Jam Jerrup – Potential Road and Drainage Upgrade Project

Community Consultation – Feedback Summary

Project Description

A community initiated road and drainage upgrade project along Foreshore Road and Bay Road in Jam Jerrup has been initiated through a petition to Council. Community consultation was carried out to determine a preferred design that best reflects the views of property owners. This will assist with the further development of the project, including estimating costs and how they might be shared.

Method of Engagement

A letter and questionnaire were sent via registered post, and email when available, to the 50 property owners on Foreshore Road and Bay Road, inviting them to share their thoughts on a potential road and drainage improvement project. Property owners were encouraged to select their preferred design features and provide feedback to help shape the design of the upgrade project.

Property owners were provided 4 weeks to provide feedback (5 August 2026 – 5 September 2026).

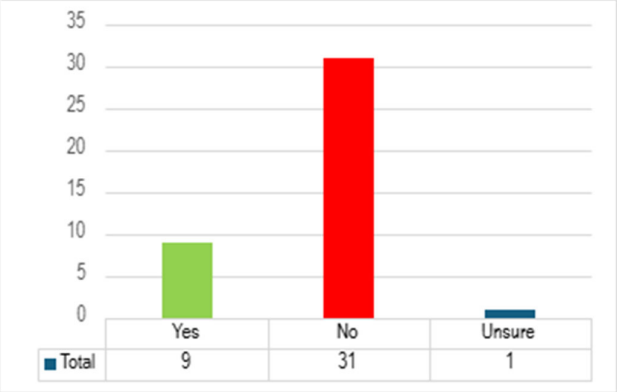
Results

Property owners provided feedback by returning questionnaires via email and post. In total, feedback was received from 41 property owners (84%) in Jam Jerrup. Results are shown on graphs provided.

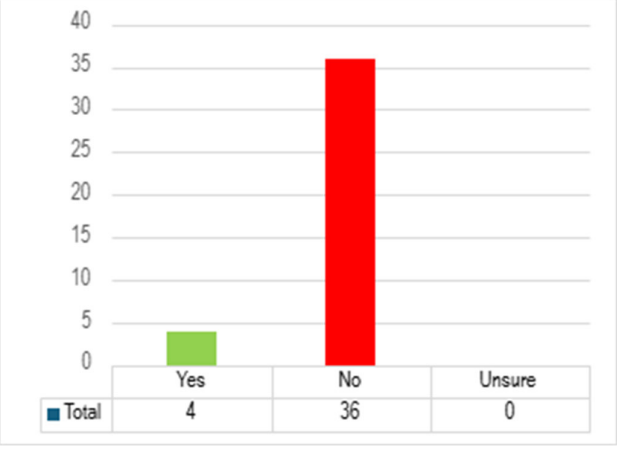
Next steps

Overall, 18 % of property owners are supportive of a special charge scheme for the purpose of improving road and drainage infrastructure in Jam Jerrup. This is insufficient support for Council to be able to proceed with the project at this time. If circumstances change and there is support in the future of 50% or greater, an upgrade project via a special charge scheme at Jam Jerrup can be reconsidered as per the Urban Road and Drainage Improvement Policy 2024.

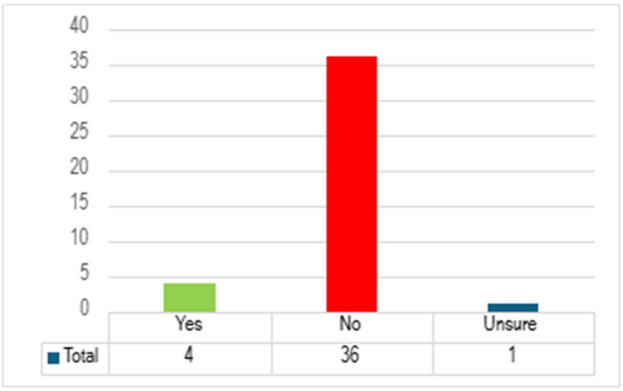
Question 1.a Would you like road sealing included in the design? (Foreshore Road)



