification, keeping almost a third of the parking spaces while reducing traffic speed.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 01:51 PM

Keep the parking!!!

Anonymous
3/05/2021 03:04 PM

This is not a safe area for bike lanes due to the amount and type of traffic. Trucks, wide load trucks, rv’s and other camping, boats impede the lanes and reduce visual of bikes for vehicles entering or exiting the street.

Anonymous
3/05/2021 03:20 PM

Our little town isn't so little anymore, nor is the traffic coming up this street, transport trucks especially with this being a major Provincial

	Hwy - please also consider a by-pass, at the very least for the trucks.
Anonymous 3/05/2021 10:12 PM	We already have limited parking downtown, and traffic congestion in the downtown core. In my opinion, bike lanes are not a necessity - we have an abundance of beautiful side streets and trails in the area that can be used for biking. I would rather see the money spent fixing up streets throughout town that are studded with potholes and are a mess to drive and walk on (Hill Street East and Garafraxa Street West are prime examples!) before seeing it spent on things that are not needed. We are still a small rural community, not a large metropolitan city that needs bike lanes running throughout...
Anonymous 3/06/2021 09:46 AM	Have we not learned anything from Covid? We need wider sidewalks and more space to create a vibrant street front. There is ample parking in the area.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 10:16 AM	I love this community!
Anonymous 3/06/2021 11:58 AM	You spent money trying to plant trees a number of years ago and I don't think ant are still there?? The after bar scene goers, most of the trees were snapped. Plus it was a pain to cut the grass around it.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 02:31 PM	I don’t think benches are need in this part of St David.
Anonymous 3/06/2021 07:06 PM	Is there a way to divert large truck traffic off of St. David street?
Anonymous 3/07/2021 09:28 AM	Stop truck traffic going through downtown. It’s dangerous for pedestrians, noisy and bad for our health.
Anonymous 3/08/2021 09:40 AM	I don’t believe that adding bicycle lanes for a few blocks makes any sense.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 03:26 PM	While benches are nice it is hard to imagine wanting to sit on one to watch a constant flow of traffic. The addition of bike lanes would necessitate the addition of a truck bypass.
Anonymous	Timing traffic lights from Tower St to St David St to Garafraxa St (i.e.

3/09/2021 03:31 PM	the Hwy 6 corridor through Fergus) to maximize traffic flow efficiency.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 04:08 PM	Try and attract visitor and artist nooks and more business. Oh and parking downtown should be for public, NOT business or store owners, dentists, etc. Create a parking lot somewhere for them.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 04:40 PM	Fergus needs to find a way or re-routing "through" traffic around the downtown core with a bypass of sorts. there is far too much traffic in the area and too much development happening on the north end without improving access over the river. although bridges cost money we need to find a way to help with all the new houses on the north end and people working in the south of Fergus.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 08:21 PM	If we are adding cycle lanes we should be adding cycling infrastructure like racks, air/maintenance stations, etc. Let’s get people out of cars and on sidewalks and bikes. Closing off main streets in both towns to increase foot traffic and more outdoor dining is awesome. Thanks for putting in the effort on this.
Anonymous 3/09/2021 08:52 PM	Adding bike lanes on Tower St is a bad idea because it will cause nothing but grief because it's an extremely high traffic road and vehicle speeds will not slow down just because the bike lanes are there.
Anonymous 3/10/2021 07:17 AM	The trees and green spaces that the municipality has been implementing in recent years are a danger to vision perception, and serve as locations to invite garbage. Take the time to inspect several situations in the town!
Anonymous 3/10/2021 07:26 AM	I think increasing the walkability in the downtown supports small business (which may be contrary to traditional thinking around parking). We have seen this successfully through the closure of main streets to vehicle traffic in the summer in both Fergus and Elora. I applaud you putting forward more progressive urban design design options. Thanks.
Anonymous 3/10/2021 11:00 AM	Please don't reduce parking unless there is a clear plan on adding some - it's hard enough as it is to access downtown businesses.
Anonymous	We need information on the cycling plan for north south travel.

