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Beach Road truck curfew survey

Community Consultation Report

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

Beaconsfield Parade/Beach Road is an arterial road which serves as a popular route for tourists, cyclists and the freight industry. Trucks regularly use Beach Road due to its access to Station Pier, the changing Port Melbourne and CBD. The existing truck curfews are in operation from 8pm to 6am Monday to Saturday and from 1pm Saturday to 6am Monday from Bay Street to the Nepean Highway.

VicRoads are working closely with the City of Port Phillip, Kingston City Council, Bayside City Council and the Victorian Transport Association to review the way trucks use Beaconsfield Parade/Beach Road corridor and whether the current truck curfews are appropriate.

VicRoads completed origin-destination surveys in 2016 to help to determine how many trucks made local trips and how many made through trips along Beach Road. Truck travel patterns were recorded by capturing number plates of trucks passing a camera and then matching these to determine where trips started and ended.

These surveys showed that during the current curfew period (Wednesday 5 October 2016 between 8pm and 6am): 83% had a local destination 17% made a through trip and during the current weekend non-curfew period (Saturday 8 October 2016 between 6am and 1pm) 52% had a local destination 48% made a through trip.

1.2. The project

In March 2017 VicRoads engaged the local community to give us feedback through an online survey to understand the impact of the current truck curfews along Beach Road and Beaconsfield Parade on the community.

There was a Facebook post to advertise the survey.

1.3. Key activities and responses

For the first two weeks in March 2017 the survey was open and there were 927 completed responses.

The majority of participants were from four suburbs: Port Melbourne, Black Rock, Albert Park and St Kilda.

The majority of respondents, 78%, were local residents and local business owners and non local visitors was 22%.

1.4. The overall reaction

There was a mixed reaction from the community in their understanding of the existing truck curfews with 34% of respondents aware of the existing truck curfews and the remaining 66% are only either slightly aware or unaware of the curfews.

There was also a mixed response if respondents felt that drivers complied with the curfew with 23% of respondents believing truck drivers are highly compliant with the existing curfew. 30% saying that truck drivers are only somewhat compliant, while 24% believe that truck drivers rarely comply. 23% aren't sure.

There was significant support for the truck curfews with 69% of respondents strongly supporting the current truck curfews.

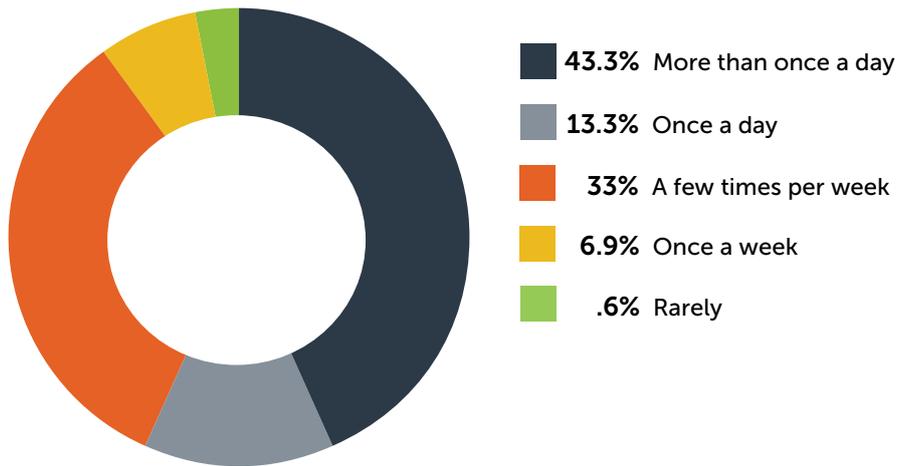
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2. Survey Results

