



CITY OF LETHBRIDGE



Downtown Speed Reduction Survey What We Heard Report

July 2020

DOWNTOWN SPEED REDUCTIONS

WHAT WE HEARD FINAL REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY

For the month of June, the City of Lethbridge sought feedback on potentially reducing speed limits in the downtown. The reasoning for the proposed speed reductions was to help in achieving the overall vision for downtown as a vibrant prosperous place that provides a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians and cyclists. It would also achieve a significant step towards increased transportation safety and the goal of eliminating major injury and fatal collisions on City roads.

As of June 30th when the survey was closed 2204 individual survey responses were received with overwhelming support for **not** reducing speeds within the downtown.

BACKGROUND HISTORY

With the combination of major street construction projects coming forward to improve the environments for both pedestrians (3rd Avenue Reconstruction) and cyclists (4th Avenue and 7th Street Cycling Corridors) along with expanded public seating through sidewalk patios and parklets it was thought to be a good time to explore speed reductions. Further, the City is currently wrapping up its Traffic Safety Plan which will include elements of Vision Zero.

ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Downtown BRZ and Heart of Our City Engagement – May 2020
- Public Survey – June 2020
- What We Heard Report – July 2020

DELIVERABLES/OUTCOMES

What We Heard Report capturing general levels of public support for reducing speeds in the downtown. If supported, report would be prepared for City Council to make decision on whether to proceed with initiative.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

- Survey to be pushed out utilizing City social media, no specific PSA or Media Event.
- Survey results and next steps to be shared with public.

WHAT WE HEARD

SURVEY (JUNE 8 – JUNE 30, 2020)

- 2204 individual responses
- Relationship to downtown
 - o Residents – 12%
 - o Business owners – 4%
 - o Downtown employees – 25%
 - o Users of downtown (eat, shop, play) – 75%
 - o Other – 4%
- How often visit downtown
 - o Daily – 32%
 - o Weekly – 40%
 - o Monthly – 19%
 - o Couple times a year – 8%
 - o Never – 1%
- Support for speed reductions
 - o Reduce to 30km/h – 12%
 - o Reduce to 40km/h – 11%
 - o Maintain speeds at 50km/h – 77%
- Observations from cross analysis of results
 - o Residents and Users (shop, eat, play, health & fitness) are more supportive (approx. +6%) of speed reductions as opposed to business owners and those who work downtown.
 - o Those who go downtown monthly or a few times a year are more supportive (approx. +11%) of speed reductions as opposed to those who frequent daily or weekly.
- A detailed text analysis was not completed given the high volume of responses. However, a high level text analysis of **why you feel speeds should remain at 50 km/h in the downtown**. The top 5 reasons were:
 1. People already drive slower than 50 downtown as there are so many lights and crosswalks that already act as speed deterrent
 2. If it's not broken, leave it alone.
 3. Speed reduction is merely a cash grab.
 4. Speed reductions will keep people from going Downtown
 5. Speed reduction will hinder traffic flow and increase congestion.

APPENDICES

- Downtown Speed Reductions Final Survey Results Report



Downtown Speed Reduction Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

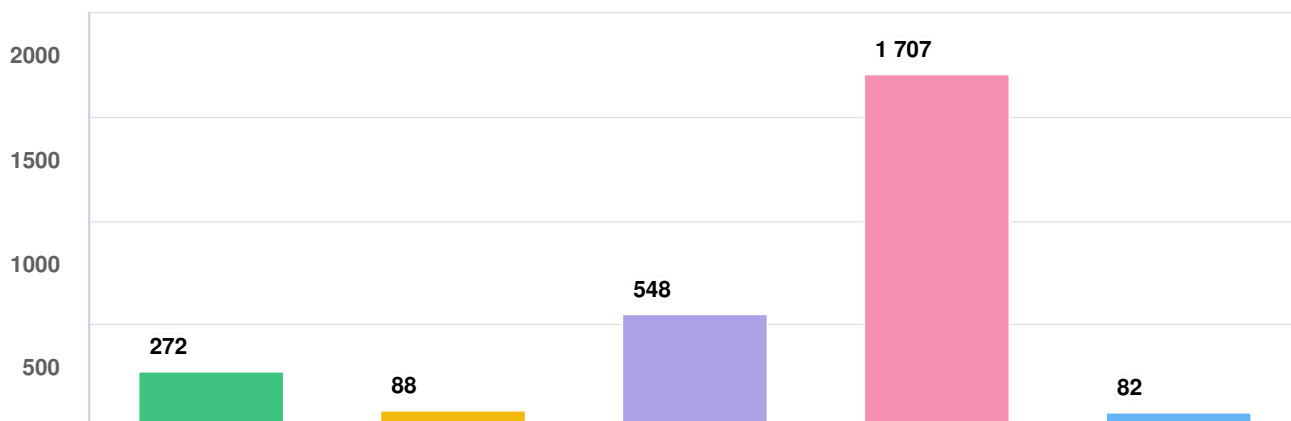
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PROJECT NAME:

#OurDowntown

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 What is your relationship to downtown?



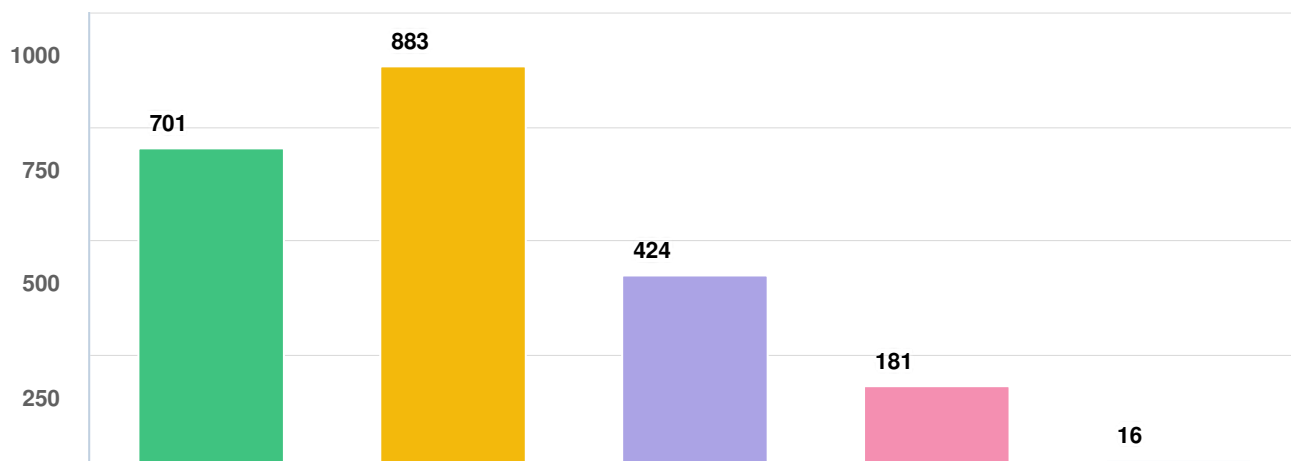
Question options

- Resident
- Business Owner
- Work downtown
- User of downtown (eat, shop, play, health & fitness)
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (2204 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 How often do you visit and spend time (not just drive through) downtown?

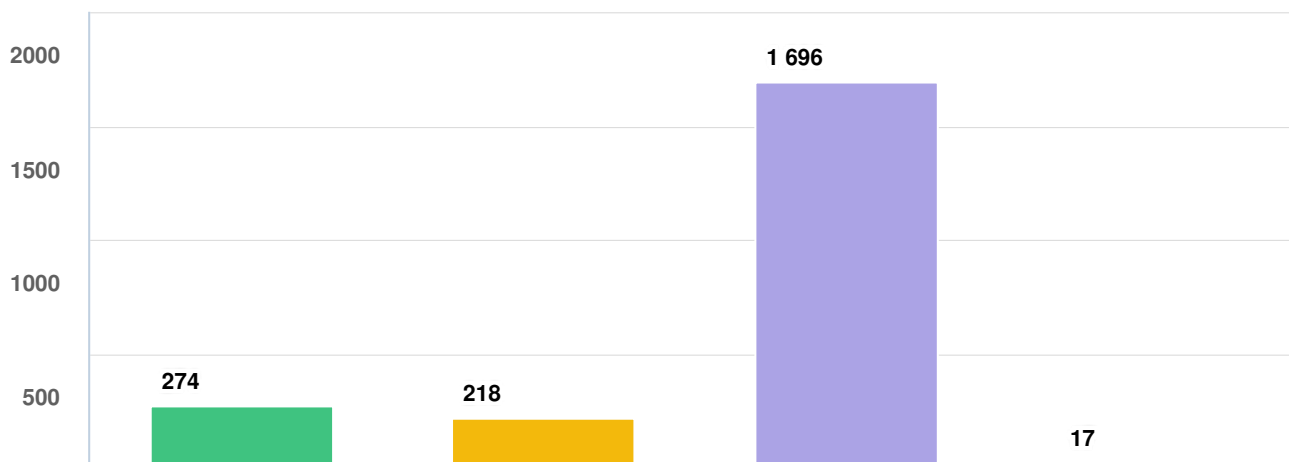


Question options

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Couple times a year
- Never

Mandatory Question (2204 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 What do you support in terms of reducing speed limits in the downtown?

Question options

● 30 km/h
 ● 40 km/h
 ● Keep at 50 km/h
 ● I Don't Know

Mandatory Question (2204 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Please indicate why reducing speed limits in downtown to 30km/h is your preference.

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6/05/2020 02:19 PM

Its cool, TESTING by Ahmed Please exclude from the survey

Screen Name Redacted

6/08/2020 12:10 AM

For Safety reasons.

Screen Name Redacted

6/08/2020 08:27 AM

Many senior come downtown for appointments and the slower speeds would make them feel more safe. Further, I love the parklets but as I shared on previous survey the fast speeds on the roads don't make them feel very safe. Is 6th Street already 30km/h or less? How people drive slowly and carefully on that street should be every street.

Screen Name Redacted

6/08/2020 08:41 AM

Safety

Screen Name Redacted

6/08/2020 11:02 AM

30 km/h should be the speed on all streets in the city except for the main roads like scenic, whoop up, university, and MMD. No need to fly everywhere its Lethbridge.

Screen Name Redacted

6/08/2020 11:03 PM

I want to raise my family here. My kids love Galt gardens, cAsa, the saag, and the mall. At the very least around Galt gardens should be 30 km/h because it's a park. Lots of kids use the fountain in the summer.

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 06:36 PM

People are always speeding but if the speed limit is 50 you do 60 if it's 60 you do 80 people know you get a 10-13 give with speed limits if it's 30 the

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:36 PM	chance of 40-50 is higher Reducing pedestrian fatalities.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:37 PM	I've had more than a handful of near hits downtown. Maybe the motorists would be paying more attention to driving if they were going slower.... or at least do less damage when they hit someone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:37 PM	I think it even more important to reduce residential speed limits to 30 kph on any street that doesn't have a dotted line. Too many speeders in areas where children are playing. It won't add much to commute times either!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:39 PM	Encourages pedestrian traffic for businesses, much safer for pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	safer for pedestrians and cyclists, also with parking and cars backing into traffic, lower speed means better ability to avoid incidents
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	Safety for pedestrians, make turns easier.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:46 PM	its more civil, and allows other the use of roads as well
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:46 PM	Safety and marketing of downtown businesses. If drivers slow down they will see what there is besides just their bank, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:47 PM	At least half the time I'm downtown, I'm there as a cyclist or a pedestrian (I'm also driver at other times). As a cyclist and pedestrian, I feel I'll be safer with the reduced speed limits. As a driver, I don't see a significantly negative impact.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:49 PM	Make the area safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Create a more welcoming environment.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:51 PM	Because it keeps people safe We need to do this in residential areas too.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:54 PM	Especially on streets with angled parking, reducing the speed limit should make backing out of one of these stalls significantly less dangerous.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:55 PM	I go slow when downtown mostly because the traffic flow limits speed anyway so it wouldn't bother me. However 3rd Ave s should be excluded as it is a major artery through downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:58 PM	I'm just going to use this space to speak my mind. I wish all residential & high pedestrian trafficked areas would be reduced to 30. This city has a bad habit for speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:59 PM	Added safety value and permit passengers to enjoy sightseeing while driving through the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:04 PM	I am a pedestrian. I have been hit once...in a crosswalk. Slow them down please.
Screen Name Redacted	The amount of pedestrian traffic is large and 30 would be safer.

6/09/2020 07:06 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Safety for all visitors to the downtown area

6/09/2020 07:10 PM

Screen Name Redacted

It encourages a more walkable city.

6/09/2020 07:12 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Safety, there are so many pedestrians to be alert for and there are so many lights and stop signs it shouldn't be that difficult to go slower. I'd be afraid to ride my bike downtown currently

6/09/2020 07:15 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Often I can't go much faster anyway

6/09/2020 07:17 PM

Screen Name Redacted

It's old news the 30km/h speed limit reduces stopping distance and pedestrian injuries greatly. This lower speed limit is a no-brainer in the downtown and it should be implemented on all residential streets as well. Lives will be saved and injuries significantly reduced as a result. It's time to take control of our streets, Lethbridge! Save the fast speeds for main roads and highways!

6/09/2020 07:20 PM

Screen Name Redacted

In a busy downtown (Covid aside) it can be difficult to maintain the 50km speed limit. In between traffic lights, pedestrians, buses, and looking for the business I'm trying to get to I don't ever go the speed limit. I think for the purpose outlined in the survey (reducing pedestrian injuries) 30km would be better choice.

6/09/2020 07:22 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I feel it would help with pedestrians and make people slow down and enjoy downtown.

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Screen Name Redacted

Safety of pedestrians, bikes and vehicles.

6/09/2020 07:24 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I like the idea of making the downtown streets more pedestrian friendly (in fact I'd love to see portions of 6th street be completely off limit to vehicles).

6/09/2020 07:25 PM

Screen Name Redacted

If you post 30 people will for sure do 40. If you post 40, people will do 50.

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Screen Name Redacted

Reduction in noise, stop and go traffic and more pedestrian safety

6/09/2020 07:28 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Anything to slow people down and save lives.

6/09/2020 07:34 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I live on 7 Ave and 6 St S. I walk downtown everyday for exercise. I find folks are already driving slower looking for parking. Why not just slow all traffic. The only real problems I've had with traffic is nearer to my house, when drivers interact with the 7 Ave bike lanes. Users of N-S cross-streets often treat the roundabouts as a challenge, not a speed deterrent. The reason I walk downtown instead of along the bike route is because intersections are controlled with lights. I've nearly been hit 3 times at the intersection I live on (6 St and 7 Ave) since I've lived here (2 years). My dog was nearly hit by a

6/09/2020 07:37 PM

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:37 PM	motorcycle this spring that cut me off and didn't see the dog just ahead of me on leash. We were crossing and he came whipping around the roundabout. I would ask to extend the 30 km speed limit to a one block buffer on either side of the 7 Ave bike lane. Safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:37 PM	Going slower makes it easier to spot available parking before I go past it
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:46 PM	Safer and better to see businesses.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:52 PM	Safe and easier to look for parking
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:56 PM	Anything to save lives. I occasionally go downtown and find it scary with people speeding past and up to stop lights. Honestly if the limits are lowered to 30, people will go 50 which is significantly better than the 60-70 they are now.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:57 PM	It would be safer for pedestrians and make drivers feel more comfortable if everyone was going slower as most already are.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:58 PM	It makes little difference to vehicle travel time, but could be the difference between life and death for a pedestrian. If we want the downtown core to be pedestrian friendly, then this is a good measure for safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:01 PM	I have experienced lowering speed limits in Victoria bc. It feels calmer and gives the driver time to react to cyclists, pedestrians. Excellent idea, let's get this done. You might see more walkers, cyclists downtown in the future.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:01 PM	To save lives and make things safer for all our residents
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:03 PM	I rarely drive over 30 when downtown anyways
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:04 PM	Human safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:09 PM	40 is confusing because nowhere else is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:10 PM	This will ensure the safety of pedestrians. As well, there is a large population of homeless people that walk downtown a lot
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:12 PM	More safe!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:13 PM	Safety
Screen Name Redacted	Would give people more awareness time when interacting with pedestrians at

6/09/2020 08:17 PM	intersections
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:01 PM	No need to go any faster in the downtown. If you want to drive faster use 6th Ave , Scenic, or the highway.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:18 PM	Reduce damage from collisions.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:22 PM	Safety, with understanding it is streets not avenues
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:25 PM	Overall safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:27 PM	If it saves lives, its a no brainer. The city should reduce all Lethbridge residential streets to 30 km.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:34 PM	I am all for 30 even in residential agree children are playing.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:34 PM	I feel like I don't go much faster then that anyway. I like the idea of a slower pace for pedestrian traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:38 PM	As long as the surrounding roads stay at 50kmh as proposed, I feel this would not negatively impact driving through downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:38 PM	It makes the town seem more open to visitors if people are not speeding by but slowly driving through the downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:39 PM	Safely
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:46 PM	Multiple speeding vehicles near a high volume of pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:47 PM	I would like to see traffic entirely eliminated on certain streets, such as 4th Ave (only buses/public transit). Lowering to 30km/h is a good step toward discouraging driving and encouraging walking.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:48 PM	There is literally no benefit to driving more than 30 kmh downtown. The fools that fight this to save less than 30 seconds of their day are precisely why so many of us want out of this city and province.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:48 PM	Most drivers are not actively paying attention to their surroundings. That being said neither are pedestrians. Reducing the speed will prevent some collisions and injury. Distracted driving is also a huge problem.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:49 PM	safety and more enjoyment as a pedestrian, which I am on my daily walks to the bus terminal and back as well as trips to Casa, restaurants and stores
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:50 PM	Downtown is more congested with traffic and pedestrians. With vehicles being parked along the roadway it decreases visibility of pedestrians etc. A reduction in speed seems like it would decrease accidents, or risk of severe accident.
Screen Name Redacted	Safety

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Screen Name Redacted

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To increase safety for pedestrians, also to reduce potential accidents due to parked cars reversing into traffic.

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The reduced limit would be a disincentive to use motor vehicles (fewer cars equals better air quality, less noise, more ambiance) and will reduce serious injuries for pedestrians

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 08:59 PM

Pedestrian safety, traffic safety, promotion of use of downtown areas.

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Slowing people down will make them see my storefront signage and help me attract people in. Right now they just drove by.