3/10/2021 03:30 PM

Anonymous
3/10/2021 10:29 PM

Parking always has been and will probably continue to be an issue. The construction of the Fergus Library took away many spots; business owners and their employees use the most convenient parking spots; people who have mobility issues need to park in close proximity, and others just want the convenience of parking nearby. Downtown is not only accessed by walking or cycling, therefore, parking must be made available to accommodate vehicular traffic. If your mandate is to attract tourists, they, too, must find a place to park before they can walk.

Anonymous
3/11/2021 10:12 AM

I think that beautifying our downtown with more trees, benches, and decorative street lights will help downtown businesses and tourism. Tourism and shopping are another reason I chose this option, as option 3 keeps parking available on the street. Thank you for allowing the community to participate in this project.

Anonymous
3/11/2021 02:10 PM

We cannot afford to lose any more parking. If we had an unlimited budget, it would be lovely to have all the bells and whistles, fancy lights etc., However, it is St. Andrew St that is the picturesque part of the town. Ultimately, the piper has to be paid.

Anonymous
3/11/2021 02:16 PM

Will you really listen to the people who respond to this survey, is my question.

Anonymous
3/11/2021 07:27 PM

Keeping big trucks out of the downtown core and creating a bypass around town would be optimal.

Anonymous
3/11/2021 09:48 PM

More trees the better!

Anonymous
3/12/2021 09:43 AM

Regarding Survey question # 1: It would only allow 1 answer. I live in Fergus, and both drive and walk regularly the section of St. David St. N that is being discussed. Option # 3 seems to be a good compromise of maintaining the downtown parking spots as well as improving sidewalks, appearance etc.

Anonymous
3/12/2021 02:41 PM

We live in Fergus and both walk and drive in this area. It is our observation there is no need for bicycle lanes. It is more important to maintain good driving lanes to keep the flow of traffic moving.

Anonymous
3/12/2021 03:47 PM

I don't think we need to increase boulevard width.

Anonymous
3/12/2021 06:11 PM

I live on St. Andrew, near Hwy 6. The Tim Hortons drive-thru causes constant traffic bottlenecks that sometimes back up to the traffic lights. This is dangerous. As Fergus grows, this drive-thru should no longer be tolerated. There are alternatives in the suburbs. I am also concerned about speeders on St. Andrew. Drivers treat it as a highway, virtually no one obeys the 50 km speed limit, and there is nothing to slow them down between Hwy 6 and Scotland. St Andrew needs a traffic light - or at the very least, a stop sign - at Herrick. St Andrew is the only main street in Fergus, Elora and Salem without any traffic calming measures. Why? And why is the speed limit 50 km here, whereas it is 40 km on all other downtown streets?

Anonymous
3/12/2021 06:33 PM

All for bikes but bike lanes on this section seem like a poor option given parallel quiet street options and 6 months of no use and plowing/parking challenges

Anonymous
3/12/2021 09:30 PM

As someone who has cycled around Fergus my whole life, I have always avoided cycling on the busy highway choosing from the many less busy streets around St. David St. Even adding cycle lanes would not change that for me. Streets with much less traffic and many more trees would still be my choice.

Anonymous
3/13/2021 08:16 AM

Highway 6 is not the place for bike lanes! Too much traffic and too dangerous.

Anonymous
3/13/2021 08:50 AM

It would be great to improve the appearance without disrupting traffic flow if it could be done at a reasonable cost.

Anonymous
3/13/2021 10:13 AM

I am a cyclist and do not use this road due to the traffic volume, even with a bike lane I wouldn't use it, too much traffic and exhaust, there are other roads to cycle on . So for me it's not important .

Anonymous
3/13/2021 10:31 AM

Address the number of large trucks going through red light at Garafraxa.

