RAC Member Priorities Tracker
Using our road space differently

Cities around the world have been transforming their streets to create more space for people as part of the response to COVID-19, and to support economic recovery.

In May 2020, 584 of our members1 took part in a survey telling us about their experiences in April during the COVID-19 restrictions and their views on how we could use our road space differently.

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Members were asked their level of support for temporary trials to improve community connection and support social distancing.

48%

support converting road space to provide additional seating space for cafes and restaurants

28% oppose this2

53% of regular peak hour motorists3 supported this

46%

support limiting access to residential streets to ‘local and emergency traffic only’ to make it easier and safer to walk, cycle and play

24% oppose this2

44%

support converting road space to ‘pop-up’ bike lanes along popular routes

29% oppose this2

1 444 from the Perth and Peel region and 140 from regional WA. Age, gender and location sampling quotas were applied, and data has been post-weighted to be representative of RAC’s membership (which is broadly consistent with the WA population profile) - the margin of error at total sample level is +/-4% at the 95% confidence level.

2 Remaining responses neither supported nor opposed the initiative.

3 Drive in peak hour 5 or more days a week during April. More than 1 in 5 respondents were regular peak hour motorists.

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