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 09:05 PM

Safety is the main reason. I also feel that 50 is too fast for the congested downtown with several intersections and angle parking (vehicles reversing into traffic). I don't think I have ever driven over 40 for these reasons already. I believe it is the safest option for citizens. The streets are often so busy and narrow that I find myself going 30-40 most times anyway

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Safety for pedestrians

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30km /h is shown to significantly reduce injury. Also it increases local business visibility adding parking and bike lanes on both sides are also show to increase \$\$ spent kn local businesses.

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 09:13 PM

I have found there are more people walking around down town, and thinks decreasing the speed limit makes sense if it will keep people safe

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 09:16 PM

Seems like it would have little impact on how long it would take to get around downtown and if it makes things safer, let's do it! Could we consider this is residential neighborhoods with lots of kids too?

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 09:21 PM

I find I'm naturally going this speed anyway. As a pedestrian I would feel safer if the speed limit was 30.

Screen Name Redacted

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Less people killed by cars

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 09:28 PM

We don't need to drive fast downtown. There's already so many stop lights and pedestrian crossings that there's no need to get up to speed of 50. And if it can save lives, I say we do it!

Screen Name Redacted

6/09/2020 09:30 PM

Downtown is small. There's no reason to rush. If I'm really in a hurry, I can go around. At 30 I can watch for pedestrians *and* check out what's happening at local businesses.

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The stats provided, that it would decrease serious incidents by 8x and would only increase the travel time by 37 seconds is incredibly compelling. I would support lower speed limit throughout most of the city.

Screen Name Redacted

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During Covid-19 we, as a family of four with two young kids, have noticed that traffic around downtown area has decreased significantly, which made us feel safer and less worried about our kids getting hit by a car. During this

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:38 PM	time, we have enjoyed family bike rides a few times a week around the area. We live in London Road neighbourhood and love having 7 Ave as a bike friendly street and hope to have the same safe 30km/hr bike path around downtown. Safety. Reduce drive through traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:39 PM	The roads are a bit more congested downtown and slower speeds make it safer to park or leave a parking spot. One question though...if passed, would this mean having to slow down to 15 km/hour when passing a tow truck or police/emergency vehicle parked on the side of the road? If yes, this will need quite a bit of advertising and reminding over the next couple of years.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:42 PM	Short blocks. No need for speed. Might eventually make it more hospitable to bikes/pedestrians/curb patios.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:50 PM	I walk and cycle and this will increase everyone's safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:58 PM	Safety. No need to have speeds in excess of 30 km/h. The risk is simply to high for other vulnerable users of the public right of way. Speeds should be reduced to 30 km/h on all roads that have pedestrian or cyclist use and intersection crossings.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:00 PM	Because you can often bowl down the empty streets - people become risk takers in crossing the roads.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:04 PM	I've seen so many flying through the streets, speed and distractive driving e.g.. texting, it's a wonder we don't have a death a day... I really do feel sorry for all non vehicle users in the city!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:15 PM	Makes the core even more walkable.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:17 PM	I am a pedestrian and am often not seen by drivers while crossing at both crosswalks and signal lights. I would feel safer with this lowered speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:18 PM	I feel if the speed limit is reduced , not only does it have less pedestrian / vehicle altercations , it will reduce the vehicle /vehicle collisions and also the value of damages if such altercations fo happen to occur, Do it takes 30 seconds longer to get to your destination, In fact I feel the whole city should be speed limit reduced , it would cure a lot of issues , speed infractions should increase to min \$500 first offense , 1000 second , loss of right to drive on 3rd time loss of vehicle on 4th offense Wake them up or don't drive - DONE
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:45 PM	It is my experience that many drivers in Lethbridge are offensive instead of defensive drivers. I'm constantly experiencing people speeding, not stopping at stop signs, running Red lights etc. I don't know if it would matter at all if we reduce the speed limit when they're not being enforced as they are now.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:53 PM	I ride my bike there several times a week.
Screen Name Redacted	I always commute downtown by biking or walking. I think reducing speed

6/09/2020 10:58 PM

would be a good way to make the downtown safer and more accessible for non-motorized users (including making it safer for the unhoused population who make up a big portion of the downtown demographic), but I think it's just the first step! Making designated bike lanes (especially a north-south connector) would be HUGE!! The 7th ave bike boulevard is amazing, and I would love to see something like that connecting the northside to downtown (Stafford drive bridge and 13th st underpass are both really dangerous on a bike). Additionally, creating more pedestrian friendly streets would be awesome - 6th street particularly would be a great candidate for a more pedestrian streetscape, drawing inspiration from the downtown farmers market and perhaps creating more space for restaurants to expand patio space into the existing sidewalk.

Screen Name Redacted

Could save lives

6/09/2020 11:18 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Good idea

6/09/2020 11:19 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I would feel less scared and more inclined to bike downtown. I usually tend to drive and park or ride the bus as the traffic often scares me from walking/biking.

6/09/2020 11:37 PM

Screen Name Redacted

As a pedestrian, I would feel safer. I find pedestrians are generally not prioritized by the City. I had several close calls with vehicles downtown, and I believe that a speed reduction would help. I would be ok with either 30 or 40, but I find that, as a driver, with many cars pulling out of stalls backwards and with many left turns awaiting pedestrian crossings, 30 will be safer for all that share the road.

6/09/2020 11:45 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Reduced Speed would make it easier to manage when looking for a location or parking spot.

6/09/2020 11:45 PM

Screen Name Redacted

with all the parking and people pulling out into traffic 30 is perfect. with a traffic light at every corner going too fast gets you now where and is dangerous. i find i go 40 or so downtown. 30 km would be a better speed for some roads in town too.

6/09/2020 11:52 PM

Screen Name Redacted

It would be nice and safe

6/09/2020 11:57 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Walk ability, future expansion of bikepatg network

6/10/2020 12:05 AM

Screen Name Redacted

Cutting down on vehicular trauma is worth a few seconds on a drive.

6/10/2020 12:06 AM

Screen Name Redacted

It's the next best thing to banning cars from downtown.

6/10/2020 12:36 AM

Screen Name Redacted

You get a more scenic view of what is and is going on downtown; thus, it could be good for business. Also, every day I almost get pegged off by a driver who is useaully looking the other way.

6/10/2020 12:53 AM

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:22 AM	Easy on passengers and would possibly help with decongestions and also make it safe for cyclists.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:24 AM	I live on 4 Ave south, about 2 blocks from 13 st S. Lots of people rev up their engines on this otherwise quiet street. Don't know if it is to get to the speed limit or just being a jerk but this will make those type of people slow down. I also use downtown a lot for transportation by foot or bus. I want to be safe walking downtown and not almost getting run over by speeders while crossing a street.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:44 AM	It is safer. If one is driving slower they also can respond more quickly to perhaps braking if someone comes into their path. And the other reasons stated in the intro to this survey. The reduced chance of fatality. Another thing I would like to see is to do what Calgary does. All school zones are the same as playground zones. So school zones would be 30km one hour after sunset.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:09 AM	As a pedestrian, I find downtown to be unsafe at times. I don't know if a lower speed limit will help when some people don't even look before turning a corner in their vehicle, or decide not to obey pedestrian traffic laws. I have had to step backwards to avoid vehicles turning into the crosswalk, even though I was already in the crosswalk.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:28 AM	Slower is safer. Plus doesn't everyone slow down to find a parking spot anyways?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:00 AM	It's a pretty congested area as it is and I rarely find myself going 50 km/h anyways.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:14 AM	A reduction in speed limits to 30km/h in the downtown area would assist in making downtown Lethbridge safer and more pedestrian friendly in reducing the number of potential pedestrian-vehicle collisions and potential accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:24 AM	I think it is crazy to have downtown at 50km/h it doesn't give you time to look around also people are usually never going the 50kms it's always slower you never know when some crackhead will cross the road or someone will turn into a spot so 50 is a ridiculously fast speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:40 AM	30 is the same speed as school zones and playground zones. People are used to that speed being in place. It will help keep pedestrians safe in the downtown area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:42 AM	Your reasons for why 30km/hr being considered make sense. Increased safety for pedestrians and minimal impact to drivers. We also need to reduce the speed limit in all residential areas of the city as there are way too many speeders!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:50 AM	I would feel safer as I am usually walking downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:54 AM	Would keep it safer. Many times I have watched drunk or high people trying to cross the street and also trying to cross in the middle of the street and have not seen them. I always watch at intersections.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:00 AM	If it's a safer speed let's do it!

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:01 AM	Between angled parking and lots of foot traffic, anything faster feels unsafe already. Downtown isn't big enough that a reduction in speed will add any more than seconds to a drive
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:08 AM	Lethbridge has some of the worst drivers I have ever seen, and some of the most apathetic. The reduction will at least be something to ensure safer streets. The entire downtown needs a redesign to prevent people from feeling comfortable speeding.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:29 AM	there is no reason to be zooming through the downtown, make downtown a peaceful and safe place to walk/shop
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:34 AM	If reducing speeds will help reestablish downtown as a vibrant area then it is a good thing
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:36 AM	There are lots of people walking downtown, quite a few stop signs, reducing speed would provide greater safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:51 AM	There is so many lights and crosswalks and bus stops that I think that it supports the reduction of the speed limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:54 AM	For pedestrian and bike safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:56 AM	Reduce accidents and maybe I can avoid getting hit when I'm walking. Drivers don't watch for pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:59 AM	It'll make for a walkable downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:01 AM	I have young children and we are in downtown multiple times per day as pedestrians. We would like the environment for pedestrians to be as safe as possible. We love downtown. Keep up the great work!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:03 AM	I've noticed driver attention is poor downtown. With parked cars also limiting visibility, I have seen quite a few near misses with pedestrians attempting to cross at marked intersections with vehicles turning in front of them far too closely. Drivers also like to pass cyclists and turn in front of them, without leaving enough space. As a driver it is also difficult to pull out of parking spots when drivers are coming quickly around corners, many are not slowing down at all. Drivers are in the position of power and responsibility and slower speeds would be safer for everyone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:04 AM	Downtown can be difficult to navigate and find what you are looking for if you are only a casual visitor like me. Slowing down would give time to ensure turning on the correct streets, find a parking space, and be mindful of those walking, or cycling. Anywhere with that much foot traffic and storefronts should have lower speed limits.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:05 AM	30km/h is safer for pedestrians; lowers the risk of vehicle collisions; allows for ample time to get into the correct lane for desired destination, and gives the area a more quiet and vibrant feel. Personally, a vehicle speeding past me in a "pedestrian oriented" area is very undesirable and would make me rethink about choosing to visit downtown.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:11 AM	People are already distracted driving and with the amount of pedestrians I think it's for the best
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:15 AM	You already have to drive slow because all the junkies, drunks, high people in the area don't care and just walk out across the street wherever they want. Less damaging to your vehicle if you hit them going 30.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:20 AM	Its busy downtown with pedestrians. Also safer to back out of parking stalls
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:01 PM	Pedestrian safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:22 AM	I see people all over the city driving too fast. I think it is safer and would make shopping and walking around downtown more inviting.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:25 AM	I'm a cyclist and appreciate anything that makes the use of safe cycling better!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:35 AM	safer for pedestrians, cyclists and allows drivers time to react in case of an emergency.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:35 AM	I believe it will create a safer place for families using the amenities.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:39 AM	I say 30 k because I think it be safe for every one but people need to follow rules witch I see are always not followed but this reducing the speed is just the first step in hep the down town. And we also need to get the biker to walk there bikes across the cross walk and not ride them cross the cross walk if they want to be treat like a pedestrian but if the want to be. Treat like vehcial they need to be put where the car are so I say we drove 30 then made the biker will go where car go and leave the sidewalk for the people who are walking
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:42 AM	There is a lot of pedestrian travel in downtown and if reducing the speed limit will help to reduce injuries and death that is the most important thing
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:42 AM	Safety of all people accessing the downtown area. Is very busy with vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. Street parking can also create issues, safety concerns. A lot of activity for many drivers and others accessing the downtown area
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:47 AM	I think the downtown needs to eliminate some streets and turn them into walking areas, pedestrian areas, especially if social distancing becomes a new normal and areas need more space. Lowering the speed limit helps make the downtown a more pedestrian friendly place.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:55 AM	I believe with a 30 km/h speed limit it will help save lives. I was a law enforcement officer for 30 years and did speed enforcement and I know that keeping the speed limit down will be better for pedestrians and there will be less vehicle accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:16 AM	Seems reasonable if it will prevent fatalities.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:22 AM	Lots of people walking around lots of traffic lights slower speed limit would be a lot safer for pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:44 AM	Hopefully it will provide more of a walking atmosphere and bring business is back to the downtown core.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:47 AM	I think that reducing the speed to 30km an hour not only makes downtown safer but also gives drivers the ability to take in their surroundings. If 3rd avenue revitalization is going to happen, and we are trying to make downtown a more vibrant area... I think that it is a no brainer to lower the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:47 AM	Increased safety for pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:49 AM	Its worked in other cities and towns
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:52 AM	Pedestrians, shoppers, jaywalkers, four way stops, trucks blocking sight lines creating blind corners, cars backing out of angle parking, encourage more shopping downtown,
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:06 AM	Because I think you should reduce the speed limit to 30 everywhere in the city that is heavy with pedestrians Especially in residential
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:06 AM	After Edmonton was proposing 30km/hr, I read as much as I could about reduced speed limits. In Toronto, a look back at motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents-there has been zero fatalities. Also, with an overall city-wide reduction in speed in residential and business areas (the reduction would not include main arteries such as Scenic Drive, Whoop-Up Dr...) it takes the questioning out of playground and school areas.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:16 AM	As a lifelong pedestrian and cyclist, I know all too well how motorists are reluctant to share the road. They don't seem to care about other non vehicle models of transportation and the people who choose to use them. I have been almost run over many times within the city, and this is a good start to preventing an accident at least in the downtown core.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:16 AM	Why not. Especially if it only adds 37 seconds to the travel time. Safety first!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:23 AM	It should be more pedestrian friendly and there is no need to be up to 50km for such a small area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:27 AM	Pedestrians crossing the road to get to another retail store on the same street, parking your vehicle across from where you want to go.....not everyone crosses at the proper lights or traffic areas. If you are looking for a business, you can see it better and safer at a slower speed without frustrating the driver behind you. It never hurts to slow down, you may save a life.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:28 AM	I've found the cities with the most interesting and vibrant downtowns are the ones that prioritize foot traffic. Anything that reduces the priority on vehicle travel in the downtown core seems like a step in the right direction to me.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:30 AM	Even if speed reduced to 30 how would it be enforced? There are now speeders in noisy cats and trucks on my street, 20 ave south that are not being ticketed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:37 AM	Fewer cars speeding past my house. The ability to see more of the businesses when driving through the down town
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:39 AM	It might be enough to break me of the habit of using retail outlets in that zone and find alternatives closer to other zones I shop at
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:39 AM	There's really no need to go faster, and since the traffic lights are out of sync anyway, it makes no difference whether you're going 50 or 30 kmph to the next red light.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:40 AM	There are lots of pedestrians and cyclists in the downtown and lots of things to watch in intersections. Reduced speed limits would make it easier for motorists to see people and for people to be safe.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:57 AM	Less chance of accidents. Often difficult to see between cars and never really sure if a car will back out or someone will be crossing street. I rarely drive 50 downtown anyway unless I'm on 3rd Ave, 6th Ave or Stafford (street that goes north and south by old YMCA and city hall)
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:11 AM	I feel 50 is too fast in a busy area with vehicles backing out & more pedestrians walking.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:21 AM	Too many instances where I have almost been in collision with pedestrians not paying attention.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:48 AM	There is numerous incidents of jaywalking in the downtown area, as well as vehicles backing out without properly checking their surroundings, it would be beneficial to both residents and vehicles
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:53 AM	I believe lowering the speed limits on local and minor collector roads would greatly improve safety and promote more active transportation modes. I would support this same adjustment in all residential areas of the City as well, in addition to downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:17 PM	There's a lot of foot traffic and a lot of the roads are so narrow to have multiple vehicles on
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:28 PM	Lots of pedestrian traffic, looking for parking, no reason to go fast as most people are looking for services ie shopping, dining, banking, professional services
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:36 PM	Safer
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:36 PM	Reduced noise levels and improved safety. Please consider reducing speed limits everywhere throughout the city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:40 PM	I do not think that there is a need to rush through downtown and if we can do more to keep people safe let's do it. At 30 you never know what unique store you will see.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:45 PM	You can't safely drive 50km on some of those streets so drop them to 30km as a experiment

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:55 PM	Speed limits should be dropped city wide. Also, more enforcement would be helpful
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:02 PM	Less injury to pedestrians and cyclists
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:10 PM	safety is number one priority for pedestrians, cyclists and also drivers. I also think all school zones should be changed to playground zones in entire city for safety reasons noted also.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:14 PM	I love biking and would love to feel safer biking downtown,
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:25 PM	The idea is backed by a mountain of data from other places that have already done this. Make for better and more comfortable enjoyable public realm and put people at the top of the pyramid! Unless you're an ER doctor an extra 30 seconds is not a big ask.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:26 PM	With the amount of children and people just crossing without looking it would vastly reduce the amount of close calls and accidents. Beyond that, lowering it that much would not change the amount of time it takes to go through downtown by all the much considering the amount of traffic lights littered throughout the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:31 PM	It would be safest for pedestrians and cyclists downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:16 PM	It makes for a safer, walk-friendly and cycle-friendly core, and it will be attractive to the type of people we want to attract to our city to grow into a new era.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:01 PM	You are generally downtown to visit a specific shop or business. Not to speed through on your way to somewhere else. If getting somewhere quickly is your goal, use the peripheral streets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:56 PM	Safety. 50km way too fast between blocks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:13 PM	Personally , I think it wont make much difference.. the non synchronization of traffic lights keeps the speeds down and having to stop for people crossing against the light as well as Jay walkers... so making it 30 km /h will also give the local gendarms another reason to ticket you , unless of course you add photo radar everywhere.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:23 PM	There are many pedestrians who walk in front of moving traffic and a lower speed limit would decrease fatalities or injury.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:25 PM	There are many vulnerable people who live and congregate downtown. A 30 kph speed limit will protect them from injury.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:38 PM	There are too many pedestrians walking (not always at crosswalks or at indicated times), parking issues and multiple lane crossings to be able to adequately see and respond to anything while traveling faster.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:46 PM	Increased safety

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:12 PM	Downtown Lethbridge can become very congested at times. So people often take side streets to avoid traffic. However, those side streets are home to businesses. People park their cars and cross the street, go to the mall, go explore the historic buildings. I would like to see downtown Lethbridge become an overall safer place for pedestrians and cyclists. Because that's the best way to enjoy our lovely downtown core
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:16 PM	Makes sense. Safer for all concerned. Might encourage more pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:30 PM	The safety of pedestrians is far more important than any other factor. If our City wants the downtown to be a place for engaged public life, pedestrian safety should be a top priority.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:07 PM	Pedestrian safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:14 PM	Speed limit 30km/h is great to have in downtown area because lots of people doesn't look cars when they cross the road. Best to have 30km/h.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:15 PM	As a driver and a frequent pedestrian downtown I feel like a reduced driving speed would make it safer for everyone. Plus you get the added bonus of seeing all the wonderful shops downtown has to offer.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:29 PM	I don't think it should impact drivers much, and would make me feel safer as a pedestrian.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:42 PM	We need more cycling infrastructure
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:52 PM	Reduces 8 times pedestrians fatalities
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:58 PM	There are lots of people crossing and cycling downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:21 PM	There's so much foot traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:23 PM	It would make a lot of things easier like parking.trying to get out of a parking spot downtown is almost a death sentence because you have people speeding by you and can't see them because usually someone with a big truck parked beside you. Also I think it would be a little bit safer for people downtown because everyone walks around there an awful lot.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:37 PM	I realize the goal here is probably one uniform reduced speed limit in the entire core. I was tempted to answer "40" as a middle ground. However, I think all the streets and most of the avenues should be 30. However 3rd avenue is a fairly major route and that 4 lane road would be better served at 40 or 50. If it has to be one speed for the whole area, I'd say 40. However if you can pick and chose a little, I'd say 30 most places in the core, but leave some of the main east west corridors (especially 3rd) at 40 or even 50. But that 50 km/hr limit on 3rd should be strictly enforced.
Screen Name Redacted	Research has demonstrated in London (UK) that the introduction of 20 mph

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speed limits (instead of 30 mph) led to a 50% reduction in the number of children killed on the streets.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/339/bmj.b4469.abstract> Lower speed limits are safer for everyone. 37 extra seconds to cross downtown by car is inconsequential for drivers. That's about the duration of 2 commercials on TV!

