

# ACTIVE VICTORIA



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## Foreword

Streets Alive Yarra is a non-profit, volunteer, resident and ratepayer action group with a [vision](#) for more trees, wider footpaths and vibrant businesses in thriving [neighbourhoods](#). We see our streets being used by people from [all ages](#), irrespective of whether they walk, cycle, use public transport or drive. Residents and shoppers should be able to move safely, comfortably, and conveniently around Yarra; and park near shops.



*Image credit: OCULUS Landscape Architecture and Urban Design*

Streets Alive Yarra was founded in 2017 and now has over 2,600 likes on Facebook. A network of local champions develops concepts and proposals for how to improve their local street or precinct. Streets Alive Yarra is also Yarra's Walkability Action Group (WAG) representative for Victoria Walks.

Further information is available at: [streets-alive-yarra.org/about](https://streets-alive-yarra.org/about).

# Feedback

## Highlight walking and cycling

Active Victoria should explicitly include, and highlight, walking and cycling for transport and utility as part of 'active sport and recreation'. Specifically, Active Victoria should highlight walking or cycling to school, work, friends' houses, shops, services or organised sport. Activity that is part of normal everyday life is the type of activity that is scalable across the entire population, delivering the maximum possible benefits at better benefit/cost ratios than other options.

## Monitoring and evaluation

Streets Alive Yarra supports the recommendation to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework. Specifically, Active Victoria should recommend:

- Installing modern low-cost camera-based sensors on at least 1,000 streets throughout greater Melbourne, to count the number of people walking and cycling
- Sensors should have functionality similar to those from <https://vivacitylabs.com>, using artificial intelligence to automatically detect and count people walking and cycling

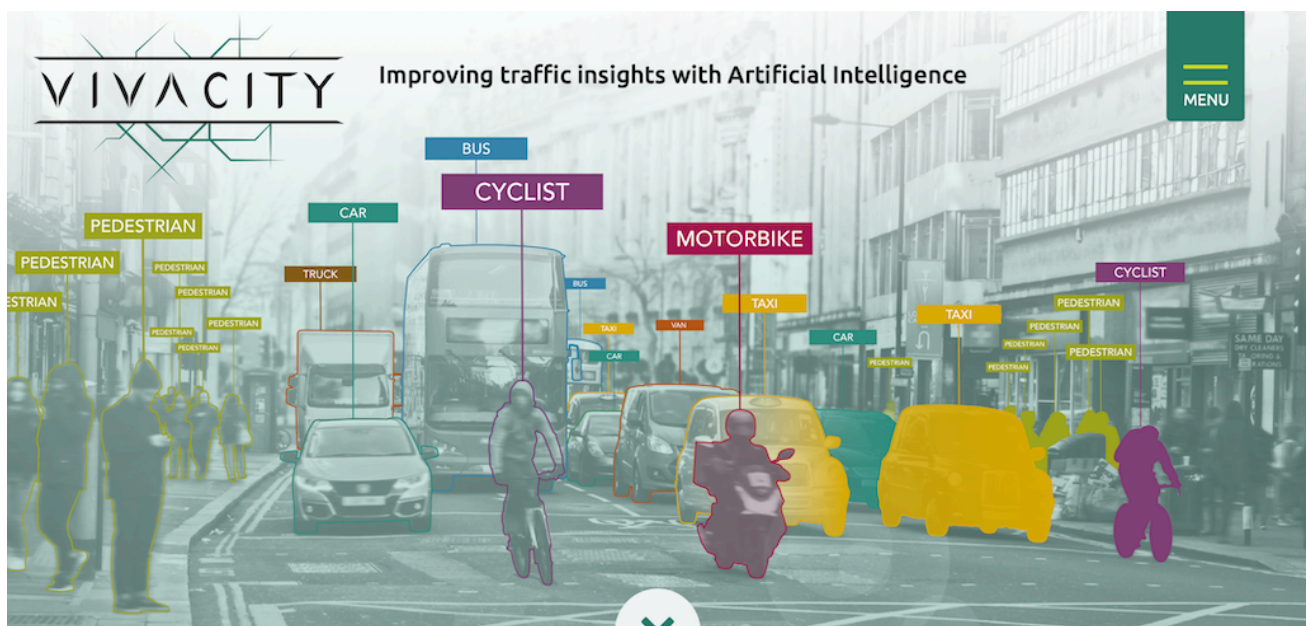


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## Infrastructure

Streets Alive Yarra supports the stated role for Active Victoria of “Supporting the delivery of accessible, safe and appropriate infrastructure which provides benefits to local communities”.

### What is our role in meeting these challenges and opportunities?

*\*Supporting the delivery of accessible, safe and appropriate infrastructure which provides benefits to local communities*

*\*Delivering initiatives and events that encourage the realisation of the positive benefits of participation in sport and recreation for all Victorians*

*\*Encouraging our partners and our people to respond to the challenges faced by the sector to improve equity, capability and integrity*

*\*Promoting Victoria as a world leader in the delivery of events and the development of our high-performance athletes*

*Image credit: Active Victoria Refresh Discussion Paper*

To deliver against this role, Active Victoria should recommend investment in infrastructure to support walking and cycling, including:

- 30 km/h zones
- Footpaths that are at least 2.0 metres wide
- Continuous footpaths (raised threshold treatments)
- Safe crossings
- A network of protected bicycle lanes that are 3.0 metres wide
- Protected intersections
- An urban forest to provide shade and beauty for people walking and cycling
- Places to site and rest
- Places to lock bikes

## Concluding remarks

Streets Alive Yarra would be delighted to provide further detail or explanation of the themes raised in this document.

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