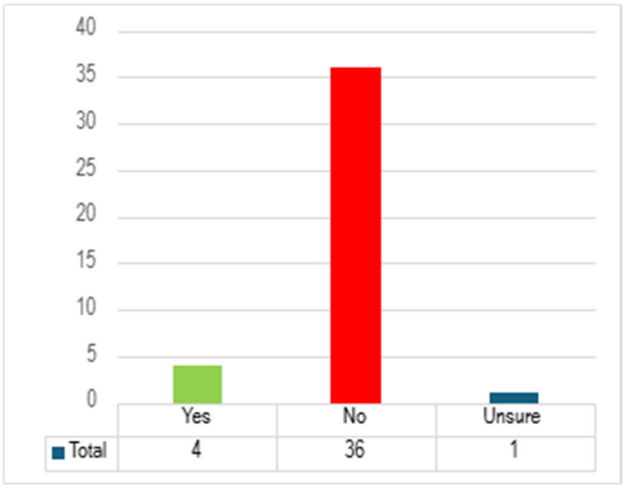
Question 1.b Would you like road sealing included in the design? (Bay Road)



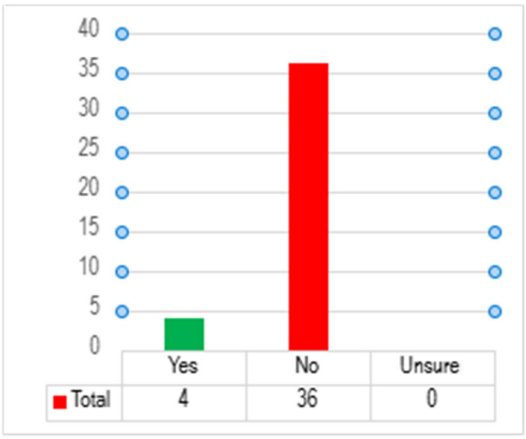
Question 1.c Would you like road sealing included in the design? (Bay Road to Existing Seal)



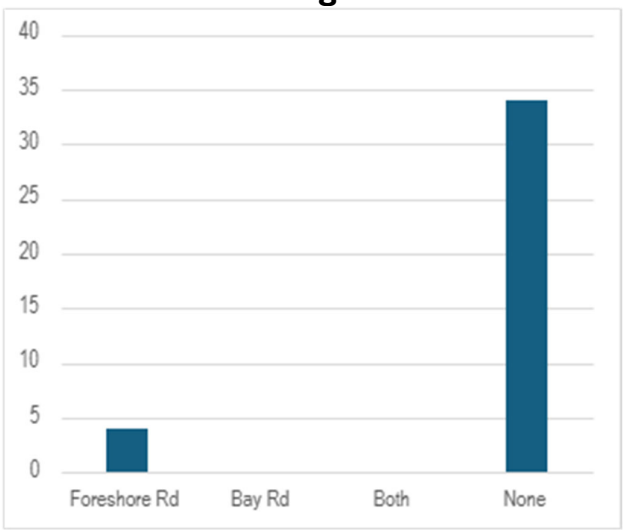
Question 3. Would you like underground drainage included in the design?



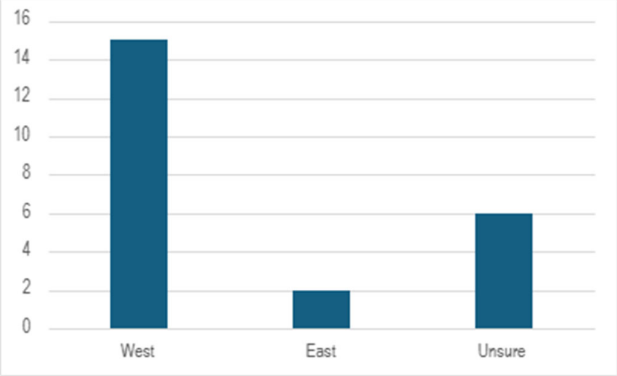
Question 2. Would you like concrete edging along either side of the sealed road?



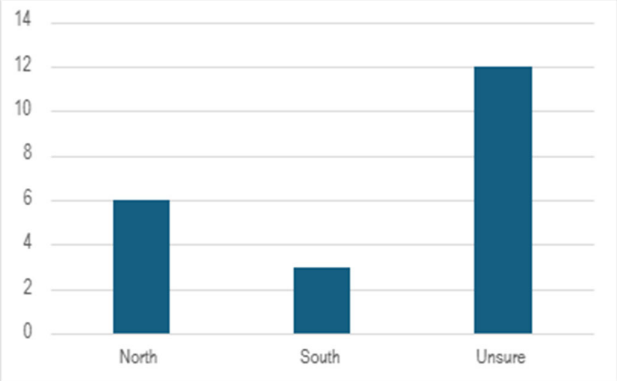
Question 4. Would you like a footpath included in the design?