Anonymous
3/13/2021 12:37 PM

With the expansion happening in the town, St David is becoming less and less of a viable thoroughfare for traffic through the town. While

	the need for upgrading and replacing the sewers and mains is needed, along with resurfacing, it will not help the growing congestion on those sections of the road. Options for an arterial by-pass need to be considered. Using 2nd line between Fergus and Belwood or an alternative route between Fergus and Elora that connect to highway 6 in the North and South would greatly reduce the traffic.
Anonymous 3/14/2021 09:57 AM	An adequate highway 6 bypass of downtown would be a priority before changing this area. Only then, would it make sense to plant trees or add cycling lanes.
Anonymous 3/15/2021 11:52 AM	The long term plan should viewed even though this is just one small road section. Long term factors include: 1. Establishment of a larger cycling network 2. Climate change 3. Re-routing of truck traffic
Anonymous 3/15/2021 12:35 PM	Cycling is important however if we have to make a choice an increased size for the pubic realm is my preference. If the public realm has beautiful amenities like trees, pedestrian scale lighting, and seating, cyclists may choose to dismount and enjoy the stores. Pleas don't forget a few bike racks to encourage cyclists to stop and enjoy the area. Thanks
Anonymous 3/15/2021 02:14 PM	Being bike friendly does so much for both the residents and visitors. It also increases business for the downtown.
Anonymous 3/15/2021 05:16 PM	First choice would be to have designated cycling lanes on St. David but an alternate parallel cycling route with designated lanes would also be acceptable.
Anonymous 3/15/2021 09:02 PM	I was born and raised in Fergus. Also living in Vancouver for the last 6 years and recently returning to Fergus to live. Beautification through trees and lighting would really improve the appearance. This stretch of roadway has always been a “race” up the hill in a car and downright terrifying on a bike. To envision it a a beautiful tree lined street is so refreshing to me. Having experienced living in a biking city. Separated bike lanes are a must if you want people to really start using them and to build confidence in a community where everyone drives their car. I witnessed Bike lanes increase foot traffic density and help businesses survive and then thrive. People are more likely to get off their bike to enter a store than from their car.

Anonymous 3/16/2021 03:45 PM	I am 100% in favour of adding more bike lanes, however adding them to the main road through town doesn't add up. Gzowski St seems like a better solution for north-south bike traffic.
Anonymous 3/16/2021 04:26 PM	Bike lanes are least important to me. Would rather have space on sidewalks and maintain parking and road size
Anonymous 3/16/2021 04:59 PM	Keep in mind that this project passes through a Termite Zone. Please be mindful of moving soil & the possibility of spreading /increasing the number of termite colonies in the area.
Anonymous 3/16/2021 08:43 PM	More trees - when in doubt, always more trees! Thank you for your work in making Fergus a wonderful home for so many!
Anonymous 3/17/2021 03:22 PM	I also like improving foot traffic, adding benches and lights.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 07:01 PM	I am interested in the virtual open house to get more info. I live on the southwest corner of St David and Garafraxa and own a business in the Fergus Marketplace on the River (Fraberts Fresh Food)
Anonymous 3/17/2021 07:21 PM	Thankyou for the opportunity to provide feedback. We have an aging society and need to maximize parking spots in the downtown area and where ever their are homes and businesses.
Anonymous 3/17/2021 09:02 PM	Thankyou for the opportunity to provide input.
Anonymous 3/18/2021 10:57 AM	Thank you for providing a survey for community members.
Anonymous 3/18/2021 12:46 PM	Im a planning prof at U of G and would be willing to work with you for free to ensure the sustainability of any transportation plans and implementation strategies. Name is Nicolas Brunet, faculty in SEDRD at U of G
Anonymous 3/18/2021 01:35 PM	From what I understood, downtown Fergus businesses wanted to pull traffic/cyclists from the Elora Cataract Trailway so having dedicated bike lanes would be important to make cyclists and visitors feel safe. As a resident of Elora, there is absolutely no way I'd ride a bike on