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As a pedestrian and driver the speed limit currently feels too fast, and I think it'd have a positive impact on businesses to have a safer environment.

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50 is too friggen fast! People duck out in traffic all the time. Especially by the Gardens and down 5th. I drive 30 or 40 now anyways and will continue to do so. (38 male)

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6/10/2020 09:40 PM

To protect pedestrians and bikers.

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6/10/2020 10:09 PM

Safer for everyone!!!!

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6/11/2020 12:00 AM

I actually think core streets should have not vehicle traffic at all, only foot traffic and then the surrounding streets should be reduced to 30 km. I think this would create a safer and more environmentally sustainable downtown core.

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6/11/2020 04:32 AM

I already drive around 30km/hr downtown due to the large number of intoxicated persons wandering around downtown. These people will randomly jump out in front of your car and it's very scary. However, other vehicles continue to insist on driving very fast downtown and get really close to my car and drive very aggressively when I am driving what I feel is the appropriate speed for downtown. It would be nice for that to be the limit and hopefully reduce the number of aggressive drivers tailing me for driving a safe speed.

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6/11/2020 06:13 AM

Too many hazards ie pedestrians, lights, rubbernecking is easy

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6/11/2020 06:39 AM

It gives drivers a better chance to stop quickly. So many drivers aren't paying attention due to texting or other distracted behaviors that they need all help they can get to keep them from causing accidents. I would suggest clear signage and fines issued by officers (as opposed to photo radar) will drive the message home very quickly that people need to slow down. Photo radar is good too, but at the beginning it should be actual police officers, because the driver knows right away that they broke the law, not two weeks later. You will also get a bunch of these phone junkies at the same time! Win win win (less accidents, less distracted driving, more driver awareness due to immediate consequences)

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Safety

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this measure makes everyone safer. especially since bike lanes will be added soon, this will reduce the potential for fatal vehicle-cyclist collisions downtown.

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Walking and cycling is my primary means of commuting to/from work, and for

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recreation activities. I have lost count of the times that myself, friends, or colleagues have reported nearly being struck by a vehicle driving carelessly at high speeds in the downtown core. Lower speed limit will also make entering and existing parking spots a bit less precarious, particularly when backing out of an angled parking spot with limited visibility.

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if there are pedestrians, it makes sense (like a school zone); if there are no pedestrians, the streets are too criss-crossing to drive 50 anyway

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Maybe it will help to cut down on the racing cars and noise as well.

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I think the speed should also be reduced in residents areas. If it means increasing the safety of pedestrians, seems like a smart decisions to me.

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Our downtown isn't that big, people will not lose time going slower for the length of downtown. If it makes it that much safer, and thus be more appealing to pedestrian use, I think it is absolutely worth it!

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I think reducing the speed to 30 would be acceptable from 8-4:30 Monday to Friday. I see no reason it should be 30 if you are driving through later at night when traffic and pedestrians are few. You can usually only do 30 ish now during the day when traffic is a little more heavy.

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Reduced pedestrian/cyclists injury, safer for children, elderly, disable people, reduced exhaust fumes, etc.

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Create a pedestrian only environment, and maybe pedestrian only street.

Screen Name Redacted

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Just backing up from parking spot for myself if hard with people zipping through so fast. This would help greatly

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the stated reduction in fatalities and injuries

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6/12/2020 12:03 PM

Same as playgrounds so easy to understand and remember. 40 would be unusual which probably isn't best for a change.

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Slower speed should give drivers more time to observe people entering walk light controlled areas as well as uncontrolled. I, personally, have had close calls as a pedestrian and thus am very careful.

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I think moving down town should be safer. I ride a motorcycle down town often and enjoy feeling less like a target for people who are in a hurry. Plus - there shouldn't be a need for anyone to be in a rush down town. It's a destination, not a thoro fare .

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6/12/2020 10:56 PM

It's crazy to have it at 50. Around hospitals it should be 30 all the time. In residential it should 30. 50 is too fast for residential as well as downtown. I get mayor Magrath drive and scenic. 30 would make sense!

Screen Name Redacted

6/13/2020 10:40 AM

It makes sense to slow down in a high pedestrian area. Like slowing down in school zones or playground zones. And driving around downtown is a convenient option taking mayor magrath, scenic, 13th ave are easy options Safer, looking out for pedestrians and cyclists.

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It's not a freeway. As a destination, exploring the richness should be encouraged. Driving more slowly may encourage that - being mindful of safe driving and yeh dangers of distracted driving

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Typically only drive that anyways as people tend to cross anywhere along the way.

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6/14/2020 09:14 AM

When I drive in the downtown area, the most prominent hazards are jaywalkers and vehicles backing into the street from angle parking. Slowing the speed to 30km would reduce the risk of an accident, and allow me to drive more confidently in the downtown area.

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Safer The sheer number of lights makes it difficult to go faster any way

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6/14/2020 07:15 PM

I want a vibrant bike and pedestrian friendly downtown

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6/15/2020 11:01 PM

I believe that city centres should be a place to walk and bike around and not drive. By having more accessibility and safety for walkers and bikers, more people will enjoy the experience of downtown and not just drive in and drive out.

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I believe that 50km downtown and on residential roads is too fast. I think the speed limit should be lowered and enforced. It would be great if Lethbridge would follow Edmonton and Calgary by making these important changes and lowering the speed limit within residential neighbourhoods and downtown to 30km/h.

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Because when limit is 100 people are comfortable going 120. When the limit is 50 they go 60. Make it 30 and they will go 40 which is safer than 60.

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6/26/2020 05:59 AM

Speeding is horrible problem in Lethbridge. I endorse lowering the speed limit to 30 km in the entire city limits. We have had two pedestrian deaths this year. Enough is enough. People wont slow down and be respectful of other citizens' safety otherwise.

Optional question (243 response(s), 1962 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q5 Please indicate why reducing speed limits in downtown to 40km/h is your preference.

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I would support a mixture of 30 and 40kph in the downtown. 30 in the higher pedestrian areas and 40 in the lower pedestrian areas. I think motorist would get frustrated at 30 on some of the wide empty streets

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I think this is a good idea but 30km/hr is too slow.

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I believe 40 would be good because it would enhance pedestrian safety and give drivers a slight but measurably enhance moment for braking. I am not

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:39 PM	opposed to 30 kph, but would like to try 40 kph. I think if you go to 30km, people will avoid downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:39 PM	I work on 3rd Ave (Shaw), and I have had too many close calls attempting to cross the street to our staff parking located beside the Salvation Army. It's absolutely terrifying to cross in the morning when the sun is partially blinding the drivers, or, in the winter, when stopping distances are greatly increased.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:40 PM	30 feels too slow and will likely creat a hostel environment where as I think people could respect 40 making it safer for pedestrians and still keep traffic flowing
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:43 PM	everyone drives 40km/h anyways.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:44 PM	I think 40km/h would go over better with the city as a whole rather than 30km/h but I also think it would help with finding parking or backing up from an angle parking spot. With all the traffic moving slower you could look for parking without holding up traffic behind you.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:47 PM	Needs to be reduced but 30 is too slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:52 PM	I'm fine with lowering it a little, but 30 is much too slow. Also, 3rd avenue is a main road, and I think it should be kept at 50.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:53 PM	I agree with slowing down but thirty feels far too low based on how I feel driving in playground and school zones.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:01 PM	I generally find my self driving at approximately 40. I think it is sufficiently safe without feeling like I'm barely moving. 30 is just too slow in my opinion.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:01 PM	Upper end of your average speed estimates. Reduces chance of collision with a pedestrian and other vehicles while maintaining similar traffic flow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:01 PM	It's hard to even get up to 50km on the downtown streets and avenues. This will also force the bus drivers to slow down.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:02 PM	Advocate for slowing down speed limits anywhere there is a high number of pedestrians, including Residential areas
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:08 PM	Safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:08 PM	I gives a better response time, adds only minutes to your commute. With the amount of stoplights, stop signs/yield signs and designated crosswalks etc in the downtown core there should be no reason to reduce it to the same speed as a playground zone or school zone - those a good for ensuring the safety of children - the downtown core us less likely to have a flock of children crossing the road willy Nilly. For the most part its pedestrian foot traffic that knows and understands the rules of the road.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:08 PM	I think 50km/hr is too fast for the downtown core. With cars parked along the streets it is sometimes too hard to see pedestrians waiting to cross, stepping

	<p>out between vehicles or coming out to their parked vehicles if you are travelling at that speed. When I go into the downtown I find a place to park and then walk up and down a few blocks shopping etc. It would be nice to be able to safely enter/exit parking spots without people expecting to be able to travel down the streets so fast. I think it would also encourage people to walk the downtown if they felt safer doing so- slow the environment down a bit. At 40km/hr traffic is still moving well but it just creates a safer environment. There are routes people can travel at the regular 50km/hr if they need to get somewhere - these downtown streets do not need to be used as a main routes so the 50km/hr travelling speed is not necessary.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:08 PM</p>	<p>This is the approximate average speed I can travel in the downtown core. 30 is a little slow and could back up traffic during peak times.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:11 PM</p>	<p>30 km is too hard to maintain and is ridiculously slow and would create dangerous situations by needing too keep my eye on the pedometer. i never drive 50, always 40, i think its a good safe speed.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:12 PM</p>	<p>30km/hr seems a bit too much of a reduction. 40km/hr is a happy medium if there is to be a reduction.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:12 PM</p>	<p>The town I grew up in had 40 km/hr speeds throughout and it's a comfortable speed I tend to travel when visiting downtown</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:15 PM</p>	<p>When I am driving downtown and in residential streets, my speed is always below 50 km. Lowering the speed limit will not have an impact on travel and I feel will be safer for all pedestrians and other drivers.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:18 PM</p>	<p>Safer for the pedestrians and residents. Allows for more leisurely driving through downtown to look at store fronts or restaurants. Makes fewer people whip through intersections like the roads are on fire behind them</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:22 PM</p>	<p>Rarely can reach 50, 40 would be best suited</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:25 PM</p>	<p>I believe lowering the speed limit to 30 km/h is over-cautionary and unnecessary. The statement prior to this survey claims that the majority of cars are travelling at 30 km/h or 40 km/h currently, so the reduction to 40 km/h seems more fair. By lowering the speed to 30 km/h, I worry that many drivers would speed anyway, become frustrated with "slow drivers" and actually cause more accidents.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:29 PM</p>	<p>Reasonable limit</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:38 PM</p>	<p>30 is far slower than reasonable. As I work downtown and visit often, there are certain roadways that a reduced speed would result in larger congestion, and costs associated with speed enforcement would be greatly increased.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:45 PM</p>	<p>30 seems a little too slow, but I love the idea of driving slower downtown. It's easier to see local shop signs, find parking and as someone who walks downtown all the time, I would feel safer.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/09/2020 07:59 PM</p>	<p>Happy medium</p>

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:00 PM	Safety fir pedestrians and vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:07 PM	I think 30 is too slow. 40 is a reduction without feeling like crawling. Many people hustle around downtown from appointment to appointment and we wouldn't want to hinder them either.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:09 PM	I think 30 is too drastic of a reduction. Going to 40 would be a good first step in my opinion.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:09 PM	Narrow streets, lots of traffic, intersections, and pedestrians, makes sense to go slower anyway. 30 is probably overkill and won't get as much support.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:12 PM	30km/h won't help anyone when the speed is too low to let traffic onto escape roads in a fluid manner. (6 Ave, Scenic etc.) If/When traffic gets congested in the downtown, it will stay that way longer with 30km/h speeds. 40 is a good compromise between speed and safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:14 PM	Increased safety while maintaining efficient traffic movement
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:18 PM	I understand the city officials desire to make downtown safe for pedestrians and foot traffic. I would rather the speed not be reduced at all...what city ANYWHERE has a reduced downtown core speed limit?? But...I could support the speed being reduced by 10km/hr, you can't really get up to 50km without being stopped repeatedly by lights anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:29 PM	30 is so slow. 50 is too fast
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:35 PM	Vehicles already slow down to 40 so just put it as 40
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:38 PM	It slows down the traffic just enough to keep pedestrians safe but also helps cars to keep moving in a continuous fashion. I find most times on the smaller streets in the downtown area I can only make it up to 40 anyway. 30 would be to slow and people have a hard enough time learning the 30 speed limit in the school zone I live. Let's focus on slowing school zones down.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:38 PM	30 is too slow. 40 will help achieve the desired response
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:39 PM	30 is too slow and will anger drivers. I am a fast driver myself and would prefer it stay at 50 but I can see why a slight reduction could be helpful in this area of the city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:39 PM	30 is too slow and people will just end up speeding. 40 is a happy medium.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:40 PM	Easier for vehicles to come to stop since there are many back alleys, intersections, pedestrians, vehicles both driving and backing out.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:45 PM	30 seems to be a bit too much but 40 seems reasonable and more safe.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:45 PM	The trouble with this survey is that no data indicating actual number of pedestrian collisions in the highlighted area. Appropriate data may allow me to choose 30kph however without it, I can only support a reduction to 40kph which is close to the speed I travel downtown anyways due to lights, stop signs and pedestrian traffic anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:46 PM	Middle ground
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:46 PM	30 is too slow; 40 is a good compromise.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:49 PM	30 seems too slow and would like just lead pushing people further out of downtown and not encourage them to access businesses and services in fear of getting speeding tickets. 40 is a good compromise between additional safety, commerce, and function.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:56 PM	That seems reasonable for safety. Frankly, I think people still drive too quickly down 7th avenue and I live half a block away from there. It would be nice to see more monitoring of that speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:57 PM	30 is too slow - people will speed or lose focus. I've found neighborhoods with a 40km/hr limit are the best balance
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:02 PM	50km is too fast but I think 30km is too slow. People will not follow 30km/h but I think people would more likely follow 40km/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:08 PM	30 is to slow 50 maybe slightly too fast
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:08 PM	Seems like a good middle speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:15 PM	It's a good speed. 30 is too slow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:19 PM	Rarely are able to travel more than 40 kmph in the downtown core at anytime anyway. Keeping the perimeter streets at 50 kmph makes sense.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:23 PM	I approve of slower speeds on non-arterial roads, but 30 km/h would ne too slow for most people. I would actually like to see this in residential roadways as well
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:31 PM	I usually end up going 40km/h most of the time when driving through downtown as it is, so may as well make it official.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:42 PM	Downtown is dying as it is, might as well change it up! All those people commenting on FB likely never come downtown and never will come downtown. Make the change for those of us that do!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:45 PM	I tend to drive this in general as traffic downtown is slower, but I can still drive safely at this speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:58 PM	Down town is congested and I agree that lowering the speed limit would be safer for pedestrians and cyclists

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:02 PM	I agree with 50 being a bit too fast given the conditions of; A) traffic B) pedestrians and cyclists C) Road conditions But 30kmph is way too slow, its one thing in school zones for children who can't look out for themselves, its another in an area of town dominated by adults who should be well aware of their surroundings.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:05 PM	30 is too slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:16 PM	30 feels too slow (akin to playground zones) while risk is still reduced considerably for 40. Often when downtown I will run multiple errands keeping me in the area for 3-5 stops. 30km/h would slow that time , feeling like a considerable amount, but I do support a reduction.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:17 PM	30 is way too slow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:29 PM	Should be slower than 50, but 30 is a bit too slow in parts. 30 or 40 would be ideal between 5 ave and 3 ave, and round street (4st?) and 7st.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:32 PM	What about during mom business hours? 30 is too slow for full time. I can understand that 50 increases the chance of injury.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:55 PM	Sensible speed. I'm more concerned about number of jaywalkers and people crossing against light.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:00 PM	A little slower than average, but faster than 30. It will keep the flow of traffic moving which is what we need because so many people work, use, or commute through downtown and 30 would be too slow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:15 PM	I agree with lowering the speed limit and think 40km/h is the perfect in between.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:12 AM	I honestly don't believe in reducing the speed limit. I believe in eliminating the risk. While decreasing the speed limit can easily be marketed as a leading brand of adhesive bandages, I think punishing the jaywalkers would be a much more effective procedure to eliminate the cancer they represent.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:34 AM	I rarely drive the full 50km/h on the streets you have highlighted. But 30km/h seems excessively slow. I think 40km/h is a reasonable compromise.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:36 AM	That seems to be a good "in between" speed. 50 might be too fast and 30 too slow. You don't want it to be congested because that will turn me off from driving downtown as with many other people.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:41 AM	Much safer fir pedestrians and drivers Would like to see residential like copperwood Gary station etc adapt 30kph also too much speedo g and Unenforced
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:31 AM	I understand that most times drivers are not driving 50km/h, due to the traffic or lights, however I feel that 30km/h is just too slow. This isn't a playground, and if pedestrians are adhering to traffic lights, 40km/h feels logical to me.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:15 AM	30 km/h is too slow. J Walking is more of a problem
Screen Name Redacted	30 is rediculas.. you aren't dealing with 3 year olds...pedesteians are

6/10/2020 05:36 AM	accountable for their own safety as well as drivers, a 40 k max in a downtown core is acceptable--30 k is an over reach!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:41 AM	I think 30 is too slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:45 AM	It's slower but not too slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:28 AM	Reducing to 40 will decrease the risk of fatalities, while still keeping traffic moving.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:39 AM	Due to the amount of stop signs and lights I believe 40 is about what many people go anyway. 30 is too slow, some people do need to just get through the downtown. As a resident I would be more likely to avoid downtown all together except for work if the speeds are enforced at 30. Also if people are already going between 30/40 without this enforcement how is there actually any benefit in changing the speed limit except to give out more speeding tickets for the few that don't go 30/40
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:47 AM	I just feel that 40km/hr is a safe speed for travel on all sides streets, including residential areas. I drive quite a bit for my job and worry that a limit as slow as 30km would result in more instances of road rage
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:08 AM	Parking lots at the mall are 30km/hr that seems too slow for an area where there is consistent traffic flow. 40km/hr would be a quick enough pace to move traffic without standstill
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:08 AM	It's a decrease from 50, but not as low as 30. Its a good medium.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:01 PM	There is a responsibility for pedestrians to be responsible users of the roadways too. It does not appear that pedestrian collisions have been a problem anywhere. In the occasional time they occur it is tragic and they are sometimes fatal, but driver distraction is a major contributor. In my case when I was hit at 50 km/h crossing a street near downtown in a marked crosswalk it was because of an elderly inattentive driver wondering why the line of cars she was passing were stopped. Didn't even consider it was because someone was crossing.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:13 AM	I think you could be more observant of your surroundings being able to take a little more time to "look around".
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:26 AM	A good compromise that gains much of the benefits you indicate without being extreme
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:36 AM	I think most people drive under 50 while travelling through the core. But there are always people that need an extra warning. Honestly, I would much rather see this done in residential areas. Especially when our neighbourhood has recently lost a young child. Copperwood is extremely dangerous for children. My husband has risked his life multiple times by stepping out in oncoming traffic to slow people down, to help protect our children.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:36 AM	Slower speeds can reduce accidents!

