

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SURVEY RESULTS

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Pedestrian-friendly streets are essential to keep Prahran healthy, liveable and safe – yet across our community pedestrian infrastructure is poor quality or absent entirely.

The results of my *Pedestrian Safety Survey* have shown that many residents feel unsafe whilst walking and over half experienced or witnessed a near miss. Hotspots include South Yarra station, the intersection of Dandenong Road and Chapel Street and the intersection of Commercial Road and Punt Road.

An overwhelming number of residents want to see more investment in pedestrian safety. That’s why I’m pushing for safer, more family-friendly pedestrian infrastructure like new and upgraded crossings, shared zones, widened footpaths and level-access tram stops.

I want you to know that your voice is being heard. Let’s keep up the pressure to improve pedestrian safety in Prahran.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hibbins'.

**Sam Hibbins MP**

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## SURVEY SNAPSHOT

### KEY RESULTS

**67%**

EXPERIENCED A NEAR MISS FIRST HAND

**45%**

FEEL VERY UNSAFE WHEN WALKING

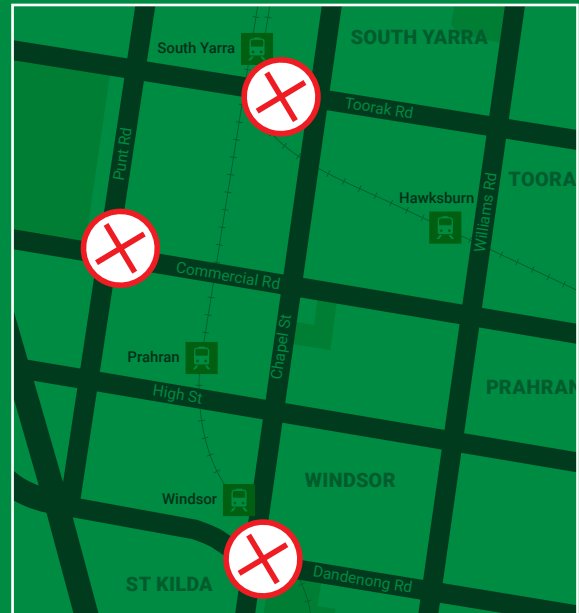
**94%**

FEEL VEHICLES POSE THE GREATEST RISK WHEN WALKING

**96%**

CALL FOR MORE INVESTMENT IN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

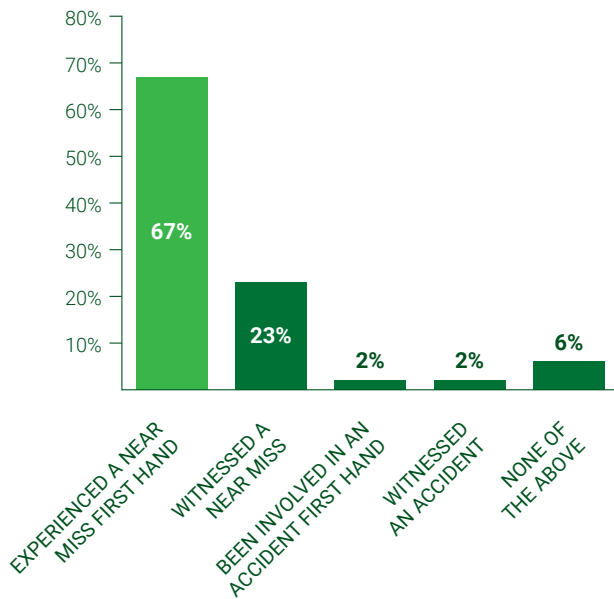
### HOTSPOTS



## EXPERIENCE OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

90% of respondents have experienced a near miss or witnessed a near miss when walking in Prahran. This highlights how precarious pedestrian safety is in Prahran and more must be done to reduce the frequency of these near misses.

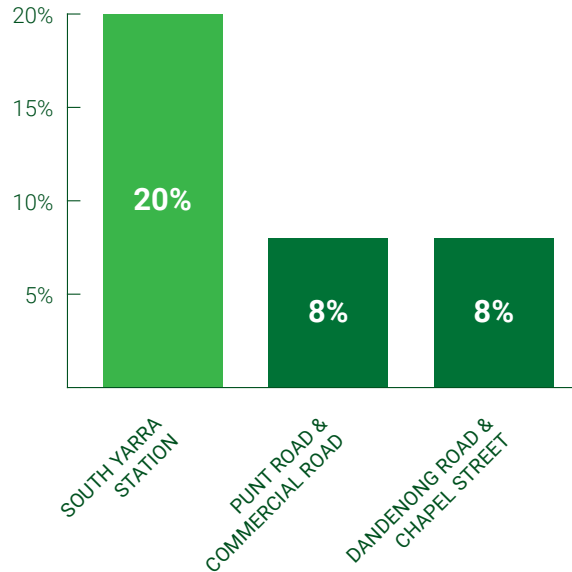
**Figure 1: Experience of pedestrian safety.**



## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY HOTSPOTS

The South Yarra station area tops the pedestrian safety hotspots list with over 20% of respondents highlighting issues. The second and third hotspots are the intersection of Punt Road and Commercial Road and the intersection of Dandenong Road and Chapel Street.

