

Exchange Summary

Thought Exchange, City of Nelson
March 11, 2021

What do you think about the current speed limit on local streets in Nelson? Is it safe and efficient for all road users?



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327
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429
Thoughts



11,436
Ratings



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Do you live in the City of Nelson?



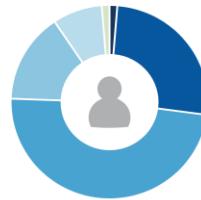
%	Answer
85% (265)	yes
7% (21)	no
8% (27)	no, but I work in Nelson

How do you typically move around the City



%	Answer
74% (230)	Mostly motor vehicle (driver or passenger)
5% (17)	Mostly bike
19% (58)	Mostly walk
2% (7)	Other

What's your age?



%	Answer
1% (2)	under 18
26% (82)	19-35
49% (152)	36-50
15% (48)	51-65
8% (25)	over 65
1% (2)	prefer not to answer

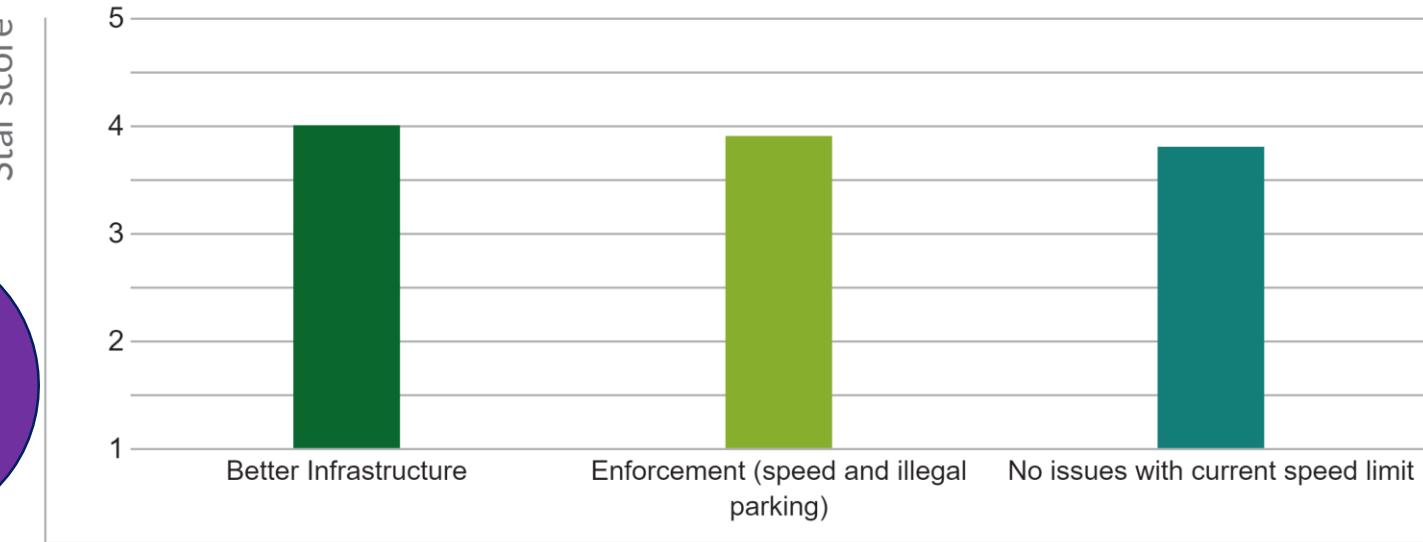
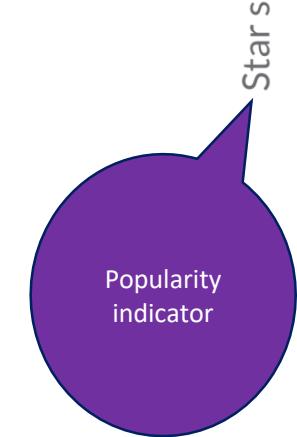


pedestrians nelson
speed limit safe stop
road
streets think **flashing** safety
current cross drivers
traffic fine + lights signs
intersections walk
people bike **crosswalks** cars
drive enforcement lower
reducing parking slow



