

FERNLEIGH AWABAKAL SHARED TRACK

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

STAGE ONE 26 FEBRUARY - 7 APRIL 2020

We asked

Throughout March 2020, we sought feedback on the proposed Fernleigh Awabakal Shared Track (FAST) route, its design and other project elements.


The FAST project will link the end of the Fernleigh Track at Belmont with Blacksmiths Beach, creating a 27km walking and cycling route from Murrays Beach to Adamstown.

Engagement included a Shape Lake Mac page (shape.lakemac.com.au/fast) where visitors could provide feedback on what they wanted to see, what they liked about the project and areas of concern.

They could also pinpoint specific areas of the route for discussion, via an interactive 'Social Pinpoint' map.


Two drop-in sessions were held on-site during March, at Brandt Close and on the corner of Beach Street and Ocean Park Road in Belmont. Attendees were invited to provide feedback, which was added to the Shape Lake Mac page.

You participated

 **38,600+ people** reached via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

 **5,000+ people** reached via Your City electronic newsletter

 **750+ visits** to Council's online engagement portal Shape Lake Mac

 **165 discussion comments** including votes on those comments

What you liked

■ 16 responses

- Separates cyclists from roads/Pacific Highway
- Provides regionally significant infrastructure
- Provides missing link of route from Murrays Beach to Adamstown

What you want to see

■ 25 responses

- Separation of walkers from cyclists (single lane for walkers, two for cyclists)
- Rest areas, viewing platforms and drinking stations along route
- Interpretive signage recognising history and heritage of route and landmarks
- Re-routing of track to other side of Beach Street oval

Areas of concern

■ 63 responses

- Route's proposed proximity to residential fence-lines is undesirable and will negatively impact residents
- Entry point to Brandt Close is undesirable and will negatively impact residents
- Potential for increased noise, criminal activity and use of motorbikes along route
- Potential for increased vehicle, pedestrian and cycling activity in surrounding area
- Loss of privacy and amenity for residents close to the route
- Proposed route doesn't capitalise on the area's scenic qualities

Social Pinpoint

■ 61 responses

- Adequate separation from vehicles required along Pacific Highway
- Track could be relocated east to avoid local roads and the highway
- Lagoon section will be a great addition

"It's great to see important infrastructure like this prioritised."

"The proposed route is very intrusive on the privacy and wellbeing of the local residents."

"As a senior, I would like to see some rest areas along the pathway, and water stations."