	that street section in Fergus. If there was a dedicated bike lane I would be more likely to ride my bike on the trailway to get over to Fergus. As the previous social media volunteer for the ECTA, it is my opionion that it would be something that the Trailway and its users would certainly want to support. Even if people aren't ECTA users, any cyclist would benefit from being safe. I wish Canada could do a better job with making cyclists feel safe. If this is a start, then I support it. 100%!
Anonymous 3/19/2021 09:51 AM	Adjust all stop lights as some amber times varey. Add sensors so the advanced signal does not turn on without a vehicle present.
Anonymous 3/21/2021 03:26 PM	I'm fairly new to Fergus and live near St David's Street. It it so nice to be part of a community that has planned infrastructure updates and asks citizens for input like this. Thank you
Anonymous 3/21/2021 04:17 PM	Fergus is a lovely town but could be a beautiful town. Any project undertaken with improvement as its goal should do everything possible to increase the "wow factor" for citizens and tourists alike while keeping the infrastructure well maintained and up to date..
Anonymous 3/21/2021 04:33 PM	My ideal scenario would be a combination of Option 3 & 4. Some street parking, perhaps on one side only, dedicated bike lanes, and traffic calming features, and trees and wider sidewalks for a more pedestrian friendly space. Ideally, it might make sense to route a dedicated bike lane along a quieter street in the downtown area.
Anonymous 3/22/2021 04:36 PM	Fergus is looking very shabby relative to Elora. We need to put more focus on building and sustaining a vibrant downtown that attracts both local residents and tourists alike by encouraging pedestrian traffic and providing for tourist parking.
Anonymous 3/22/2021 06:31 PM	I fail to see how narrowing the street and adding bike lanes and ornamentation will help anyone, as long as transport trucks have to drive through Fergus.
Anonymous 3/24/2021 12:48 PM	It would be great to see the cost differences between each option up front as well. Helps some people justify their choices.. ie is no parking for downtown shopping but bike lanes for only 3 street intersections (in the entire town) worth 1 million more? Will those bike lanes help streamline traffic? Etc.

Anonymous 3/25/2021 06:17 AM	Please do the construction quickly and don't have roads in accessible while under construction. Also leave roadway wide because it helps the recycling trucks when all the cars are trying to go around them during rush hour
Anonymous 3/26/2021 02:09 PM	Please don’t take away parking. There isn’t enough bike traffic to warrant a lane, but extra sidewalk space will be helpful for walking traffic and outdoor seating
Anonymous 3/26/2021 05:47 PM	Narrowing the street and putting in bike lanes doesn’t make sense as long as the heavy truck traffic continues.
Anonymous 3/26/2021 10:01 PM	St. David Street North/Bridge Street/Tower Street is the main north/south route through Fergus for cars and trucks. Unfortunately this route cannot be widened and the volume of traffic continues to increase. While it would be nice to have wider sidewalks, flower beds and trees none of the options for redesigning St. David Street North addresses the issue of traffic volume. A downtown bypass needs to be created. With respect to beautifying downtown Fergus, the Township should be focusing on St. Andrew Street between St. David and Tower, not St. David Street North. Removing some of the parking spots, widening sidewalks and adding flower beds and trees to St. Andrew Street would do wonders for a drab downtown. It would bring life/people to the street, help to promote tourism and increase business for the store owners. The future is pedestrian oriented streets in the downtown core.
Anonymous 3/26/2021 10:31 PM	Things I would like to see: Centre turning lane, kept parking spaces (there are times with there isn't much parking downtown), sidewalk fixed at the north east corner of St George and St David to allow the sidewalk plow between the street light and retaining wall. The first question is difficult to pick one. I fit in 5 of the 7 options.
Anonymous 3/27/2021 10:43 AM	Same comments as in 4 above.
Anonymous 3/28/2021 01:52 PM	This section of road provides a vital connection to areas beyond Centre Wellington, attention needs to be paid to improving the operation of this section of roadway to include improved design at intersection of St Andrew St (remove parking spaces to facilitate turning movements), attention needs to paid to intersection at

Garafraxa St, turning lanes with additional storage should be considered. There could conceivably be implications on private property. Streetlighting on this entire corridor should be reviewed using photometrcis and appropriate lighting installed. All capital works undertaken in Centre Wellington should be done in accordance with AODA standards, in this corridor the width of sidewalks, curb ramps, driveway ramps and the location of signal poles and push buttons all require attention. The location of utilities should be reviewed with upgrades and relocations completed before undertaking this project.

Optional question (184 response(s), 585 skipped)
Question type: Essay Question