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:03 AM	I understand that making the down town safer is important and so reducing the speed somewhat would help. 30 klms Seems too slow...
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:06 AM	There are e so many stop Lights u can't get to 50 without driving aggressive anyway
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:11 AM	Increases safety without major change to traffic flow
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:17 AM	30 is too slow, most vehicles have to constantly brake to maintain that, specifically on the westbound roads where there is a natural downhill slope. 40 is much easier to maintain steadily.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:18 AM	I understand the reasoning behind lowering the limit and wanting to create a more pedestrian friendly climate but think 30km is too low. Lots of larger cities have more pedestrian friendly communities without lowering speed limits, is there a way to look at their models and take ideas?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:21 AM	Fair blend of speed and safety
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:34 AM	I dont think 30 is reasonable, we should be giving out more tickets for those jay walking and putting themselves at risk, but maybe bringing the speed down by a little bit for an amount of time we can fully assess whether the speed needs to be dramatically reduced because of negligent drivers or if it's due to negligent pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:42 AM	We don't need it to be lowered. We need more careless driving and distracted driving fines all over the city not just downtown. We have had two people hit, ran over and killed twice in the past few months in Lethbridge and speed was not the issues. The drivers not paying attention to pedestrians was. We need harsher penalties for theSe killers so people understand the importance of cautious and safe driving.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:43 AM	Primarily safety, but it can be difficult to turn left onto any given street downtown when vehicles are often speeding past in both directions. Cyclists, the number of which is increasing in downtown, would also feel safer and be better able to share the road with motor vehicles.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:46 AM	I often only drive 40 downtown due to the amount of pedestrians and it's a comfortable speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:47 AM	30 is too slow, OR have 30 daytime/50 evenings and overnight
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:51 AM	I feel that some people might avoid going downtown if they know the speed limit is only 30 km/h. If it is 40km/h, it becomes safer for cyclists and pedestrians while still allowing for reasonable traffic flow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:59 AM	It may help to avoid incidents with all the zombies stumbling around the streets. 40 is probably about all you can get up to in most instances anyways, the streets are quite short. 30 is too slow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:04 AM	30km/h is to slow for that area, I think keeping it at 50km/h is fine, but if it's going to be lowered at all 40km/h is the slowest it should be.

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Because 30 is way to slow

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As a transit driver who already travels through the city at 40km/hr, I believe most of the city (residential) should be lowered to 40 as to increase safety for drivers, pedestrians, and children. The time benefit of going 50 vs 40 isn't significant enough to increase danger to people and the environment around them. Also with this downtown proposal I think between 5th st and 9th/stafford along 6 Ave should also be reduced because of the lights at every intersection. Might keep people from hitting their brakes as hard when the light changes or people are turning. I have read studies of eliminating speed limits in residential and people tend to drive slower because instead of being focused on the number they're "allowed" to go, their brain calculates a more "safe" speed to travel based of their surroundings including width of street, number of cars, and time of day.

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Most vehicles seem to be going at 40km/h already since they are looking for parking, etc. 30km/h just seems really slow.

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I've seen many people zoom by downtown and also on the roads. The drivers here are too impatient and drive dangerously. I'm 100% wanting the speed limit be reduced down to 30km/h but it would be a shock too many people. If you lower it over time, people will get used to it

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I think a slight reduction in speed may be helpful but if drivers are already going less than 50 I don't know if this is a necessary step.

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I agree with the speed reduction, and it playing a factor in keeping everyone maybe safer and reducing accidents. But 30 to me is a bit of a stretch. Pedestrians should also be self aware and not just the drivers. 40 might be a happy medium in meeting half way.

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This approach rubs me the wrong way. If the goal is public safety then we should be presented with statistics and information about the injuries and fatalities that have happened on the specific streets in question, and if the goal is economic/aesthetic improvement downtown then it should be presented and considered that way. Specious injury graphs just confuse the issue.

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It would be safer for both drivers and pedestrians as well as bikes

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Keep it at 40 during the day. Once it is 5 or 6 P.M. and most businesses have closed let the speed go back up to 50. I would drop it back down to 40 around 9 A.M.

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Doesn't affect the way I currently drive, but will slow the faster drivers a bit. Still a safe speed.

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I think it's odd that we're talking about reducing speed limits downtown AFTER moving the bus depot from 4 Ave.

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I find that when downtown is busy (lots of pedestrians, parked cars, etc.) this is the speed most vehicles are travelling. If reduced to 30km/h I believe that

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there would be too much variation in speed between cars, as some drivers would still go 50 regardless of the limit, and other drivers would be going 30 with all the stop lights you cant really get up to speed anyway so 40km is a reasonable compromise.

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this is a speed limit similiar to other municipalities (Sylvan Lake, Okotoks) and still makes playgrounds and school zones different and therefore noticeable.

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you cant get to 50 downtown to begin with...to many lights.

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30 is too slow, 50 is too fast. 40 seems reasonable

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40 km is nice compromise and allows for a gradual introduction of the speeds

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Good speed, enough time to brake.

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no need to creep along at 30 km , start with 40km and later reassess

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Keeps traffic flow going and is a speed that doesn't require much effort to stay at

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I'd rather not reduce speed limits but change the lights so you could get some flow. When I'm downtown I seem to stop a lot because the lights aren't in sync and it's frustrating. I think 30kph is too slow but 40kph would be ok if the lights were better, because often my destination isn't downtown but I have to go through there to a certain extent to get where I want to go. Also, I think if the limit is too low it will just back up traffic (especially during 'rush' times. Extra vehicles are unsafe for cyclists (which I often am), and from 25 years of driving Transit I've seen how impatient and careless people get when traffic gets tight. That's not a good combination.

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You still need to be able to get around. I also advise closing 6th from 3 and 4. To make a permanent quarter

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Reducing speeds to 40km/h in certain areas may make the areas safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Reducing speeds below 40 km/h may result in frustration from drivers that need to pass through areas or congest already busy roads.

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30 is too slow, but if there is going to be a change u would prefer it only be 10km different rather then a 20km difference

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I don't know.

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I think that 30km/h is a bit slow for traffic flow downtown, especially with lights. As well as I believe that the avenues are travelled through quite often, ex. 3rd, and it would be frustrating to go through while going 30km/h. Though

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:53 PM	I do think that reducing the speed is a good idea, therefore 40km/h is a good middle point and similar to the speed of driving through neighborhoods. I feel as though 40 is a good speed and 30 is too drastic
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:58 PM	Side streets can be very busy and congested -safety hazard
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:08 PM	30 is too cold, 50 is too hot, 40 is just right....
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:17 PM	It's too fast at 50 km/h and too slow for 30 km/h.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:20 PM	30 is too slow, it's bad enough in school zones especially when all the kids are in class. Pedestrians need to be accountable as well. 40 still feels like you are moving and will cause less road rage.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:25 PM	Not necessary for speeding In the downtown area
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:25 PM	If the outer area is 50 then people are more likely to drop to 40 quickly then 30. Also 50 to 30 suddenly would allow cops to set up more speed traps to ticket people just about to entire the speed change zone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:38 PM	Reduce risk, slow people down
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:19 PM	good mix of safety and allow people to move through the area
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:31 PM	Drivers are notorious for either not noticing or not caring about folks trying to cross on foot at the 4 way stop signs down town. Lowering speed limits would I crease driver's ability to notice and stop for those pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:31 PM	40 km/h seems to be the average in most other cities for downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:43 PM	Better for pedestrians and cyclists but doesn't impede traffic flow
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:44 PM	I don't see much of an issue with speeding in our downtown core. I can see where a bit slower makes sense on the streets like 6th where its more for shopping/ browsing.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:07 PM	Reducing the speed limit to 40 will help the downtown center be a more pedestrian/cycle-friendly location. More dedicated pedestrian plazas would be great. The current speed limits need to be enforced. Please use more cameras and photo radar. Too many drivers speed on a regular basis.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:15 PM	I do not really support the idea of decreased speed limits in the downtown area at all but I understand the benefits and decreased risk to injury this can have. At least 40km/h is better than 30km/hr.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:24 PM	It is a good compromise speed that would most likely have the greatest buy-in from drivers and still support the vision for downtown.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:20 PM	Make it a safer place to walk and ride
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:25 PM	People would be more adaptable to 40 than 30, maybe give it a few years then revisit the idea of dropping it down to 30.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:34 PM	About the natural speed I drive at through the downtown core. With the exception of 3rd Ave. I drive 50km/hr along that road. Should be zoned light green, not turquoise.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:43 PM	I don't think people will go slower.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:48 PM	It's okay for non-major streets. Please don't reduce speeds on Scenic or 3rd and 6th Ave!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:50 PM	When its evenings or after hours it seems ridiculous to slow to 30km/hr.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:35 PM	People already drive annoying slow anyway. Speed limit of 30 is way too slow and hard to maintain while paying attention to pedestrians and traffic. 40 is more reasonable.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:16 PM	Small reduction to improve safety, but not slow things down too much
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:18 PM	The shops are cute, it would be nice to slow down a bit to take it all in.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:18 PM	People generally already go about 40 and it just seems to be a more cautious area. Always having to look out for pedestrians. 30 is just too slow!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:25 PM	For the amount of crosswalks, 50km/hr is a little fast so I usually find myself going 40km/hr anyway. 30km/hr seems excessively slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:47 PM	It's in line with the speed people currently travel. Putting it too low at 30 kmh will just lead to people not bothering to follow the signage.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 12:52 AM	I feel that is is a high traffic area with vehicles and foot traffic. For the safety of everyone I feel that would be best.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 01:35 AM	30km/h is too slow, but given the narrow nature of many of the downtown streets and the way parking works, a lower speed limit makes sense. I feel this may also increase traffic on the surrounding streets, however, and I see nothing in this proposal to deal with that potential issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 02:53 AM	We have to start somewhere. People are more likely to embrace incremental reductions than all at once. There is an opportunity to seek further reductions in the future if the need is proven necessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:57 AM	Safety and ease of locating business
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:35 AM	30 is pretty slow and I think may cause frustration but reducing by just ten km would allow people to observe pedestrians etc better than the current 50km.

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:46 AM	There is a lot of foot traffic downtown and people walking out unexpectedly into driving lanes. I think we need a change to be able to reduce collisions with people. Great idea! Would be safer for the public
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 12:41 PM	30 is too slow and would have complainers non-compliance 40 is a safe speed and a good compromise that would have best compliance 50 is not achievable between red lights and leaves pedestrians unsafe
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 01:34 PM	I think you will have a very hard time getting people to actually do 30km/h. Most drivers can hardly do it in school zones. I think 40 km/h is a more realistic speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:20 PM	I typically slow down to 40 when I drive downtown anyway. There are so many traffic lights and cars pulling in and out of parking spaces. I think reducing the speed limit to 40 would be okay. However, I don't think it's necessary. If you're going to change speed limits, I think scenic should be brought up to 70, since most people go that fast on it anyway, and the downtown roads that are being kept at 50 should be brought up to 60.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:22 PM	50km has always felt a little fast to me, but 30km seems a bit slow. I usually drive about 40km on my own just so I have time to look for turns and parking
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:30 PM	I think the reduced speed limit would be safer and more comfortable to drive but not so slow as to be frustrating.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:34 PM	The roads are too tight to properly respond to a jaywalker or pedestrian crossing a road a little too quickly. Slowing down will help
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 11:18 PM	30 is too slow. I hardly ever go past 40 downtown or in residential area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 01:04 AM	I feel 50 is to fast. 30 to 40 would make it easier to find local businesses without getting honked at by speed racers. Safer to stop and go especially with people pulling out of parking stalls
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 07:59 AM	I believe at the beginning reducing the speed to 40 will give us a better indication of how the system will work. I also find that speed is an issue in the evenings when downtown is now as busy and people are racing through the streets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 09:58 AM	Downtown the streets are more narrow, & busier with pedestrian traffic, buses etc.... I find that I often don't do 50km anyway. 30km/hr is too slow. I think that 40 is a good compromise & will work well to facilitate efficient travel while also making it more safe for everyone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 10:32 AM	50 is too fast for a place that has so many people ,cars ,bikes,and people.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 01:58 PM	30 is too slow, 40 is still peacefully for people who are in the park...
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 03:46 PM	I have visited another community where the entire town has reduced the speed limit to 40. It is not a frustrating experience. I believe a speed limit of 30 would be more likely to have drivers avoiding downtown whenever

Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 04:35 PM	possible. You reduce to 30 for that big of an area you are just asking for speeders but I have witnessed people blow through red lights (and 4 ways when they were there) and I have seen a human hit at a pedestrian crossing - not intersection (though part of that could be attributed to the fact it has yellow lights) and maybe 40 would be safer without completely frustrating drivers, massively backing up traffic at lights, etc and just overall discouraging people from going downtown if they don't have to because they know they will be snailing along everywhere which will also take up more of their time.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 11:18 AM	Pedestrians need to also be aware of surroundings and the responsibility of safety shouldn't all be on the drivers. 30 km's seems to slow, and 50 is to fast.
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 08:48 AM	Mostly driving 40 anyway, 30 is to slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 07:28 PM	People not paying attention
Screen Name Redacted 6/15/2020 02:03 PM	Might be more compliance then going to 30
Screen Name Redacted 6/15/2020 02:59 PM	It is a good compromise. Also, ticketing J-walking pedestrians and getting drunks out of the area would reduce injuries
Screen Name Redacted 6/16/2020 09:04 AM	3rd Ave is a main east/west. Make it 30 it will be a bottle neck and slow traffic down road. 40km/h isn't as slow as 30 but still a bit slower.
Screen Name Redacted 6/17/2020 04:21 PM	30 is too slow. You'll have people who then are too cautious and go 10 under the speed limit; so they'll go 20 and cause accidents and lose serious harm to others. Also, pedestrians have a responsible to also follow pedestrian lights and display some common sense.