**Figure 2: Pedestrian safety hotspots.**

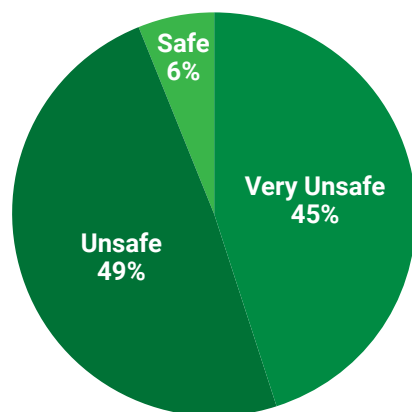


## SAFETY AND RISKS

94% of respondents stated that they felt either 'unsafe' or 'very unsafe' when walking around Prahran.

94% of respondents also indicated that the major risk to pedestrian safety in Prahran was posed by vehicles.

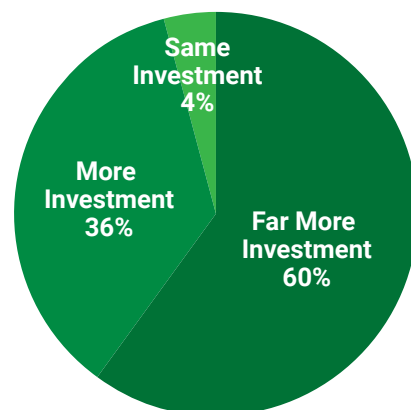
**Figure 3: Safety and risks.**



## INVESTMENT IN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

96% of respondents called for 'more' or 'far more' investment in pedestrian safety around Prahran and a wide range of possible solutions were suggested. 94% of respondents said they would support a local pedestrian safety campaign.

**Figure 4: Investment in pedestrian safety.**



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM RESPONDENTS

Problems and possible solutions suggested by survey respondents

## South Yarra Station Precinct

### Problems

Pedestrian volumes are very high. It's a blind corner with no footpath on one side of the side street.

Cars entering and exiting Yarra Street at Toorak Road and Pedestrians crossing Yarra Street with no light signals makes it a recipe for disaster.

There are tram stops and a train station and no pedestrian crossing.

Unsafe pedestrian crossing. Many pedestrians forced to cross between cars without adequate vision of traffic

Getting on and off trams. It's a miracle no one gets killed.

### Suggested solutions

**Pedestrian crossing:** Zebra crossing or pedestrian lights. Extend the pedestrian crossing outside the station – make it wider and last longer.

**Traffic management:** Make Yarra Street and Claremont Street one way around the block.

**Enforcement:** Vehicles who fail to stop while turning. The issue with the main crossing just needs better policing of existing road rules.

**Station entrance:** provide an entrance to the station further down Yarra Street.

**Traffic management treatment:** Speed bump prior to the stop sign, traffic lights and pedestrian lights.

**Tram super stop:** Raised tram stop with safe space for boarding/existing trams.

## Intersection of Punt Road & Commercial Road

### Problems

Primary and pre-school children crossing. Cars and trucks going 60km/h, tram route, two bus routes and two lanes of traffic going into one. Cars park across the walkway every day. It's only a matter of time before a child loses their life at this spot.

Cars not giving way to pedestrians in general at this very busy intersection.

### Suggested solutions

**Crossing guards:** They need a crossing supervisor for school kids.

**Pedestrian signage:** More give way to pedestrians signage and better street lines.

**Prioritise signals for pedestrians:** Longer crossing times, no turning into the pedestrian crossing when the walk light is green.

## Intersection of Dandenong Road & Chapel Street

### Problems

Motor traffic prioritised and there is not enough time for pedestrians to cross, making it extremely difficult if not impossible for the disabled, elderly and children to cross.

It is a major crossing point for school students and public transport users (trams and crossing to Windsor station).

### Suggested solutions

**Prioritise signals for pedestrians:** Longer time to cross the intersection.

**Commuter/pedestrian facilitates:** There should be more waiting places on the tram interchange where people want to cross.