2.1. Using Beach Road

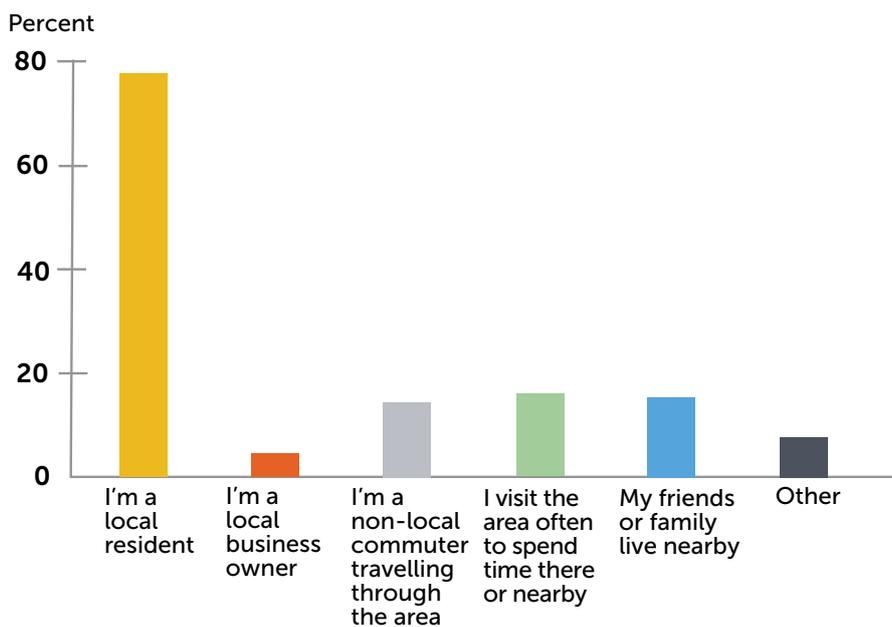
How often do you travel along, use or cross Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road, between Port Melbourne and Black Rock?

There is frequent use of these roads with almost half the respondents use these streets more than once a day, one third use it a few times a week.



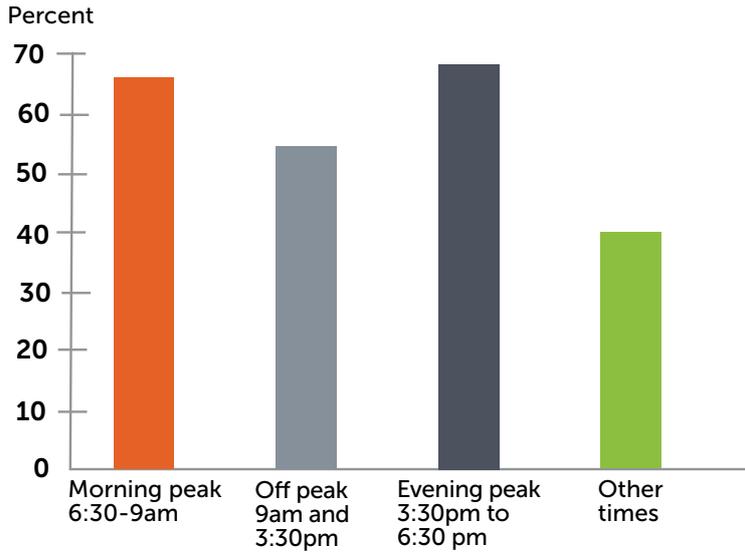
Why do you travel along, use or cross Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road? (choose all that apply)

Most people use the roads because they are local residents.



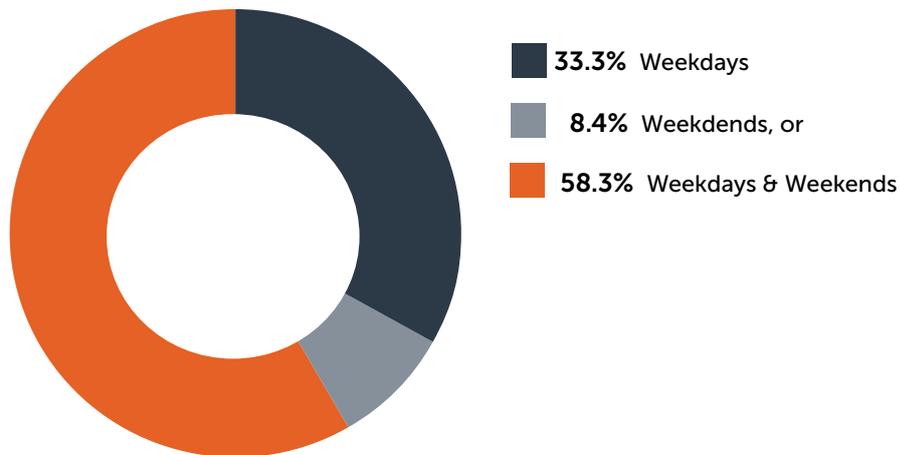
When do you travel along, use or cross Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road? (choose all that apply)

Respondents travel along the road at all times of the day.



