



Let's connect with each other

Earlier this year, we spoke to our community about proposed road changes in two key areas to improve pedestrian safety:

- High Street, Maitland (between Ward Street and Victoria Street)
- Belmore Road, Lorn (from the Avenue to 90 metres north of Allan Street).

We collected over 100 online responses and recorded nearly 1,000 views and over 50 downloads for both the High Street and Belmore Road concept plans. This feedback will help inform the final designs and reports presented to the Local Traffic Committee and Transport for NSW.

Main takeaway

We heard that our community cares about pedestrian safety, while also being concerned with traffic flow and congestion on our roads. Overall, more than half of all respondents supported the proposed speed limit changes for Belmore Road, Lorn and High Street, Maitland.

Main reason for support: Speed changes and other solutions like infrastructure improvements are necessary for effective pedestrian safety.

Main reason for opposing: Concerns about congestion in both locations highlights the need to consider traffic flow and potential mitigation strategies.



“yes, lower speed makes it safer. And that's a matter of finding a balance between safe and practical. I don't see the problem with 40. It's already the speed limit in school zones anyway, so it's not like it's a new concept.”



“Thing is, lower speed limits cause congestion due to cars taking longer to move on.”

How we engaged

Online surveys

What we heard



High Street

55%

of respondents were supportive of reducing the speed limit to 40km/h



Belmore Road

57%

of respondents were supportive of reducing the speed limit to 40 km/h during certain hours to enhance safety

Where to from here?

Thank you to everyone who had their say and engaged with us through our online survey. Your input is invaluable and will help inform final plans and reports.



Key dates and timeline

- ▶ **Late 2024** – Report to Transport for NSW
- ▶ **Late 2024** – Present to Traffic Committee and report recommendations to council for endorsement
- ▶ **Early 2025** – We will update the community, including local residents and business owners, on the outcomes of this consultation. Changes will follow this (if endorsed).