Optional question (184 response(s), 2021 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q6 Please indicate why you feel speeds should remain at 50km/h downtown.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:35 PM	No accidents, so why change it
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:35 PM	Efficiency and a history of success with the status quo. Congestion is already bad enough
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:36 PM	It's the law and pedestrians need to be more responsible
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:37 PM	We want to encourage people to come downtown. I believe that people will avoid downtown even more than they already do if it is less convenient to drive there.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:37 PM	Better drivers is the answer, not lower limits. People will speed through the slow area. Better driver training and periodic driving check ups are a better idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:38 PM	Residential should be lowered long before downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:39 PM	I feel traffic backups will become worse and new speeds will not be followed anyway. That would make commuting more dangerous with many cars at various speeds.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:40 PM	The City has focused recently too much of the restriction of traffic flow. Our lights are some of the worst timed in the world. Reduced Speed Limits all over the city. If Pedestrians use the cross walks as they should and stopped jay-walking it would decrease this problem
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:40 PM	How many collisions with pedestrian versus car are there downtown yearly? You say only 37 seconds increase in time but that doesn't account for rush hour traffic, slower speed might reduce serious injury ped vs car but slower moving traffic could cause for car vs car downtown especially with seniors driving and they already drive slow as it is
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:41 PM	I have not noticed a change for speed reductions based on my personal experience, traffic seems to move smoothly and I haven't experienced any close calls.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	Why would you increase it. A huge waste of money
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	I have a feeling this will be used as a cash cow for the useless city of lethbridge paper pushers, not for safety, nice try. How many people get hit by a car downtown doing 50km? Dont lie, I have friends in high places.. If you leave it alone, drivers can always drive slower if need be. If not 50km is a good speed to get around. We pay you to run the city, not determine speed limits using bogus stats..
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	traffic is already going between 30 and 40 so why lower it. It's ridiculous outside of business hours. I haven't heard of any pedestrian fatalities in the downtown. Where does it stop 20 is safer than 30. Do the whole city n it'll only take a few more minutes. Another way to drive away customers
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	It's fine the way it is no need to reduce the speed just to ticket people.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:42 PM	This city does not need more reduced speeds to cause more congestion
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:43 PM	I think putting the speed limit to 30km/h is just an excuse to hand out more tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:43 PM	There are not enough people on foot or bike downtown to justify this - you need to focus on making downtown a destination people want to be in.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:43 PM	I pay attention to pedestrians I'm not more likely to hit one anywhere in town

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:43 PM	Work on drivers to follow traffic rules instead of stop signs and speed reductions.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:44 PM	The city structure is such that all traffic going west to east, south to north, and vice versa channels through the downtown in many aspects. As the city is not willing at this time to table infrastructure improvements that would help the flow of vehicle traffic, it does not make a whole lot of sense to reduce the speed limit, especially when a large portion of the traffic is just passing through the downtown to get to other destinations.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:44 PM	I feel that many moves are not attracting business (like parking meters). IF there is a multitude of vehicle/pedestrian accidents then this can be addressed in public form. I have not seen any stats showing pedestrian/can accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:44 PM	There has to be some onus on pedestrians and cyclists to be aware of their surroundings and act accordingly. We can't keep bubble-wrapping society in order to protect them. Education and awareness make more sense than continually reducing speeds to TRY to protect everyone. There would be injuries at 30kmh and, in all fairness, most traffic doesn't get up to speed with all the traffic lights already!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:44 PM	There is no reason to lower the speed limit in downtown Lethbridge. It has been at 30mph and or 50kmh for the past 60 plus years. Why would you change it? How many accidents are caused downtown because of speed? Do not quote the safety standards, look at the actual facts for Lethbridge. Keep the speed at 50kmh
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:44 PM	As a pedestrian in the downtown 5 days a week, I have never felt unsafe crossing at any legal intersection or legal crosswalk. As such I don't feel there is a need to change the existing speed limit in downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:45 PM	It's good where is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:45 PM	50k is not fast, if you want to reduce speed limits for safety, look to some or all of the residential streets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:45 PM	There is no real reason to justify reducing the speeds beyond wanting to ticket people more frequently. You're going to deter downtown shopping and use because it will become a nuisance to drive downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:46 PM	The downtown has walk lights on every corner- no need for people to jay walk and no need to decrease speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:47 PM	What the survey doesn't include are the number of pedestrians that were struck over the period of one year, five years and ten years and were legally crossing in a crosswalk with the right of way. Without this information what is the value of a change?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:47 PM	There is traffic controls downtown. And when there are larger events the streets ate closed off
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:49 PM	It would be a nuisance to reduce the speed limit. Is there enough pedestrian-car accidents to warrant the reduction? A 30 km/hr speed limit would make me want to AVOID the downtown core rather than spend my time there.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:49 PM	So traffic flows better. 30km is way to slow
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:50 PM	Nobody really uses downtown much anymore
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:51 PM	You have a light on every Corner. You can barley go 50km as is!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:51 PM	I don't feel like it is an issue that the speed limit is at 50 and most other city's speed limits stay at 50. It would very nice to have better enforcement of the speed limit downtown by the police force
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:52 PM	I think That it would be a greater burden to reduce the speed in town .
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:52 PM	Because it's fine the way it is. Anything slower Is ridiculous and will make me avoid going downtown. Traffic already gets so backed up it will be unbearable if everyone has to go 20km/hr slower. This is not a small town!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:52 PM	There are enough lights and ways to cross that 50km/h is adequate if people are not j-walking.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:53 PM	Already too congested, and making it 30k will make it even worse. What needs to happen is having traffic lights in sync, as they are all timed differently making it bottle necked in so many areas of the city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:53 PM	50 is slow enough, 30 isn't realistic downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:53 PM	If people are already doing 30-40 already then it would be a waste of money to install and maintain signs. Also a money grab for the speeding tickets that would result.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:54 PM	No point in using tax money to change signs. If people are going to drive dangerously signs won't work.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:54 PM	I don't think it needs to be lowered because whenever I am driving, working or walking downtown I have not seen careless drivers. I also don't remember the last time that I heard about a pedestrian being injured or hit downtown. Most of the injuries due to pedestrians have been on busier streets that have a higher speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:55 PM	The pedestrian group at risk are the drunks and junkies. Remove the SCS and most of this problem goes away. Quit infringing on the normal rights of everyday people
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:56 PM	I haven't heard of tons of people being hit by cars there. It just seems way too slow for such a big section of the town.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:56 PM	No need to slow things down. Use cross walks and obey the traffic laws. Stop forcing change to accommodate the street population. Deal with the real issues.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:56 PM	I have no need to be downtown. I feel completely unsafe there. 5 years ago I would have agreed; no longer do I feel that way. Let me drive through and get home please and enjoy my life.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:56 PM	There are pedestrian crosswalks at every corner, they need to be used. What state are the pedestrians that get hit in? If the speed is lowered that won't change anything, pedestrians will just take more of a chance, increasing the chance of them getting hit. I've also, never seen, or hear, of the city putting out stats of any hits or fatalities.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:57 PM	I see no reason to lower the speed limit anywhere in the city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:57 PM	I don't see the need. If bikers are sharing the road then they are visible to vehicles. It's usually the people walking that don't look or just plain jay walk anywhere they'd like to.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:57 PM	I think we have better things to spend our municipal money on. I am curious what percentage of pedestrian injuries that occur downtown are law abiding pedestrians. I think you need to focus elsewhere.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:57 PM	The traffic is flowing and downtown isn't busy enough to yet worry about foot traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:58 PM	There's no reason to not be able to stop going 50kph. Distraction or speeding more likely cause despite 'stats'.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:59 PM	-
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 06:59 PM	The limit is currently 50 and the info indicated the average speeds are lower than that already so why change it? With all the lights the speeds are already slowed for safe pedestrian crossing. If anything should be looked at changing it should be residential speeds down to 30 where there are lack of lights to cause slowing.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:00 PM	Speed is already reduced anyhow due to traffic (both pedestrian and vehicular) during busy and peak times as it is. The only roads that may see a full 50km/hr are maybe the few major routes (3rd Ave, Stafford, etc). This seems like a way to reign in more income and will take our sorely needed police force always from the opioid issue where they are needed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:02 PM	I used to live very near downtown and I worked downtown. When I became a parent I would walk often with my stroller to the library and around that area and I never once felt unsafe with how fast vehicles are going. I was not aware that pedestrian deaths have been occurring due to the current speed limit. Has that truly been happening in our community or were the statistics given based on other communities?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:03 PM	Many studies have shown that increasing the speed limit makes the roads safer. Reducing the limits is putting the blame on drivers also, instead of putting responsibility on pedestrians and cyclists for their own safety. There are better ways to make downtown a safer community, reducing speed limits is not one of them.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:03 PM	It's a comfortable safe speed
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:03 PM	How many vehicle collisions with a pedestrian or cyclists have occurred downtown? Who'd enforce the lowered speed limit, given only some areas

	downtown are targeted for a lower speed limit? With nearly 50% of the City's population living on the West side, how will a lowered speed limit entice more cyclists to venture downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:05 PM	Due to the fact that there are multiple street lights downtown and with the traffic congestion during business hours it is very rare that you are travelling over 40 km/h.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:05 PM	Cash grab for fines
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:08 PM	I would avoid downtown more if the speed was reduced.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:08 PM	Make it 0 and no one will get hurt. People need to be responsible for themselves.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:08 PM	Speed limit doesn't matter.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:11 PM	Speeding is not an issue downtown with all the lights, etc. We need speeds reduced in residential areas...you know, where the child was killed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:11 PM	If you drive Responsibly and within the law there's no need to reduce the speed. If you reduce the speed there's gonna be more traffic piled up. Take you forever to get anywhere. Less people will go downtown, which will hurt the businesses. It is absolutely the most ridiculous idiotic thing I've ever heard. Lethbridge was once a great city now it's a piece of garbage.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:11 PM	Drivers already drive at 50 and often below downtown so making it even slower will be frustrating to navigate.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:12 PM	It will cost more to change signage and advertising to get people aware of the change. 50k/hr is fine for the downtown, plus there are enough street lights on every corner to prevent much speeding in the downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:12 PM	It's working just fine. Leave it the way it is. No need for wasted funds of signage and policing.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:14 PM	People will still speed if it's 30 or 40. The people who don't pay attention at 50 are the same people who don't pay attention at 40 or 40
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:15 PM	If people are already self regulating in an appropriate matter, why waste the time and tax payers money it?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:15 PM	50 km/hr is already to slow - the only reason that the city wants to put slower speed zones in is so they can set up photo radar is those locations and collect more tax dollars. As well it is just another deterrent for people to go down town to do business
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:15 PM	Because if it was any slower no one would move anywhere. More time for the street walkers to harass motorists at lights and corners? No thanks. Lowering the speed is quite possibly the dumbest idea you have come up with yet.
Screen Name Redacted	I feel that the downtown area doesn't need a speed reduction as the cars

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already drive slower on average. I dont believe there have many accidents in that area. There is enough lights to keep traffic moving st a reasonable rate. Pedestrians share responsibility to cross when they are permitted (watch traffic control devices) as well as when safe to do so (look both ways before crossing).

It's too slow as it is. Walkable Downtown? Fix the safety and security issues before you mess with speed limits.

Keeps traffic flowing better, especially off peak.

There is traffic controls at all crosswalks downtown, there is no reason to lower the speed limit.

Reducing speed is meaningless when pedestrians must use crosswalks and cross at traffic lights. Crossing anywhere else is jaywalking and a ticketable offense; last I checked. Instead of looking to hand out tickets to drivers for going over 30km in an area that's always been 50km...how about staying on top of pedestrians crossing where they shouldn't be. Or is it that they likely "can't afford to pay" the tickets but the auto owner likely can??

This feels like a needless speed trap. People are used to going 50 everywhere else in the city why should downtown be any different?

Downtown speed reduction would be the most pointless of areas to have one. It is an area where the only crossing of pedestrians should be done at a light or stop sign. Pedestrians are at fault for jaywalking if this is not the case and they are walking in the middle of the street.

Perhaps in the middle of the most traumatic economic crisis since the Great Depression the City might consider not experimenting with conditions related to downtown usage - there is every possibility reduced speeds will deter shoppers who already find travel in the downtown core hampered compared to the free access at big box store locations.

30 km an hour is a crawl , it would make lunch breaks and leaving work painful.

Its just a money grab for police to give outmore tickets to unsuspecting people who have driven the same speed there for years. People should look when they cross to make sure its safe, not just rely on a sign that says it should be.

There are enough lights to slow us all down anyways. Also, others will not follow it and there is a bigger chance or accidents that way.

People who follow the rules when walking, for example only crossing the street when the light says you can or when you look both ways before crossing at uncontrolled intersections are hardly at harm for an accident. Drivers should not be punished by driving slower because pedestrians jay walk or stumble out into the road without looking.

As both a driver and a pedestrian I have notice that reduce speeds only cause frustration and delays. Looking into the history of why most places do

	this (reduce speeds) and out come is usually is just more speeding tickets (which would just put financial burden on people. Also pedestrian LSSC have to take accountability for safety as well and in Lethbridge I have notice too many pedestrians illegally crossing the street (against red hands, jaywalking and just being ignorant) that is the real issue not speed! Getting pedestrians to actually fallow the rules is key reducing the speed won't help prevent pedestrian collisions in down town
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:24 PM	Collisions and vehicle accidents are most often caused by people not following existing laws and speed limits, I don't believe a reduction of existing speeds will help
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:25 PM	Cause it's stupid to change it
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:26 PM	People arent going to drive 30 anyway
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:26 PM	Pedestrians need to practice safe walking practices before any speed reduction would actually reduce incidents
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:29 PM	Pedestrians are not being hurt by cars downtown with the speed limit at 50 km. There are plenty of sidewalks and crosswalks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:29 PM	There is no reason to change the speed limit, and it is going to cost more tax dollars to make the signs, enforce the laws, and inform the citizens.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:30 PM	Slowing down the speed limit would not encourage me to spend more time downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:30 PM	I do not feel it's necessary
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:30 PM	It's not often you are even able to get up to 50 when down town because of stop signs and lights. Most people drive slowly through the zones because of it anyways.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:30 PM	Because there is no need. First of all, it is super unnecessary this isn't a play ground, Adults know stay on the sidewalks. Seconds of all, downtown is dead there are barely any people there anyways. Focus on other things first such as equal rights, homeless, and police injustice first
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:31 PM	As you already said, people are already slowing down on some of the streets, but 3rd Ave. should stay at 50 because it's a main artery.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:31 PM	Having various speed limits in a small area is a ridiculous idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:31 PM	I don't think there are issues with speed downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:33 PM	Down town Lethbridge is a big area already with many traffic lights and stop signs. If you speed limit was lowered not only would it impede traffic flow immensely I think there would be a surge of people speeding unwilling to go 30k/h for that big of a stretch.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:33 PM	there is a very low risk and just will be a cash grab for the cops. The only reason for this is to make it easier for the meth heads walk in the middle of the street and not get hit. Anything related to the downtown core is only for the safety of the junkies now not a regular citizens.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:33 PM	It's fine as it is.... Lowering the speed limit downtown will cause more people to avoid the area and adversely affect people using businesses downtown...
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:34 PM	Because there are lights and crosswalks! There is safety already involved, and the problem is the city isn't helping those who are homeless and addicted not being in our downtown!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:35 PM	This is just the beginning. It starts with downtown speed limit drops , then before we know it the city drops speed limits all over the city. This city already shows how environmentally unfriendly it is with cars idling at intersections while one side at a time gets a green light. Add the lower speed limits with the harassment from unwelcomed individuals there , the electronic parking and I promise I'll never go downtown again. As I'm sure others won't shop there anymore. Just close the downtown and spend the millions for revitalization on something useful. Everyone is so keen on cyclist and pedestrians. Maybe spend the money to educate them on how to operate legally and safely.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:36 PM	Changing the speed limit will deter people from going to the downtown core. People avoid a lower speed limit all the time. If the limit is lower they would rather go somewhere else to get what they need
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:36 PM	Pedestrians need to use crosswalks, and wait for crosswalk signals before crossing. Following these rules should be enough
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:36 PM	Let's not create any more unnecessary change.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:36 PM	Traffic will become backed up at 30kms. Normal traffic speed flows at 50km. This seems like a cash grab for trying to catch people going over 30km and giving them speeding tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:36 PM	This is not a playground zone and other downtown municipalities are 50km. There is no reason to reduce speed further. Narrow residential streets are 50km speed limit which would have a greater risk
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:37 PM	The current speed limit is acceptable. People tend to slow down under various circumstances given their surroundings eg. people, weather, etc. I see no need to change the limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:37 PM	Not like you can go anywhere fast with all the lights
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:38 PM	All city's have a speed limit of 50km/h and I feel maybe if the city thinks that biking and pedestrians are in danger to make more bike lanes, and more cross walks if needed. Also to take care of the homeless population and arches clients that wonder the streets and could possibly get hit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:38 PM	Simply no need to.
Screen Name Redacted	I would like to see data first on the actual speed of motorists in the area. My

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personal experience is that drivers are rarely going that speed in the area specified, and this could be interpreted as a speed trap. As well, please provide a data source for your graphic.

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There is no need to slow down traffic. More rules/structure needs to be put in place for pedestrians. It would be less chaotic and more streamlined.

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I would agree with lowering it to 40 around the mall and Galt garden area but the proposed zone seems much too large for what is really needed. I've seen very little foot traffic in many areas that would justify lowering it.

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If people used the crosswalks and lights speed shouldn't matter

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I feel lowering the speed limit is unnecessary.

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If the speeds are already averaging 30-40km then why change it? All it does is add a new cash grab for ticketing people who are "speeding" and won't do anything to reduce injuries since it's already been shown that most traffic is already moving in that safer pedestrian speed. If it isn't broken don't fix it!!

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I do not feel that based on the evidence presented that lowering the speed limit would be of benefit. You did not post links to credible sources for public scrutiny and this seems very arbitrary without appropriate data. I think it would be wise to increase visibility of cross walks in parts of the downtown core so they are illuminated at night. Certain crosswalks in the city already do an incredible job here and I think that contributes more to public safety (being able to see pedestrians) than this proposed change

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because reducing it is stupid and will clog traffic flow. Reducing speed only creates more speed traps and reduction of people shopping in the core.

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Consistency with what the standard practise if for roads in the city. This will also be used as a photo radar cash cow by the police service feeding government coffers. I support a vibrant downtown but that can be done without turning every road into a playground zone. Maybe worry about cleaning up the drug addicts littering every park downtown before you worry about the speed limit or bringing vibrancy to downtown. No one will visit when they are being harassed by drugged up losers

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As a member of law enforcement I am educated in speed enforcement and I know first hand just changing speed limits has little effect on safety or peoples speed. As the Solomon Curve and the 85th percentile rule has showed through studies and in real world examples speed limits are not the main determining factor in pedestrian or vehicle safety. Simply changing speed limits from 50-30 will not directly result in safer roads. At times this can create more issues as many will maintain a speed they feel is safe and others will begin to travel 30kmh or even under resulting in a larger discrepancy between speeds and as a result would increase accidents. Also looking at enforcement in the downtown, it would be very problematic to enforce reduced speeds due to many factors, and again as a result you would just create more people on the road who are not abiding by the rules and in turn creating more complacency for traffic regulations.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:43 PM	It has been working in the past. Pedestrians have to also take responsibility by not Jay walking or walking against a red light. Do not just blame the speed of automobiles..
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:43 PM	Because Lethbridge downtown is small and not many activities happen anyway. I think that 30 is too slow for a downtown in the size of Lethbridge's and that could cause traffic jam.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:44 PM	Because there isnt an issue with it at 50km/h. Reducing the speed in no way creates a more "prosperous" downtown. The rationale for reducing the speed limit was weak. Yes of course lower speeds reduce likelihood of accidents but how many accidents have there been? And was the cause speed or some other factor?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:44 PM	There is no need for slower speeds
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:44 PM	The standard speed rate should apply the same as all areas around Lethbridge. I see no evidence to prove the number of pedestrian accidents has increased and/or been affected by speed in the downtown core to bring on a change like this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:45 PM	50km/hr is a safe speed. Pedestrians have a responsibility to obey traffic laws and lights. The downtown area needs revitalization not another reason for people not to go downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:46 PM	There is no reason to reduce the speed. We have pedestrian crossings and lights already.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:46 PM	Most people have a hard time driving the normal speed limit without zig zagging in and out of traffic because some one is going to slow. If anything it will make more accidents happen. Not a good idea at all. Just another way for city council to spend more money.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:47 PM	Because 50 km is jus fine and there are other streets that should be lower not downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:48 PM	I believe it is a matter of safety. Slower limits could create opportunities for car robberies. If the speed is reduced to 30kmph people would still go 50kmph through down town. It shows on the highways.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:48 PM	I'm unaware of any incidents with pedestrians at 50kph. Stop lites and crosswalks seem to be working. As long as both drivers and pedestrians obey these no reason for lowering limit to a crawl unless city is looking for another source of revenue from speeding tickets (insert sarcasm emoji)
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:48 PM	There is no reason to reduce it. Traffic lights and cross walks are plentiful downtown. I have lived in Lethbridge my entire life and never felt the speed was an issue downtown as a pedestrian or a driver.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:48 PM	As stated in your intro, people aren't usually going faster than 40 anyway. Lowering the speed limit would thus only affect people driving through at non-peak hours when there are already very few pedestrians. As such this just sounds like an excuse for cops to write more tickets by setting traps on off hours to take advantage of a quirky traffic by-law that will likely not have adequate signage.
Screen Name Redacted	They really don't need to be lowered. There are plenty of marked