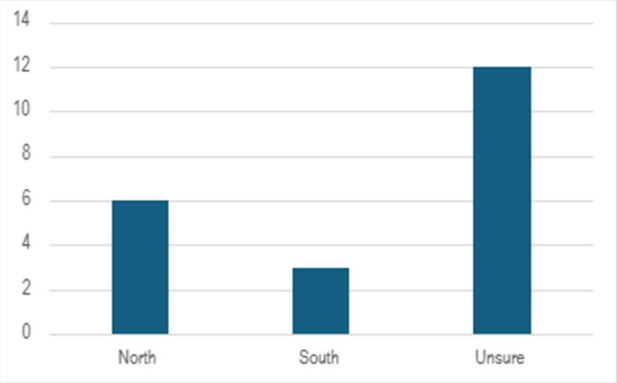
Question 5. If a footpath were installed on Foreshore Road, which side of the street would you like it on?



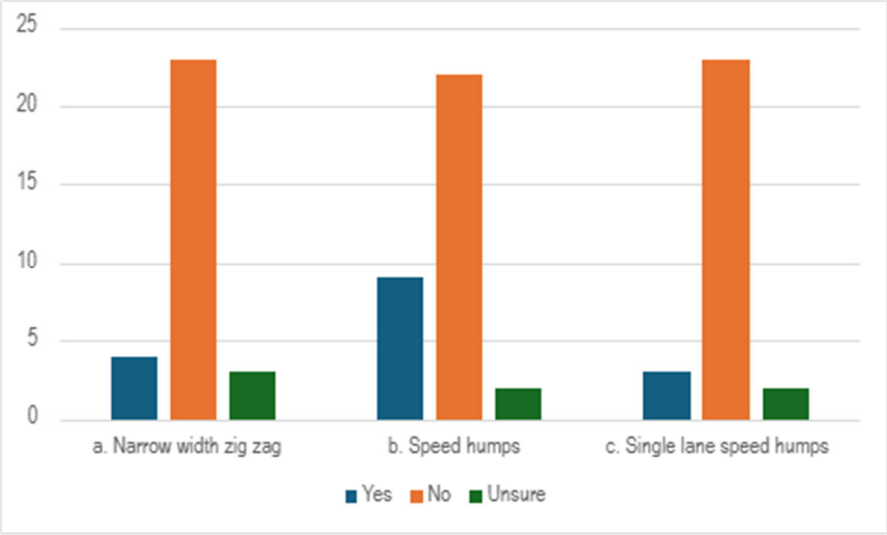
Question 6. If a footpath were installed on Bay Road, which side of the street would you like it on?



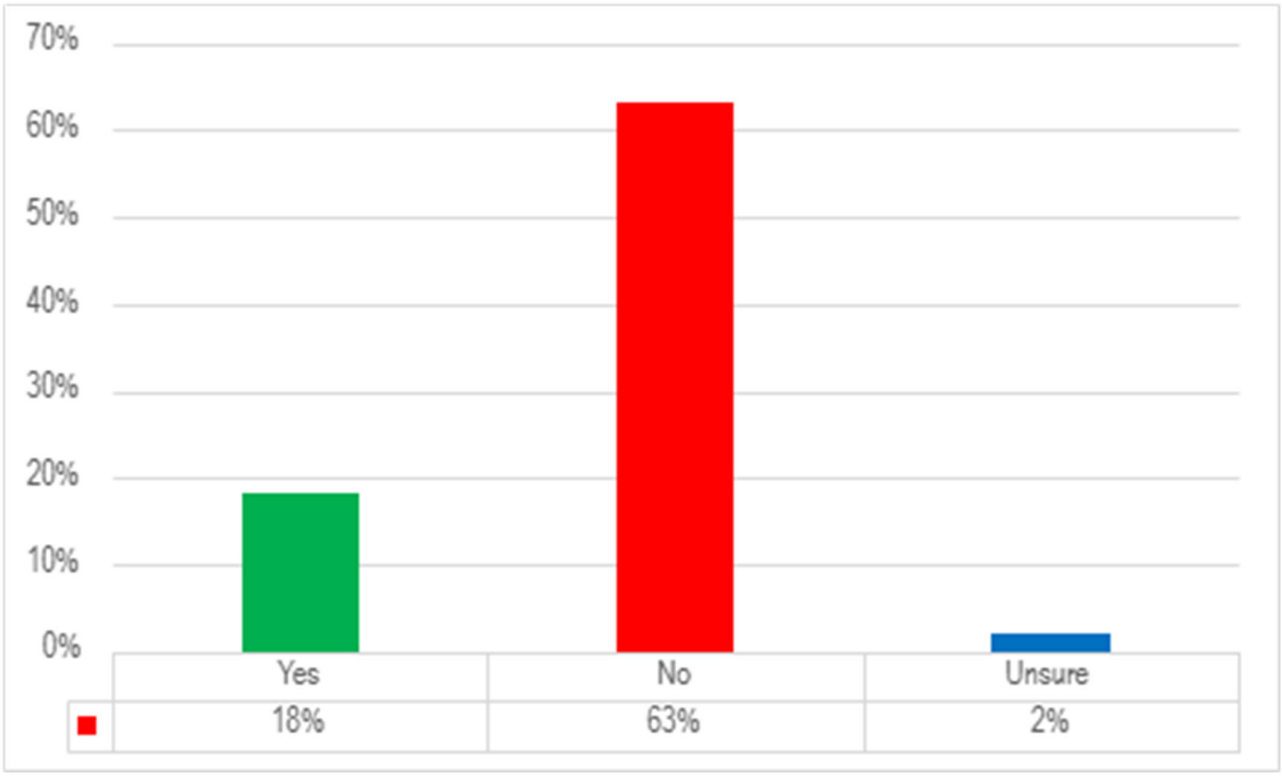
Question 7. Would you like traffic calming treatments to be included to slow vehicles along the road?