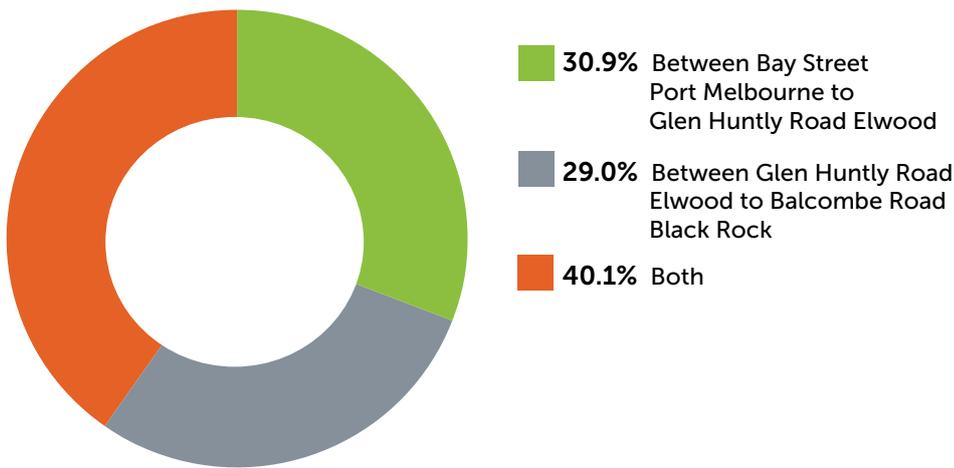
On which days does this use mainly occur?

Over half the respondents use the roads across the week on both weekdays and weekends.



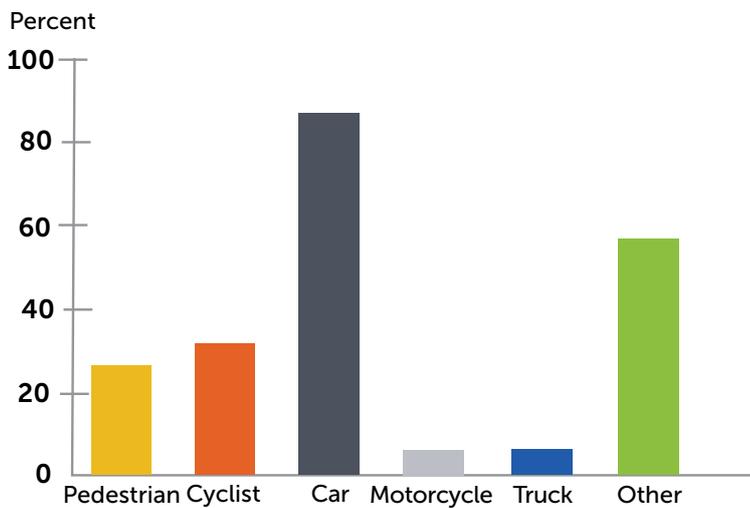
Which section of Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road do you use most?

There is consistent usage of all the sections of these roads surveyed, with just fewer than half the respondents saying they used both between Bay Street Port Melbourne to Glen Huntly Road Elwood and between Glen Huntly Road Elwood to Balcombe Road Black Rock.



When using Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road what is your usual mode of travel? (choose all that apply)

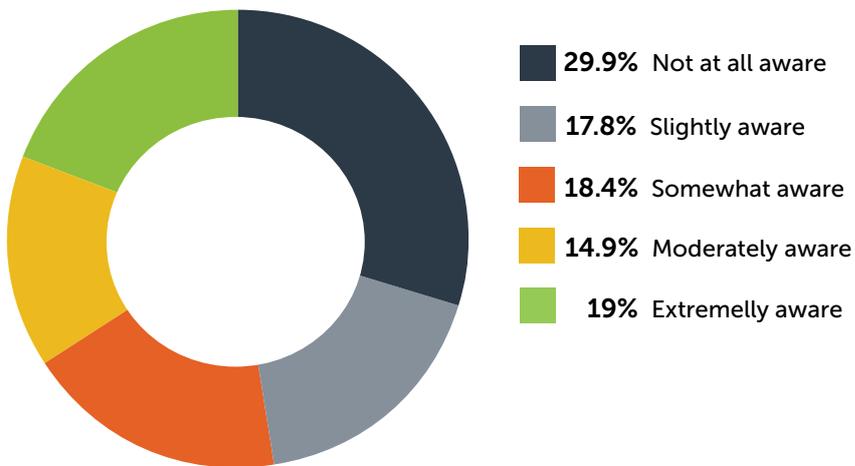
Majority of respondents are using cars when using Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Roads with one third also using a bicycle and a quarter being pedestrians.