6/09/2020 07:49 PM	intersections and crosswalks to be found in the downtown area for people to be using. Why fix something that isn't broken?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:49 PM	I find downtown travel very safe at 50km/h and I don't think lowering to 30 will make the streets any safer
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:50 PM	Stop messing with stuff that isn't broken
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:50 PM	how many pedestrian accidents,death have happened downtown in the last 5 years.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:50 PM	It's a safe speed. No reason to lower. Bigger city centres are not lowering their speed to 30 there is no need to do so in our smaller center
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:50 PM	The pedestrian lights change very quickly downtown, if people cross without any regards to whether the lights are green or not and they get hit, that's their own fault for not being patient enough to wait less than a minute to cross the road. I'm sure you would all know how annoying it is when you're driving and someone decides to cross the street out of nowhere. Pedestrians need more punishment for jaywalking.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:50 PM	There is. I reason to change the speed. It has not been a problem. It will frustrate people more to go downtown and so they will choose not to go downtown. Downtown is already a hurting area financially and socially so why would you do something to make it worse? Don't fix what is not broken. Put your \$\$ into things that actually make a difference to Lethbridge residents. Encourage Health and wellness. The speed at 50 km/h is fine. Clean up the downtown to make it attractive to families again. Make it bike friendly and a hub of activity. So much opportunity.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:51 PM	Slowing down the speed limit would cause huge congestion and downtown can't handle that. We want to encourage locals to come to our downtown, not avoid it because it's a huge hassle to drive around down there.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:51 PM	1) From map showing different km on different streets- it would be too confusing while driving downtown to know which are reduced and which are @ 50 km 2) Been driving for 40byears - am a very caustious driver - I pay attention to road, traffic and pedestrians - I automatically lower my speed - if necessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:52 PM	Keeps flow of traffic .. I do not wish anymore delays
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:52 PM	pedestrians need to held to a higher standard. Jay walking and crossing illegally should be looked at first. Can't always blame the drivers for people running across the street without a crossing signal. Most of the pedestrian accidents are adults who should know better
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:52 PM	I have never experienced or seen a scenerio where I felt that was necessary and it very will likely cause more harm than good. If it isn't broke leave it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:53 PM	It's stupid thinking. If you reduce the speed from 30 to 10 the likelihood of injury decreases by 90%. Reducing from 50-30 of course reduces risk. I think the underlying issue here is jaywalking and unsafe pedestrian behavior.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:53 PM	Asking to compensate for them is what I believe the point is. Anything lower than 50km would cause so much more traffic delays. It is already so busy and traffic backed up at lights. If people follow the traffic rules (both pedestrians and drivers) then 50km/h is safe and slow enough.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:53 PM	Traffic flow
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:54 PM	I feel safe as is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:54 PM	I think it's still a safe speed
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:54 PM	50km/h is not an unreasonable speed. Many major city centres across the country have speed limits of 50km/h. Most people downtown are in their late teens and early adulthood. Setting school zone speed limit downtowns is unrealistic and would cause me to avoid downtown at all costs.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:55 PM	I don't want to be ticketed for going 50km/h. Pedestrians should use crosswalks and watch for oncoming traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:55 PM	It has been 50km/h for decades... Why change it now. Unless you are going to enforce the 30km/h by having cops sit at every corner or red light cameras, it's pointless.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:56 PM	The 8 times figure looks like statistical trickery to me. Like from 1 in a billion to 8 in a billion type of deal.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:56 PM	No problems with it being at 50. On par with most major cities.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:57 PM	You need to control the pedestrians that are drunk or high from just walking wherever they want. I have never seen a problem with drivers speed or the people who follow the crosswalk signals.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:57 PM	30 is too slow. There's a light every block and you can't go more than 4 blocks without stopping as it is, so 30 would make it excessively painful and not a desirable destination.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:57 PM	Has there really been that many pedestrians hit? And whose fault was it?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:57 PM	50 is slow enough. The world can't stop just because of a few people who jaywalk and get hit. Unreasonable to reduce to 30 km as it's too slow. 30 km is for school zones. Pay more attention to bigger issues like fixing pot holes or finding a better way to design roads in this city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:58 PM	Because it's going to cause much more of a headache. Keep it at 50 and people can adjust their speed as needed
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:59 PM	There are lights at every block.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:59 PM	Traffic congestion will be ridiculous

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:59 PM	Because the amount of pedestrian collisions does not warrant this sort of reaction. Quit wasting our money on this and spend it where we need it! Enough of this garbage it's not a free for all.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 07:59 PM	I go on daily walks downtown and have never had a problem with the speed limit crossing roads. I feel completely safe and that it is a good place.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:02 PM	Reducing speed would cause extreme traffic back ups. It's already extremely difficult getting through downtown and being backed up, reducing speed will only make it more difficult.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:02 PM	This is a joke. It will be a cash grab for the city issuing tickets and will do nothing to stop accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:04 PM	In your report, you don't mention how many people in Lethbridge jaywalk downtown or walking with a red light or the decrease in traffic flow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:04 PM	Dont waste our tax money on this at all. Think wisely and just do the job like other city or town. Keep it clean and do the maintenance job. Dont create, dont even try to make it better, it will create more issues like a needle crime site. I miss 5 years ago Lethbridge. Today's Lethbridge is horrible.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:05 PM	If the average is already lower why spend the money to do anything else. If 3rd Ave was excluded from the proposed lower limit my response might be different.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:05 PM	It will take more than reducing the traffic speed to revitalize the downtown. The city should have more pressing issues to deal with.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:06 PM	Increase in traffic tickets - no reason to decrease speed as downtown is a virtual ghost town bow that we have a large homeless drug user population
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:06 PM	The downtown core still represents city streets. No school zones, no playground zones. Decrease the speed limit will not make the downtown "vibrant". The police have better situations to attend to then monitoring a ridiculous speed reduction. Focus on bigger issues please.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:07 PM	Lowering the speed limit won't change people's desire to stay downtown, or shop, or recreate. It will just make it more difficult for commuters to get to work and cause congestion of traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:07 PM	If people don't j walk (follow the law) and don't cross on don't walk signals, they don't need to worry about the speed of cars. Also survey said average speed was 30-40, WHY are we wanting to change it???
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:07 PM	I don't feel there is a large problem with the speed limit. If people were to cross the streets at crosswalks when the lights indicate that it is safe, there should not be a problem.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:07 PM	Don't see a need in lowering the limit, think it will actually discourage people from going downtown rather than encouraging it, as they will find the change annoying and not worthwhile.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:07 PM	There are enough red lights to slow people down
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:08 PM	There is no way reducing the speed limit is a good idea. It will cause more drivers to become impatient and be more reckless. If there is a problem with

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:08 PM	pedestrian safety, maybe we should be looking at how pedestrian can take responsibility for themselves (ie. not jaywalking). Better intersection signage, more traffic lights or 4 way stops would be much better than lowering the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:08 PM	I've never noticed speed to be a problem
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:08 PM	Traffic will be even more backed up
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:09 PM	Just are just no issues with the 50 km/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:09 PM	50 is a reasonable and average speed for most areas. The streets are wide with good visibility. Completely unnecessary, waste of money, going to turn into a cash grab for tickets. I believe it will be just more more reason to avoid the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:10 PM	because 50 is slow and pedestrian injury shouldn't happen when there is thousands of cross walks for them to use
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:10 PM	I don't see the need to make a change, has there been an increase in pedestrian fatalities?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:11 PM	I would like to know what other stupid ideas you have up your sleeve to finish off the businesses downtown. My vote is NO!!!!!! To your proposal. Keep speed at 50.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:11 PM	Lethbridge needs to find ways to move traffic more quickly. Not slow down traffic. Too many stop signs, 4-way stops, and poorly coordinated traffic lights slow down the flow of traffic enough.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:12 PM	I do not feel lowering the speed will stop people or slow them down. Adding speed cameras, redlight camera and making the corners more visible. Some of the building are build to close to the side walk and edge making it hard to see traffic and pedestrians on the corner.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:12 PM	I work downtown, I walk Downton every single day, I have had zero issues with the speed limit. I don't see a reason to reduce it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:12 PM	The traffic lights in this city already restrict efficient transportation. There is a very good reason people call it "Red Light Lethbridge". You cant get anywhere without unnecessary red lights that are incredible poorly timed with traffic flow. I already feel frustrated driving downtown because of this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:12 PM	I think it would be better to place pedestrian lights that they can push to signal they are there rather than lower the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:13 PM	Because 50 is appropriate for the area. It is not a playground or school with the average person to young to know better
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:13 PM	No need to change it
Screen Name Redacted	Slowing traffic down won't resolve any issues. Our city can't manage traffic

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flow and there traffic backups all over the city because of it. You need to look at options to increase traffic flow by better timing of lights, one way streets, etc.

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No significant rate of injury at the current speeds.

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I have felt as though I would get hit down town. Make eye contact with the drivers before you walk and you will be fine. Pedestrians and drivers need to both be smart and expected to try and maintain safety at all times.

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This is a slippery slope of reducing speed limits throughout the city. There is enough traffic controls in the city and reducing the speed limit and causing even more congestion downtown will encourage me to avoid going downtown even more. This City has bigger problems to address than reducing speed limits. Focus on fixing the roads and potholes. Stop these make work projects and get to work fixing our city and stop this pointless pandering.

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Provide statistics of how many pedestrian accidents are actually occurring in the downtown core. How many of the pedestrian accidents in the downtown core resulted from people not obeying the crosswalks? If the average speed already being driven by people in the downtown core is less than 50kms how will a reduction of the speed limit decrease pedestrian accidents. Is part of the problem due to intoxicated people wandering and jutting out in front of traffic? If those are the accidents the City is trying to prevent, I think rather than reducing the speed, there could be a greater effort focused on reducing the number of intoxicated people in public. We are all frustrated waiting for the people who can make positive changes to our downtown core to start making that happen. A reduction of the speed limit downtown will likely not provide a boost in the safety of the pedestrians downtown, but rather enrage the people who are already struggling to find a reason to spend their time and money downtown.

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30km/hour is ridiculous and will take forever to get anywhere

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If people follow the law and crossed at corners and crosswalks there would be no need to be worried about pedestrian injuries. As it is now several individuals cross wherever they feel like. Clean up downtown and you wouldn't have to worry about people crossing where they shouldn't be and then reducing the speed wouldn't be an issue.

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SERIOUSLY! I think Lethbridge has bigger issues to deal with right now. I'm disgusted that this is something you (our municipal government) feel is of high importance given the current state of the downtown core. Businesses are clearly suffering (little foot traffic) and there is an abundance of drug use happening in plain sight 24/7. People don't go downtown unless they absolutely have too because it's not safe. It's not even safe for me (a female) to walk downtown alone and its my neighbourhood. I rarely see The Watch or Police patrolling and I have never witnessed a person being arrested for public intoxication. I have however, seen many drugged out (intoxicated) people wandering the streets. You (the municipal government) have made it acceptable for people to freely do drugs and be high in our downtown core

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Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:19 PM	you've already told us that speeds downtown are on average below 50 kph. what would be the point in lowering them. how much money would this cost? doesn't seam or sound like this would help in anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:19 PM	Very seldomly do people get up to 50km anyways, so this doesn't seem to be a serious problem and certainly isn't worth spending money on
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:21 PM	I feel that speed limits should be reduced to 40 in residential areas and then downtown should follow when statistics come
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:21 PM	It's good as-is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:21 PM	The roads are more than safe enough at the current speed and pedestrian intersections work well as long as pedestrians and bicyclists obey the law. I don't believe the city should pander to rural living if the city's intent is to improve and restructure the downtown to attract business and consumers. It would be embarrassing for us when out-of-town business people visiting downtown see that our speed limit is the same that of a horse and carriage. The mom and pop shops, the farmers market, and the little art shops are cute and all, but the revenue generated by the downtown core rests on the modernization of it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:21 PM	Where is the data stating that this is an issue? Why is the city of Lethbridge wasting money focusing on something that isn't a necessity? The speed limit of 50km/hr is good as is and is the speed limit of many cities throughout the country.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:22 PM	When you reduce the limit, it would appear as though you are only after more speeding tickets. There is no need to reduce it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:22 PM	50 is safe for downtown no need to reduce it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:22 PM	Confusing for motorists - doesn't need to have school zone restrictions - majority of downtown have a 50 km/h speed limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:23 PM	This is the last problem that needs to be fixed to make the downtown core more viable.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:24 PM	It doesn't need to be reduced. There aren't a lot of pedestrians downtown compared to other cities whose speed limits are 50.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:24 PM	Because of the lights & stop signs you rarely reach 50 Kph. I haven't heard of many pedestrians being hit in the 60+ years I have lived here (unless we aren't hearing about them), so save some money and leave the sped limit as it stands. It also seems like the more we try to protect the public the more

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:25 PM	<p>they need to be protected.</p> <p>If average speeds are already 30-40, why is there a need to change the speed limit? Have there been pedestrian injuries? What behaviour are we trying to change by reducing the speed limit? How will the speed limit change affect traffic? Will more motorists avoid downtown? Will the speed limit change be enforced? How?</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:25 PM	<p>I believe that 50km/h is already as low as it should be. Pedestrians and vehicles need to be cautious of course but this is part of being a citizen either you are walking downtown (you should be following the signs, crossing when the light is on or pushing the button for the lights to flash) or driving (driving safely is a requirement to obtain your licence and unsafe behaviours should be taken care of by the police). Not to mention the ones usually getting into accidents and causing injuries to others are likely to be people speeding over 50km/h so why "punish" the rest of the population that respect the speed limit? Some areas of Lethbridge are already 50 when they should really be higher for safety reasons. As far as kids, I understand parents are worried. Many signs and school zones/playground zones are in place which should be sufficient. If not, then maybe parents shouldn't let their kids out in the streets on their own until they are able to cross the road in a safe manner.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:26 PM	<p>People already have issues with using downtown because of the issues from the Arches SCS. If the speed limit is changed to 30 it will Further deter people from using downtown businesses and downtown will become even more of a drug wasteland it currently is now.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:26 PM	<p>Because it's ridiculous to slow it down, I assure you things will not change its more about distraction</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:26 PM	<p>Traffic controls are already in place downtown. Priority should be to make neighborhoods safer with more pedestrian peninsulas, better crosswalks and reduced speed limits on crescents, courts, place etc.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:27 PM	<p>No data was provided that indicate this is actually an issue in Lethbridge. More concerned about the safety of folks being accosted by the homeless, drunks, and druggies then by vehicles.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:28 PM	<p>30km will only increase congestion. 50km is fine.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:28 PM	<p>It doesn't currently feel unsafe due to speed. It is unsafe due to all the addicts and homeless around.</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:28 PM	<p>I feel as though driving a vehicle is a responsibility. Driving means you need to pay attention to everything; pedestrians, lights, other vehicles, etc. My point is, if residential areas, streets, and roads like mayor Magrath dr North can have a speed limit of 50 with the same circumstances, (pedestrians etc), why should the downtown change?</p>
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:29 PM	<p>lowering the speed down from 50 is just going to drive more people away from the downtown and force more congestion to the south end. as a resident who has lived in larger metros (i.e. Edmonton, Vancouver, Langley) I really feel like this kind of thing isn't needed or warranted, the biggest issue is bike lanes that get put in and then you see a cyclist riding down the sidewalk not</p>

	using the bike lane. or the lack of road etiquette used by cyclists or pedestrians!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:30 PM	The slow speeds cause more accidents!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:30 PM	Nice try. A clever approach to increase tickets from photo radar in downtown. Well done, well done. Tricking the people that pay you doesn't bode well. Many of us are smarter than some of the high school dropouts working with the city who probably brought up this ridiculous idea. We're on to you.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:31 PM	Downtown Lethbridge is not that busy to warrant reducing speed to 30 km. If pedestrians adhere to the rules as well as motorists, I don't see the need to reduce the speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:31 PM	30 km is fine for playgrounds and school zones however slow drivers in general cause road rage and people already drive slower downtown. As there are double lanes it should be kept at 50 km.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:31 PM	Confusing, annoying, more costly to put up and maintain extra signage, will result in greater annoyance for city residents than any benefits it would bring. Would discourage downtown traffic, which seems like a poor outcome.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:33 PM	I don't feel like paying your photo radar tickets. Isn't this your end plan?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:33 PM	I feel that if pedestrians and motorists are all doing as they should (waiting for lights ect.) 50 is safe. As a person who walks often the speed of vehicles is not what concerns me, drivers who turn right on a red and don't see that I have a walk sign and almost hit me is what happens the most. I think most days that I need to walk it is someone who doesn't see that I the pedestrian have the right of way (walk sign) that is the most danger to me.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:33 PM	I don't believe it's unreasonable to have the speed limit at 50, unless I'm unaware of major issues with pedestrians, I think the issue then is intoxicated individuals.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:34 PM	There is already major traffic back ups during certain times in day this will make the situation way worse
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:35 PM	It's already slow enough to get from one side of this town to the other. My work is all over the city as a contractor and it like being in Calgary with out the population 45min from one to the others side
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:36 PM	By making the downtown 30km/h it sets a president for 30km/h through our the city. I think that this is ridiculous and is a slippery slope. Not to mention I'm sure the city would have the down town crawling with photo radar if it where to change to 30km/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:36 PM	There are enough traffic lights and if people follow the traffic pedestrian laws it should be fine
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:36 PM	How many pedestrian accidents really happen? Maybe just maybe the pedestrian s should use the crosswalks and abide by the lights and laws. Ticket the pedestrian at fault, not punishing all the drivers. If you change this too, even less people will go downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:37 PM	30km/h is too slow and it already takes so long to get through downtown with all of the lights anyways