Question 8: If traffic calming treatments were installed, what type of traffic calming would you prefer to slow vehicles?



Question 9: Do you support Council proceeding with a Special Charge Scheme for the purposes of improving infrastructure in Jam Jerrup?



Other Property Owner Feedback:

<u>The indicative costs are too high and unaffordable</u>

We understand that the indicative costs presented as part of this consultation are significant and may be unaffordable for some property owners. Council recognises that cost of living pressures and personal financial circumstances are important considerations when deciding whether to support a project of this nature.

The indicative costs were provided to ensure transparency and allow property owners to make an informed decision at an early stage of the process. Due to the unique characteristics of the area, including natural environment and the complexity of constructing infrastructure in a coastal environment, costs are higher than those typically seen in urban road upgrade projects. The feedback received regarding affordability has been carefully considered and was a key factor identified through the consultation process.

<u>The cost sharing between Council and property owners is not fair and Council's contribution should be higher</u>

We appreciate that some property owners believe Council should contribute a greater share towards the cost of the proposed works.

Under Council's Special Charge Scheme framework, costs are shared between Council and benefiting property owners based on the relative benefits received by the wider community and the properties directly serviced by the infrastructure. Council's contribution is determined through a benefit ratio

assessment that considers factors such as road usage, traffic volumes and broader community benefit. The methodology for sharing costs is applied consistently across special charge schemes to ensure a fair and equitable approach for both participating property owners and the wider ratepayer community. Feedback relating to the level of Council contribution has been noted and considered as part of the consultation outcomes.

The project is not necessary, and the preference would be for roads and drainage infrastructure to stay as it is

We acknowledge that a number of property owners are satisfied with the existing road environment and do not consider an upgrade necessary at this time.

Council recognises that there are differing views within the community regarding the need for infrastructure improvements. The consultation was undertaken in response to a community-initiated petition requesting Council investigate potential road and drainage upgrades and to understand whether there was sufficient support to progress the project further. Feedback from property owners who preferred retaining the existing road and drainage conditions has been carefully considered and forms an important part of Council's understanding of community opinions.

Speed reduction signs/speed humps would be a more cost-effective way to deal with dust issues to slow traffic

We appreciate the suggestions regarding alternative measures to manage vehicle speeds and reduce dust generated by traffic.

Council acknowledges that speed reduction signage and speed humps may be lower-cost treatments compared to a full road upgrade. While traffic calming measures can assist in reducing vehicle speeds, they do not address all issues associated with unsealed roads, including ongoing pavement maintenance requirements, surface deterioration and dust generation during dry conditions. The feedback received regarding alternative traffic management options will be considered as part of any future assessment of road improvement needs in the area.

Works in the area would have a negative effect on coastal erosion, flora and fauna

We understand and appreciate the concerns raised regarding the potential impacts that road and drainage works may have on the surrounding coastal environment, including native vegetation, fauna habitat and coastal processes.

Environmental considerations are an important part of the planning and design process for any infrastructure project. Should a project proceed beyond the consultation stage, detailed investigations and assessments would be undertaken to identify any environmental constraints and determine how potential impacts could be avoided, minimised or managed. Any future works would be required to comply with relevant environmental legislation, approvals and permit requirements. The protection of the area's environmental values would be an important consideration in the development of any final design.

More Information

For more information, you can contact the Sustainable Transport and Movement Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 03 5671 2211. You can also email roadupgrades@basscoast.vic.gov.au.