2.2. Understanding of truck curfews

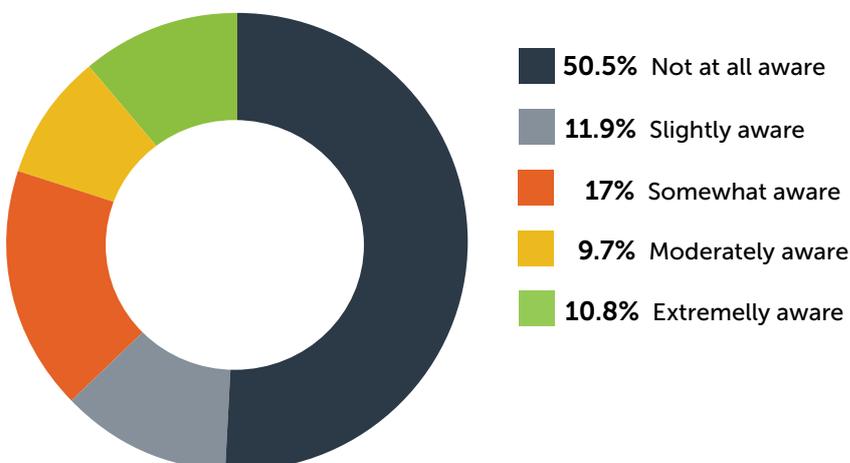
On a scale of 1-5 where 1 is 'not at all aware' and 5 is 'extremely aware', how familiar are you with the Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road truck curfew?

34% of respondents were aware of the existing truck curfew. The remaining 66% are only either slightly aware or unaware of the curfews.



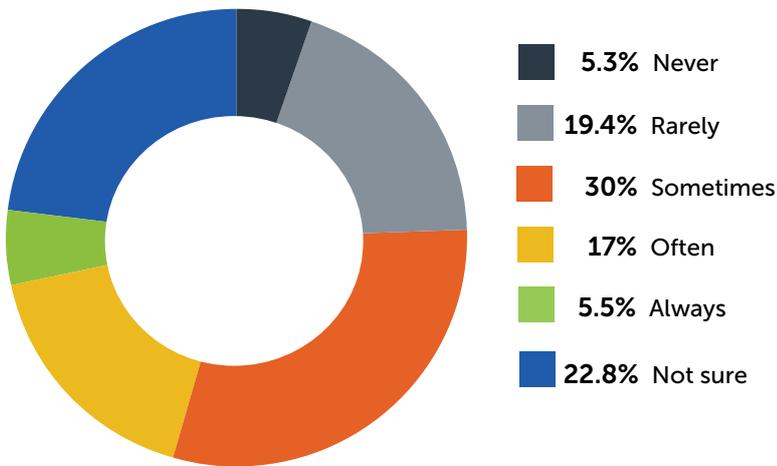
With this description in mind, on a scale of 1-5 where 1 is 'not at all aware' and 5 is 'extremely aware', how familiar are you with the Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road truck curfew?

Half of the respondents were not aware of the truck curfews with 20% being extremely or moderately aware.



On a scale of 1-5 where 1 is 'never' and 5 is 'always', to the best of your knowledge, how well do truck drivers comply with the Beaconsfield Parade/ Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road truck curfew?

There was a mixed response in how respondents felt drivers complied with the curfews. 23% of respondents believed truck drivers are highly compliant with the existing curfew. 30% say that truck drivers are only somewhat compliant, while 24% believe that truck drivers rarely comply. 23% aren't sure.



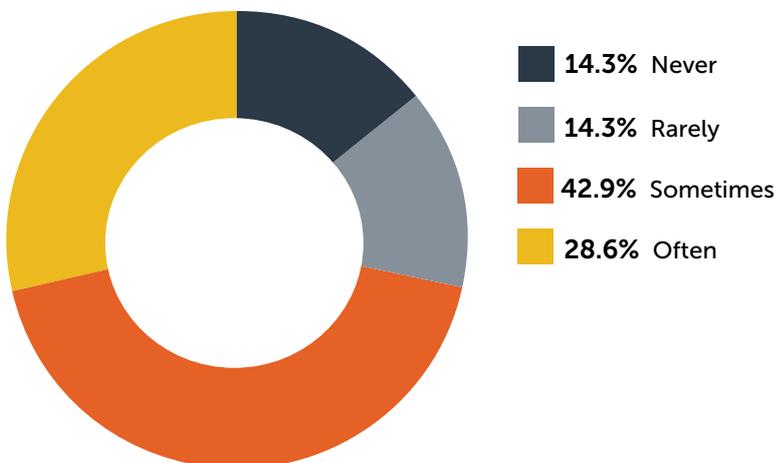
2.3. Local business owners

You previously told us that you are a local business owner. Do you receive goods deliveries by truck?