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:37 PM	Seems an unnecessary change.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:37 PM	30km for school and playground zones only. No need to reduce to 50km in the downtown. See no point in that.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:38 PM	Other things can be done to reduce collisions between vehicles and pedestrians such as more lighting and signals at uncontrolled crosswalks such as the one at 2 Ave S and 5 St S. It's not fair to force drivers to have to move slower if it's pedestrians not using crosswalks properly and if the pedestrian traffic warrants it, more signals and lighting should be put in place for their safety at uncontrolled crossings because whether a driver is going 50km/h or 30km/h, if they can't see the pedestrian then they're still at risk for a collision. It also has to be considered that many people don't follow speed limits, especially ones as low as 30km/h, so by reducing the limit all that is going to end up happening is annoyed impatient drivers breaking the law and pedestrians being at risk anyways.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:38 PM	When was the last pedestrian and vehicle fatality in the downtown core? I can't recall one. It mentions that people are opting to go between 30 and 40km/h on their own accord, so the need to place a limit of 30km/h is ridiculous. People driving downtown seem to know how to judge their driving appropriately, so let's continue to allow people to do so.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:41 PM	People just need to be cautious and pay attention when they drive and we wouldn't have any issues.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:41 PM	So I can get away from all the druggies who are wondering the streets faster. Also I don't want to get ticketed while riding my bike downtown cause I can go at least 37km/h when I decide to send it!!!
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Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:42 PM	If people used crosswalks properly it wouldn't be a safety issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:42 PM	The speed limit being 50km has never been a problem. I've never felt it unsafe traveling that speed in the down town area. If the speed limit was lowered I would avoid the area and my visits would be less frequent.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:42 PM	Na
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:42 PM	Vehicles are safer then they've ever been. Speed limits should be increased all over the province.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:43 PM	The speed feels right. I don't feel unsafe downtown at this speed either driving or walking on the sidewalk.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:45 PM	There'll be too many cops being paid to stand and hold a radar gun instead of doing useful work. Plus 50 is working fine.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:45 PM	My first concern is this will result in people using highway 3 more and avoiding the downtown area affecting downtown businesses. The highway is already bad due to the 70km section and busy, this would add to that. How about adding red light camera's and photo radar on all downtown lights. This would bring in more money for the city and you penalize the individuals who are responsible for the issue, instead of penalizing everyone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:46 PM	We need to clean up the drunk disorderly people they are the problem. They just walk out in front of you. Normal people are well aware of the intoxicated people
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:47 PM	The people that speed will not slow down anyways. I have walked around the downtown core with no problem with crossing a street at any time. Drivers and pedestrians are both responsible for safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:48 PM	The few cities I have lived in have speed limits of 50 in their downtown and I don't ever recall hearing too much of a problem because of it. Just an opinion though.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:49 PM	I understand why you feel this should happen, however, I think this would create too much congestion when it's busy. Pedestrians should adhere to the crosswalks and cross when safe. As a pedestrian, this is what I do. I haven't heard of many people actually being hit and killed downtown, so this makes no sense really.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:50 PM	Drivers and pedestrians are equally responsible to pay attention to what is occurring around them.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:50 PM	Safe as is
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:51 PM	Reducing the speed limit and will add traffic congestion and frustration which is likely to contribute to more vehicle related accidents. I can tell you 100% that if the speed limit goes to 30 that I will move from 3 times a month visits to 0. Between the issues with Galt Gardens and the injection site I don't know why the city would make decisions to further disrupt the small business sector downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:52 PM	The speed reduction does nothing to make downtown a more vibrant and trafficked part of the community. Ultimately the reason people aren't stopping at businesses or parks downtown isn't because they are traveling too fast through the streets but rather because they don't feel safe. Your data proves this out anyways as you already stated that most of the traffic through the downtown core is already traveling at lower speeds than the posted speed limit. Making the speed limit formally 30 KM will do nothing to revitalize downtown and quite frankly just feels like yet another speed trap that photo radar can gouge your citizens on.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:52 PM	I don't see any issue with the current speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 08:52 PM	Drivers and pedestrians can both be responsible.
Screen Name Redacted	I feel the streets are wide enough in the core to accommodate a 50 km

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speed limit. I haven't seen any statistics that show a high amount of pedestrian accidents in the downtown to warrant the speed reduction 30 km/h is ridiculous!

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Don't keep more citizens away from downtown by creating obstacles like in the London Road Area

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It's fine if everyone drives properly and they should be responsible.

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There's nothing wrong with the speed being 50km. Enforce pedestrians actually using the crosswalks. It's not just the drivers responsibility to be alert to their surroundings. Pedestrians need to be responsible for respecting the roadway as well.

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I don't recall there being an issue with major collisions downtown for a while. I don't think a speed change is necessary, or not for the area that is being suggested. Perhaps the area needs to be revisited, or a time that there is higher foot traffic needs to be slower.

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We don't need anymore negative publicity about downtown. Give us a break already - put the funds and your time somewhere else. I drive everyday and the roads are fine!

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Traffic will be all backed up it's already bad enough. The only people whom may be getting run over are the ones who are high as kites and litter our streets.

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I have not seen evidence that there are an intolerable number of injuries or accidents attributable to the current speed limit. It is unnecessary.

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Unnecessary changes!

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30 km/h is far too slow. The slower the limit, the more inattentive drivers are and the less they focus on the driving at hand. I believe this would cause more collisions than anything. 50 is slow enough, perhaps work to improve crosswalks and ensuring they are used correctly is of greater importance - It's important to keep traffic moving. - As a pedestrian who frequently walks downtown, I've never felt unsafe or concerned with the speed of traffic. - It will create confusion and uncertainty regarding where the lower speed starts/ends - Following too closely is one of the highest reported causes of accidents due to driver error. This is likely to increase if the speed limit is reduced. - Speed is reported as the main cause of vehicle and pedestrian accidents in less than 30% of cases. - It may further deter people from coming to the downtown core, which is sad because it's great! - The majority of other cities in Canada who have proposed the speed reduction have not proceeded with implementation. - What is the plan for enforcement and is it feasible? Are resources better utilized elsewhere? - The majority of pedestrian accidents in Alberta occur in residential neighbourhoods. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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Can downtown business owners have a breather?? SCS, parking meters,

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covid...when is enough enough? Stop the negative with the downtown talk and work on revitalizing rather than continuously taking away.

50 is safe. Pedestrians need to cross at cross walks with the appropriate lights. I thought my kids to make eye contact with the drivers. If the eye contact is made then you know you are safe. Pedestrians need to focus on what they are doing instead of listening to music or on their cell phones. We all Need to take responsibility for our actions drivers and pedestrians alike. Not to mention I'm sure photo radar would be set up everywhere.

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The Speed limit isn't the problem for safety downtown; prevalent substance abuse is.

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Please don't ruin downtown its depressing going to work there everyday and now this? What are we doing to ourselves

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There is no traffic there already due to the daily unsavoury criminal activity ! Please fix that first!!!

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With this logic all speed zones should be reduced to 30 , traffic tickets will end up being given to violators when no body is even around, maybe is should be 20 to make it even safer? No wait, 10kph! How about no car traffic in downtown at all? This is obviously a liberal idea.

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I work downtown and have never seen an issue with speed or pedestrian getting hit by a vehicle. Rather than adjust speed limits focus on reducing wait times at trafficway lights for pedestrians. 30 is too slow and would be another example of trying to reduce traffic downtown and negatively affect more businesses. Just a terrible idea in my opinion and walk downtown everyday.

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Don't see the need. Leave it as is

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With lights not in sync it is hard to go 50 anyway. This city always wants to reduce speed limits (Scenic and University Drives) and use photo radar instead of patrolling.

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If the issue is bike riders I would argue that there is a higher number of drivers then bikers That this would affect. Additionally this only would affect bikers for 3 months in the summer but the rest of us for the ENTIRE year. . It's ridiculous that city counsel keeps changing city rules due to them being the bikers. I would love to hear the amount of accidents happening and where your statistics are coming from. Because I haven't heard of any biker accidents downtown. So if it's not a high percentage to begin with I don't see why this is being a issue that is being addressed.

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During the day with red lighted, traffic and pedestrians speed is adjusted accordingly (30-40). But at 7:00-7:30 when driving to work, no traffic no pedestrians or very few, streets are empty, it's safe to go 50kph. I'm already stopping for 3-4 red lights at 50kph coming in to downtown. Lower it to 30 and I'll be too busy worried about a ticket every day , staring at my speedometer instead of the road.

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Pedestrians are failing to use crosswalks, I believe the sole onus does not fall on drivers. Education tactics should be taken first, followed by resolving

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:06 PM	action with failed results Too many 30k zones already. Completely unnecessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:06 PM	Just another cash grab with no good reasoning
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:06 PM	If you have a reduced speed limit, that would give pedestrians a false sense of security when they should also be watching. There are currently too many j walkers. Perhaps making a street or two pedestrian only roads. Or put a playground zone around Galt Gardens only.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:06 PM	no one listens to 60km/hr on whoop up what makes you think they will listen to a even slower speed limit downtown. Penticton B.C. has a 30km/hr downtown and it's never enforced nor does anyone obey it. Reprogram and update your poorly timed traffic lights.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:08 PM	Unnecessary
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:08 PM	U just want a cash cow
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:08 PM	Such a dumb idea
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:09 PM	Slow enough for pedestrians and fast enough for drivers. We need to teach vehicle safety for drivers AND pedestrians. What ever happened to making eye contact with the driver before crossing? Individuals still need to take responsibility for their safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:09 PM	theres enough traffic lights for people to use when crossing where the traffic will be completely stopped, so reducing speed doesnt matter. plus i have never really heard of a pedestrian being hit downtown and while yes accidents can and will happen i dont think theres a big enough threat of pedestrian/biker safety to reduce the speed
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:10 PM	Why don't we just make everyone ride bikes, better yet confiscate everyone's cars?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:10 PM	if it isn't broken. why disrupt flow as is. will not change a thing
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:11 PM	50 is slow enough. People aren't getting hit by cars downtown. People are pissed off enough about the SCS and the new parking downtown. Why add another reason for people to hate it? Disagree. Disagree. Disagree.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:11 PM	I wonder how many City council members are bikers.... seems like a real move for the city members
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:11 PM	Stop trying to regulate people 50 is fine so many red lights anyways
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:12 PM	Why don't we focus on real issues like getting the SCS under control? Or better yet figuring out a way to make business owners prosper and not have

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:13 PM	to pay additional fees for cleanup/security from your messes. Because that's slow enough. Reducing to 30 is ridiculous. This is Just another way for city to try racking up funds for trying to catch people for speeding. Keep it at 50. Don't be ridiculous
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:13 PM	It is standard municipal speed limit. Roads are for traffic movement. Slower speeds in schools & playground zones absolutely- but not in downtown core. It is not a pedestrian-friendly area for residents due to social issues. Am completely against reduction of speed limits proposed
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:13 PM	So nice to try and inconvenience us even more than you already have
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:14 PM	The people in this city drive too slow as it is. Putting up speed signs is just a way to get ticket money. Way bigger problems in the core and I don't believe the number of dead pedestrians is one of them.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:14 PM	Pedestrians have crosswalks that they should utilize while drives utilize street lights. The people not walking in designated crosswalks are a problem
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:15 PM	Almost every intersection downtown has a traffic signal so collisions chances are lowered. What are the statistics of deaths and injuries on downtown roads, what would the reduction actually accomplish.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:16 PM	In your reports you said most people are already driving 30-40 km so why change it if people are already going that speed? Also for those that di just drive through let the. Do 50km
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:16 PM	Not required
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:16 PM	I feel there are enough lights downtown and that people in Lethbridge will not follow the lower speed limit anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:17 PM	There are so many lights and pedestrian crossings that are extremely visible. No need to reduce speed. I have no memory of even one accident between car and pedestrian downtown that would have been serious enough to make news.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:17 PM	Maybe try cutting the grass first and then you'll be able to see all the bike paths you've already created on the south side.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:19 PM	Speed has got to be the last issue we are worrying about downtown...
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:19 PM	You already stated most are driving more slowly right now so changing the law just adds a headache for those times and areas that is safe to go 50. This is a waste of time, energy and money. I fully support the slowdown near Henderson but this is a terrible idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:19 PM	Because that's a waste of our taxpayers money. Stupidity
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:19 PM	If speeds were to be reduced it should be for the primary operational hours of our businesses only; our downtown has next to no nightlife and with the new terminal there's barely any foot traffic after 5-6pm when most businesses are closed. That being said, I don't often see people driving over

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:19 PM	50 during the day cause we're constantly needing to look for pedestrians bolting out on a yellow or red light, jaywalkers or searching for parking. If the concern is pedestrian safety, perhaps it's more important to re-teach pedestrians the rules of being a pedestrian.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:21 PM	No reason to reduce speed. Pedestrians are safe as long as they follow rules and traffic lights.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:21 PM	There is no reason to change it. Pedestrians and bike riders should respect the laws of the road instead of doing whatever they damn well please.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:21 PM	Speed reduction is a waste of time. I have never witnessed or read in the news about traffic accidents downtown. There may be a few I am unaware of, but if people are averaging between 30/40 km/h, then there is no reason to reduce speed. This shows that people are already driving with awareness, while leaving room to go an optimal 50km/hr. As for pedestrian safety, every intersection has a stoplight with crosswalk technology. They are not supposed to be in the middle of the road or walking across greenly lit traffic lights. I agree with a comment that a speed reduction in the suburbs is necessary (to 40/km/hr).
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:21 PM	Almost every intersection has traffic lights. There are not to my knowledge very many pedestrians being hit by vehicles
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:23 PM	The speeds proposed would cause huge traffic backup. I already go downtown less frequently because I detest your passing meters and being accosted by homeless folks but if you change the speed limits then I'm done as a consumer down there. Pointless traffic backup is a step too far.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:24 PM	There are enough lights and stops signs which lower speeds
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:25 PM	There are traffic lights on every corner. Ridiculous idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:25 PM	Downtown is all ready perceived as restrictive, I am downtown every day and I don't think I've ever seen anyone drive @ 50km. I am also not aware of a pedestrian accident problem downtown, I think there are more pressing issues that keep people from spending time downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:25 PM	Reducing to 30km/h will allow the cops to give out loads of tickets. Plus 30km/h is ridiculous...just drive safely.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:27 PM	As a regular visitor of the downtown Lethbridge, I have witnessed a majority of pedestrians jaywalking downtown. Enforcing cars to slow down to avoid pedestrians getting severely hurt seems like you're enabling a bad habit and punishing those who simply wish to escape the downtown area. The traffic is seripusly bad enough downtown and making everyone drive at a slower rate will solve nothing. Only frustration and road rage.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 09:27 PM	Keep traffic moving at that reasonable speed. Dropping the speed limit would mean more tickets would be issued. The downtown area is already facing so many problems. They do not need another problem.
Screen Name Redacted	50 is a safe speed. 30 is to slow. Pedestrians and drivers have a onus on

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them to be aware of their surroundings.

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reducing the speed downtown will not make a difference - the likelihood of pedestrian accidents will remain the same with the number of people who are drunk or high that wander down there and decide they can walk/step into the road whenever they want - TONS OF JAY WALKERS

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I don't see speed as being an issue. Why is this being considered?

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Close the safe consumption site and send anyone that is impaired in Galt Gardens to a rehabilitation facility with the money saved by closing the safe consumption site.

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I think people are smart and drive slower half the time anyways. Limiting the speed and then essentially ticketing people for going 50 if you lower it would be ridiculous.

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Downtown is not the problem. Lack of enforcement is the problem. Do you think those that do not pay attention to walk signals, speed zones, jaywalking will care if you change the speed limit? Everyone is patrolling the negativity in our downtown but the traffic can basically do as they please. How about Downtown officers who walk the beat start paying attention to jaywalkers and walking against the signal, adults riding through crosswalks on their bike and then going back on the street when convenient?

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There are far more serious concerns than this, the city resources can be better utilized with initiatives that make sense. Or actually finishing projects on the books or that deserve more attention. How many more months before the traffic signal at CNT and 28th gets relocated? How long will it take for the transit/snow plows/firetrucks Opticom project to be completed? Or the radio project? Or have all the faulty sleeves that Electric Ops purchased been swapped out, or still being used?

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People will avoid downtown if the speed limit is lowered.

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No need to focus on this. There are no issues at present and none to be proactive about. Deal with the transient population and drug misuse/abuse above all else, and revitalize downtown as a whole - there should not be any vacant commercial real estate.

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I think that people on both sides should be more alert regarding traffic downtown because it is so busy. I think there would be greater benefit to different traffic patterns like all 4 lights being red at the same time and prohibiting right turns at red lights.

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30kms is too slow, a cash cow for speeding tickets and trying to solve drug addict problems by continually working on the secondary problems of supplying addicts with needles and letting them roam in the downtown core. Downtown has enough issues without adding more like 30km speed limits. Address the real problem for once, seriously just once

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It's not the speed of hitting pedestrians, car turning the left and right at the intersection are hitting them. They start turning into the intersection and not waiting for them to cross. There's no speed to that. Also, pedestrians at

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times don't look both ways. It's time people need to take responsibility and continuing making things slower in the city will just get frustrating, in which, can make it worse.

As stated in the preamble to the survey, most drivers are going between 30-40km/h anyway. This is very likely because most drivers are rational and prudent drivers. If they are already slowing down to reasonable speeds in the circumstances, why patronize drivers with mandatory restriction without allowing for faster speeds when it is safe? One might suspect the need for certain additional cash flows... Further, for those who obey traffic control devices there is little risk of incident. For those who don't, more danger is their choice to make. Downtown is not, nor should it be, targeted to unsupervised children; apart from them, who else is at risk besides those who disregard traffic laws? There is risk inherent in all activity that cannot ever be eliminated. Due care for one's own safety would be more effective, more practical, do more to discourage unsafe behaviors, and be less draining of city resources than enforcing a reduced driving speed that is 0-10km/h Less than the current norm.

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Why not just ban all cars down town and force people to use that stupid park and ride structure you wasted tax payer dollars on. The best way to reduce pedestrian fatality in terms of being hit by a vehicle is to have smarter pedestrians. Not By creating a massive speed trap in the city core ♂

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I don't think it is a issue and I feel that will only increase frustration of people traveling in the downtown core.

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For stats I'll disclose that I am a 48 yr old Woman with a University degree. We lived on 6 St for 5 yrs and I worked at RBC downtown. This is the area of the City I spend most of my life. If the Average speed is much lower anyway due to the factors stated in your write up then this is a non issue. At non peak times it will be very annoying to have to crawl along at 30. Maybe if we had stats on fatalities that happened in the downtown core I would feel differently. I feel this will just be another area where people are getting ticketed.

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Because your focus should be on the SCS and not spending tax payers money on altering the downtown core. It will mean \$\$ spent where it is not needed for signage, etc. Where is that money coming from? Oh probably the money you'll make on handing out tickets to the poor tax payers of the city. You should focus on the bigger issues - the SCS issues and the fact that this great city has come to be dubbed "Methbridge".