30KM/H THOUGHTEXCHANGE

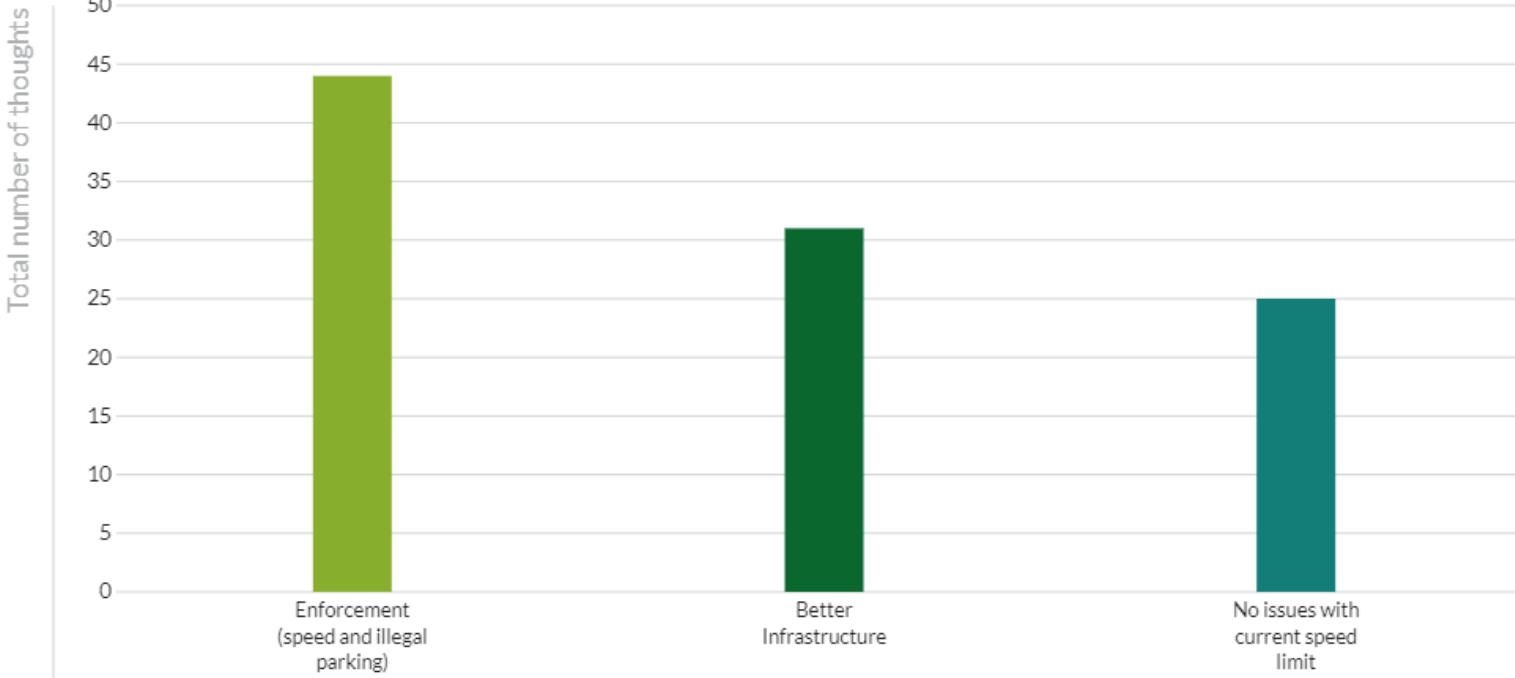
Top Themes





30KM/H THOUGHTEXCHANGE

Top Themes (taken from the top 100 thoughts)





THOUGHTS

Better Infrastructure



Crosswalks need bolder designation--brighter painting, flashing signs Many drivers in Nelson ignore crosswalks. Let's make them unignorable.

4.2  (32 people)

Flashing lights for pedestrian crossings Making them more visible

4.1  (27 people)

Traffic engineering is terrible. The Hall St. intersection is the perfect example. Nobody can see southbound cars travelling uphill without a stopsign Good sight lines allow drivers to focus on things like cyclists and pedestrians with fewer distractions.

4.1  (17 people)



THOUGHTS

Enforcement (speed and illegal parking)



I have seen the speed reader data on Douglas street. Here were some cars doing 80+km/hr and a top speed of 99km/hr. No enforcement means people speed with impunity.

4.3  (19 people)

Yes, 40km/hr is plenty slow. If you did more speed checks at this speed there wouldn't be an issue.

4.2  (34 people)

start enforcing people stopping at stop signs, stop those parking to close to stop signs. It's super hard to see if traffic is coming when a car is parked so close to the intersection .

4.1  (34 people)



THOUGHTS

No issues with current speed limit



I think the 40 km speed limit is good. Reducing to 30 will not reduce accidents. The primary cause of accidents are drivers on cell phones/distracted drivers, and complacency.

3.8  (35 people)

Is there a problem with the current speed limit? When a street has cars then people just drive slower. 30 is really slow. You should consider it only on specific dangerous locations.

3.8  (35 people)

30km per hour is barely out of 1st gear and braking consistently in 2nd. If drivers are going the speed limit of 40km, they should have no problem slowing or stopping for hazards.

3.8  (34 people)



THOUGHTS



- Are you in favour of reducing the speed limit to 30km/h on local streets in Nelson?



%	👤	
33% (103)	██████	yes
54% (166)	██████	no
13% (41)	████	unsure



COMMON THOUGHTS BETWEEN “SIDES”



Side A

Leave well enough alone I dont see the need to slow down traffic, I dont think the stats for nelson justifies it.

★ 4.8 ★ 1.2

I see no problem with the speed limits as is iv bern here all My life 60yrs

★ 4.7 ★ 1.1

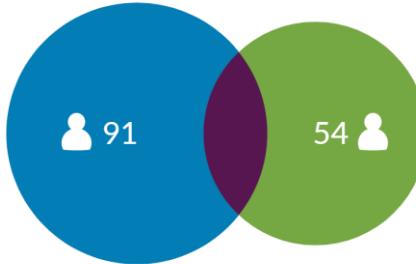
Side A/B Common (high)

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★ 4.4 ★ 4.1

Yes, 40km/hr is plenty slow. If you did more speed checks at this speed there wouldn't be an issue.

★ 4.4 ★ 3.8



Side B

Get 'er done!

★ 1.1 ★ 4.5

More and more places are lowering their speed limit That's a good thing, we should be part of that movement

★ 1.3 ★ 4.7

The 2 camps agree on the theme of enforcement



CONCLUSIONS

- Seems like a solid majority is not in favor of reducing the speed limit to a “blanket” 30km|h
- Opportunities:
 - 30KM|H along designated active transportation corridors, school zones, proximity to parks, etc.
 - Better and safer intersection treatments in known problematic areas
 - Work within the sidewalk improvement budget to identify these locations and find solutions:
 - Line painting should be done earlier
 - Bump outs at busy intersections
 - No parking signs in proximity to intersection
 - Better lighting
 - Pedestrian refuge
 - Additional enforcement (speeding & parking)
 - Additional speed reader board (seems effective + obtain data)