There was a very similar response to who receives goods by truck with 46% of respondents received goods by truck and 54% do not.

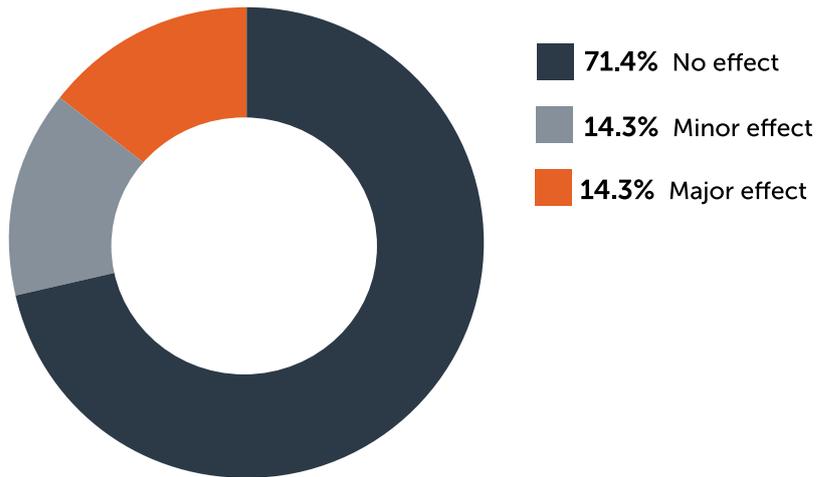
How often do you receive goods deliveries by truck?

There was a varying response from business owners if they had goods delivered by truck with almost half the respondents 43% saying it was only sometimes and a quarter 26% saying often, the remainder are rarely or never.



On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is 'no affect' and 5 is 'major affect,' please indicate how much the truck curfew affects your business.

The significant response was that the curfews had no affect on respondents businesses.



Please explain what these effects are.

There were two responses to this question:

- Trucks causing traffic build up blocking the roads not allowing customers to reach my bussines
- Time big issue

2.4. Impact of curfews

On a scale of 0-10 where 0 is strongly disagree and 10 is strongly agree, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Since the curfew was introduced, Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road feels safer.

In general respondents had a mixed reaction to how safe they felt, with significant number of respondents indicating it had no impact in increasing safety.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
99	59	65	89	56	204	76	85	89	33	72

Since the curfew was introduced, Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road is less noisy.

In general respondents had a mixed reaction to how they felt the curfews impacted noise levels, with significant number of respondents indicating it had no impact on reducing noise.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
103	55	59	97	66	193	68	105	88	36	57

Since the curfew was introduced, the air quality around Beaconsfield Parade/Ormond Esplanade/Beach Road seems to have improved.

In general respondents had a mixed reaction to how they felt the curfews improved air quality, with significant number of respondents indicating it had no impact on improving air quality.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
105	48	74	72	68	268	65	86	71	21	48

2.5. Support for curfews

And on a scale of 0-10 where 0 is strongly oppose and 10 is strongly support, what is your level of support for the truck curfew?

69% of respondents strongly support the current truck curfews.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
46	9	13	15	10	36	15	22	66	54	640

3. Summary

There was a mixed reaction from the overall response to the survey on the understanding of the existing truck curfews with 34% of respondents aware of the existing truck curfews and the remaining 66% are only either slightly aware or unaware of the curfews.

The results indicated that a significant number of local business owners who responded were not impacted by the current truck curfews. 72% responding that truck curfews have no impact, 14% said the impacts were minor and the remaining 14% said it had a major impact on their business.

Overall the community supported the truck curfews on Beach Rd.

4. Next steps

Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey in May 2017.

After considering the traffic survey and community feedback a trial truck curfew will be implemented from early November 2017

The proposed new trial curfew extension will cover the time between 6am and 1pm Saturday.

A consultative group with key stakeholders will be set up to meet during trial curfews to review how the trial curfews operate and address issues in relation to the trial.

After the trial period VicRoads will also review traffic data and undertake community survey to understand the impact of the trial and to inform decision on how truck movements along Beach Road corridor are managed in the future.