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Because although the average speed driven is less than 50 on the average, off peak times dont have the need for the reduction

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Many people need to drive through the downtown core to go to and from work/school. This area is a main through-fare and reducing the speed limit is not a benefit to anyone. How about instead of reducing the speed limit your issue traffic fines to people not following the rules of the road, ie J-walking, not obeying traffic signs, pedestrians crossing without the right away or on red lights. Pedestrians are required to follow the traffic laws too, maybe issuing tickets will prevent them from crossing whenever they feel they like it and playing chicken with cars

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Why should we change the speed limit for drivers, when pedestrians do whatever they want and we drivers have to stop for them when they are in the wrong? This is absolutely ridiculous!!

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Reducing the speed limit will do nothing. There are other major problems with the downtown core that need addressing before a useless speed limit change. People don't feel safe downtown. Spend money addressing the cities major drug problem and the fact that the LPS has made it ok to drink and do drugs in public. Somehow the city doesn't recognize what's happening on their own doorstep... literally. I watched a group drinking and injecting drugs on the steps of city hall. Get your shit together.

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It has always been 50, there have never been any serious incidents.

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No data of actual fatalities has been provided. Plus, this will make travel within downtown highly inefficient.

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I don't think there is a safety problem. It would just be a money grab from the poor sucker who went over 30. You already can fine them if they go over 50

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It is just a money grab. Why should it be any different than any other residential area?

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people will avoid the area even more. Cops will use it and abuse it for photo radar and speed traps.

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I rarely ever reach 50kph downtown because you go from red light to red light each block so not enough time to reach that speed. Even at 50kph is plenty of time to react to (to be nice) a jay walker. There is still plenty of danger at 30kph if the driver is not paying attention. Lower the limit will not improve driver attentiveness.

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I see no real reason to lower it. We have to remember that it is illegal to jaywalk, which seems to be a big problem in our downtown area. If we look at larger cities they don't reduce the speed limit, they in force the laws of the road.

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Around 4:30 everyone is leaving their jobs. The traffic is insane. Reducing the speed limit would make it worse. There is not enough foot and cycle traffic to make the speed limit a concern. Galt gardens is terrifying and over run. Maybe clean that up first.

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There has not been any demonstrated reason to reduce the speed limit. There has not been any pedestrian/traffic incidents to speak of in recent history. This is a distraction for our city planners. A waste of resources and a poor excuse to increase police revenues through bullshit fines.

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Traffic is stopped often enough due to poorly timed lights. Reducing the speed will just increase the amount of traffic waiting at lights. The amount of road rage will increase. This will reduce the amount of people who want to come downtown as they will avoid it due to consistently backed up traffic and

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increased road rage. We are not a cute little beach town or mountain town that does well with reduced speeds or pedestrians only streets. If you wish to make downtown more attractive to people you need to find some way to move the homeless population to a safer area. The YMCA and the old curling rink could have been set up as drop in centres providing resources and activities. Also the new parking meters are a bit of a deterrent as well. All you'll do is ticket and extort this for financial gain not looking out for safety.

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If the average speed is already 30-40, there is no need to spend the money to change it. I fear it will become another traffic fine cash cow

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It is not a playground zone, and 50 seems reasonable.

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The traffic lights downtown are already slow and painful with no sensors. No need to slow the speed it's not that busy downtown anyway.

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People are not getting run over. It is an unnecessary change. Somebody is just trying to justify their job and feel smart by bringing this up. You are always 3x less likely to be injured if a car goes 20km slower. The same can be said for 30km to 10km. Maybe nobody should be able to drive at all then there us 0 chance of being run over. See how stupid that sounds. At 50km an hour I am still more likely to be injured by a drug addict than a car, but the city doesn't seem to give a shit about that.

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The speed downtown is fine. This city has many other issues that actually need to be addressed, and are continually put on the back burner. Pedestrian accidents aren't very bad in the downtown. Most are caused by erratic pedestrians not following their rules of the road (crossing illegally, patrons being drunk and stumbling out into the street unexpectedly, etc). If this passes, this will just add another reason for me to avoid the downtown at all costs. (Other reasons keeping me from the down town are as I explained, things that actually need to be addressed, that are out on the back burner constantly).

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It doesn't make any sense to decrease speeds to 30km downtown, there are crosswalks on every block and the majority of drivers are responsible enough to drive at 50km. It is the responsibility of pedestrians to use the crosswalks available and not put their own lives in danger by jaywalking.

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Have no reason to believe it is currently unsafe, and varying speed limits would catch people off guard. Pedestrian traffic would be expecting 30 and have some coming at them at 50. Where does this city get these ideas. This rates up with having to break all the way down a iced hill. Not the smartest thing

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The article stated most people travel at 30-40km anyways. If someone is comfortable and confident driving 50 as myself and many others are there is no reason to reduce the speed. I travel downtown regularly to restaurants and businesses and if the speed limit was reduced I'd honestly try to avoid downtown more.

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Honestly it's ridiculous to lower them to 30. We are a city, name one other city that has lowered their speed limits to 30. It is just going to become a speed trap for cops to write a few extra tickets and people will start to avoid it because it will be so annoying.

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I'll just avoid downtown. Different speed limits all over is crazy. This will not help with revitalization. Another place for photo radar or hand out tickets.

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Whomevers idiot idea at city haul came up with this should be fired. I hope the BRZ doesn't back this bullshit either.

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Traffic flow and volume

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(1) The timing of the lights is not set to allow smooth traffic at 30km/hour you can barely avoid running from red light to red light as is. (2) I cannot think of a single time I have witnessed a downtown accident related to speeding in any form or fashion, (3) downtown has a larger problem with light timings wherein one side of traffic has disproportionate time to travel and also encounters shared green light windows with pedestrian walk signs that, during peak times such as lunch, cripples traffic locked behind a single car making a left turn and a single car making a right turn to a sad point where only 1 car in each lane moves forward over the entire duration of a green light, thereby increasing travel time by an additional 1 to 2 minutes. (4) 30 minute speed limits set downtown seem more like a convenient excuse to issue speeding ticket violations to individuals going 31km/per hour than it does to solve an actual problem with driving downtown. Downtown is plagued with a congested right hand turning lane on Scenic drive and the lane next to it with individuals with cars in park as they wait for someone to let them into said right hand lane to merge onto Whoopup drive. (5) The city already caters heavily to cyclists to the detriment of vehicle commuters and the roads are not designed with cyclists in mind. There is no adequate room for a biking lane without eliminating curb side parking and the entire point of operating a motor vehicle is to travel at speeds where you reach your destination faster than riding a bicycle. Again, I have not witnessed in over 20 years a collision downtown that involved the speed limit as the issue. I will state right now that my place of work deals almost exclusively with motor vehicle accident claims and injuries incurred as a result of them. More accidents have occurred from motorists blatantly ignoring the rules of the road, failing to yield at 4 way stops, failing to look both ways, pedestrians AND motorists failing to ensure either the pedestrian or operator of a vehicle has taken notice of them. I see more cyclists riding without helmets, riding through side walks without dismounting to cross. Honestly, the blatant jay walking and disregard for expected safety practices such as a walk signs clearly indicating NOT to cross and failing to operate a bicycle with regard to safety standards/laws are a much greater risk to the public than reducing the 50km/h speed of traffic. All you will accomplish is aggravating good drivers; the same ignorant and outright selfish behaviours exhibited all over Lethbridge will continue to produce the same problems, but more speeding tickets will be issued as

people continue to fight for lane control during peak hours of the day. I wish I could say the speeding tickets actually worked, but there's been no obvious indicating of that either. If the intended purpose of a speed reduction is to make things safer for pedestrians and cyclists, I strongly argue against it as it's more obvious to me that the motorists are often placed at greater risk of reckless behaviour of the pedestrians and cyclists disobeying laws person for person downtown all day long. By creating 50km/hour zones around the city that intersect with multiple 30km/zones even greater frustration and confusion leading to road raging motorists will result. Most motorists cannot seem to grasp that Mayor Magrath is even a 60km/hr zone as more time is spent at 40 to 50. Scenic is difficult to maintain 60 as everyone is doing 70 to 80.. whoopup continues to see cars and mostly trucks flying both down and UP to the West side at 100+km/hr with seemingly no fear of law enforcement stopping them. 13 Street South is riddled with people speeding in an attempt to get passed the newly implemented cyclist intersection and from there they attempt to race fast enough to avoid hitting the red light at the intersection near Stubbs pharmacy. Downtown speed isn't the issue, regardless of the stats being provided. You'd be better off reinforcing proper education regarding the rules of operating bicycles as the majority obviously have no idea that a helmet is required and that they must get off of said bicycle while crossing the street on along a cross walk. People aren't even looking as they cross.. they have their faces down in their phones.. for all the worry of distracted drivers.. for the love of god, people are walking across the road and tripping on the curb, because they haven't looked up with their earbuds in and eyes glued to their screens. Downtown theft, vandalism and drug abuse is so rampant that I cannot help but believe this is more about pushing a shadow agenda to encourage a greener community within a downtown that is honestly not safe. Hell.. I had my rear wiper ripped off of my vehicle as a pedestrian in passing figured it might make a good weapon. I have watched cars be stolen, bikes be stolen (far more often) GPS units ripped off of motorcycles, assaults, acts of sex occurring in alleyways.. how does reducing the speed limit resolve the issues that actually keep people from WANTING to visit downtown? Downtown is not safe, because of violence, drug abuse, unprovoked vandalism and disgruntled individuals lashing out at the world in anger.. not because the speed limit is 50. That's why I feel altering the speed limit will statistically do nothing to improve the downtown region; it will just infuriate those of us who have no choice but to risk our vehicles being left out in the open downtown to go to work already resulting in theft and damage that goes unpunished and without compensation; now, you are wishing to burden us further with increased delays, road rage and the frustration of having to pay more attention to where the 30 starts or ends to avoid speeding tickets than to the surrounding cyclists and pedestrians that are already unpredictable as they often enough do not follow the rules when it does not suit them to do so.

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Because speed is not the issue. The issue is drug use. The fact that the supervised consumption site has been an unmitigated disasters and that drug use has increased in this city is why there is the potential, or maybe

there already are, fatal collisions. Also you site no sources for your statistics. Get your act together as a council and start dealing with the real issues. Drugs. We need more police and criminals to get more than a slap on the wrist for flagrant and continued abuse. Clean up the down town area and maybe people would visit more and the already non-issue of speed would resolve itself. The general public are paying the price for the pariahs of society and this council is turning a blind eye to the real issues of the safety and well being of the vast majority of this city. Speed limits are not the issue, its just another modicum of control for the city like the ridiculous parking meters.

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I would avoid down town more if I had to drive even slower to get where I wanted to go

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See no reason for the change in the speed limit This will not help with getting people to shop there Maybe try get rid of the park situation first Frustrating to say the least But big no to speed change thank you

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No reason to change it. I suspect the people getting hit are those that are intoxicated and walk out into oncoming traffic. Which I see happen regularly. I think the traffic lights should have sensors to allow for better traffic flow. You can sit at a night for 5 minutes while no one is around, I find that the most most annoying driving through down town. Also if you want to increase business down town make parking free (though I personally don't feel safe anymore, even outside my office building as I routinely see people shooting drugs in the open in broad day light). Wake up, much bigger concerns down town than speed limit changes!!

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The downtown area needs to focus its efforts on addressing bigger issues Such as the homeless and drug (including policing it...) rather than spending money on this stuff

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Reducing speed limits would only cause more issues downtown. Especially with homeless populations walking in front of cars and banging on windows. Also why would you "fix" something that isn't broken. Most accidents occur due to careless drivers which will happen regardless of a speed limit change. If you want to fix any issues have more traffic police presence in the area. Plus with the excessive homeless population and ridiculous parking zones, reducing the speed limit would only act as another reason for people to avoid downtown. I would start by trying to resolve the issues with the homeless population first as you may actually see an increase in foot traffic downtown as opposed to driving everyone away.

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Reducing speeds is not going to bring people downtown! Dumb idea when there are other things money could be used for.

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I work down town and haven't seen any problem.

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I am a health care provider and work at crh. Pedestrian fatality is not a major issue in our downtowns. I think dealing with drugs should be city priority.

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It is a normal speed to be around pedestrians

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People have places to be.

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Can't say i have ever found it affects my ability to see businesses and its not that busy 30km would be so unnecessary. And down the few tighter streets no one goes 50km anywys always someone backing out. How many "fatal" collisions as is the reasoning given are there tho where there isnt multiple other factors at play are there?

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30 km/ hr is way too slow. There are enough idiots driving out there already without having to worry about going slow also. As a delivery service, my time is money. Slower speed limits will add time to our delivery/service runs. I don't think you would want your elderly parent stuck in a patient lift longer then necessary. Slower speed limits will cause more issues than resolve them.

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The issue isn't with road traffic, it's with the pedestrian controls and barriers, make right hand turns easier to see. Knowing this city this will be done simply to generate ticket income and further punish people to visit the downtown core from outside it. Few people live in the core so making it somewhere people don't want to go because they will have to waste time trying to get where they are going will further push them to the other retail districts

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Unless statistics prove that there have been pedestrians injured by vehicles in the downtown area, there is absolutely no need to lower the speed. Lowering the speed limit n addition to the current parking meters would deter even more people from going into the downtown area!

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Let common sense prevail! Sure you will slow down when congested, however outside of business hours it will be just a nuisance and a possible money grab for ticketing...

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If 50km is considered a safe speed to drive down a residential road why should it be any different down town.

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Creating inconsistent speed limits I believe it will create confusion and frustration with drivers when they use the downtown.

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I have not heard or seen any injuries due to vehicle vs pedestrian. The more you keep changing stuff downtown the less people want to go I hate going downtown now

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Length of streets are short. Generally my speeds don't get to 50kph during my daily commute. The traffic control lights are sufficient in controlling the speed and flow in traffic.

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Because there have been no major issues with it.

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I am NOT in favour of lowering the speed limit in downtown. I believe most people would avoid the downtown and go around it and the businesses would lose money. Also, 50km is a reasonable speed. You could drop the speed to 10km/hr or ban cars and no one would get in fatal accidents. But I'm curious how many fatalities on an annual basis you think this change would make? When Calgary considered lowering the speeds in some

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:32 PM	residential neighborhoods the fatality number was already so low it wouldn't change. Finally, if people are already driving 30-40 km per hour when the speed limit is 50km what do you need to change? I would expect that the speed increases closer to 50 in the mornings and evenings (off peak) when there is less traffic).
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:35 PM	People rarely drive 50kph as it is due to the shortness of blocks, traffic controls, etc. so I feel it's redundant
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:36 PM	People are going to get frustrated and speed anyway. Creating more accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:36 PM	It seems reasonable to me. I've lived here for over 60 years and have not noticed any issues.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:36 PM	In every city in Canada, the speed limit in any built up area outside of a school zone is 50. 30 is a frustratingly low speed. There are much bigger problems in the DT core to address. You can try to over-regulate people all you want but that won't take the heat off having one of the highest paid police forces in Canada. Our taxes go up every year for this. We get 0 return. Shame on anyone trying to make an issue out of "speed in the downtown core". In the future please try and do better in terms of addressing community issues. Talk about being out of touch
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:37 PM	There is nothing wrong with the current speed limit. There are bigger issues downtown than speed limit changes like the constant harassment and security issues in and around Melcor centre. There won't be any pedestrians to worry about getting hit by vehicles if no one wants to walk around any more downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:38 PM	Just going to piss drivers off. Leave it alone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:39 PM	Drivers should be paying attention at 50 k anyways; everyone shouldn't be punished for some bad drivers
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:39 PM	There is no valid reason to lower the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:40 PM	It doesn't make sense to lower speeds. If we were honestly trying to lower the collision rates or accidents, we would just say you have to park ur car at the mall and walk downtown. Come on guys. We are better than this!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:40 PM	What are you thinking? Get your tone-deaf finger on the pulse what people want. Look what's going on right now? Let everyone 70 and over decide our speed limits. I can't believe this. Give your head a shake
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:41 PM	Some pedestrians will run across the street when they see a car coming anyways. There needs to be education on when to cross the street people don't wait for the cross walk signs at lights they get to impatient and go. I don't think lowering the speed limit will help at all. Pedestrians will cross at wrong times no matter the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:41 PM	Reducing the speed limit won't encourage more people to walk downtown. The sidewalk are safe enough as is.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:41 PM	Pedestrians and cyclists need to be more aware of their surroundings. Seems like motorists always pay the price, 7th Ave is a prime example of a waste of money that punishes motorists. This is Lethbridge not Vancouver, stop pandering to the noisy few.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:41 PM	Because you have said the average driving speed is between 30 and 40 anyway so why change it
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:44 PM	Seems unnecessary. There are bigger things to solve in the downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:45 PM	I'm tired of the leftist, nanny government of Lethbridge. For example, unnecessary maintenance of reduced speed on Whoop Up Drive when the weather conditions are just fine for 90kph, its like they forget to check if conditions have improved. I will not support businesses within this zone if this goes through. Further, for nannies Inc., this will just be the first step of doing likewise elsewhere in the city if this goes through. Additionally, the detailed cost estimates of implementation seem to have been left out of the information available.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:45 PM	30 would just be yet another photo radar trap. I don't even feel safe going 30 downtown with the population present. I like to get away from it as fast as possible and feel vulnerable going super slow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:45 PM	I disagree with the reasons for reducing the speed limit. I have lived in Lethbridge for over 30 years and have very seldom seen an accident in the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:47 PM	Speed limits in this city already too slow. Y'all already said that people travel in between 30-40, so lowering it would only make more speeding tickets which is the last thing this city wants.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:47 PM	Don't think reducing speed downtown is required- if anything this should occur in residential areas
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:50 PM	I want to get where I'm going. I don't think reducing the limits would really change statistics with accidents etc if people are already choosing to slow down in areas. If getting people to slow down and spend more time downtown is a priority, I would totally do that by getting rid of parking meters and leaving the speed limit where it is. It's more frustrating going downtown already as it is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:50 PM	Rarely people can even get up to 50 with the way the lights are set up. But streets like 4th Av are designed so that if you go from Scenic to Stafford, you will only hit one red light. Reducing the speed will not give you time to go through all the lights and though hitting one extra red light isn't lots, people will just get more frustrated over time. Plus, if you do this downtown you will want to start doing this in other parts of the city, but we are a small city but lucky to have tons of land, but that makes us very spread out. Make good paths for people to walk around on, don't reduce speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:50 PM	Because 50 Km is a perfectly normal and safe speed, I will guarantee if it gets lowered to 30 you will have an increase in distracted driving tickets because people will concentrate on the fact they are going slow enough to send that text, or reach to the floor for something they dropped etc.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:51 PM	There seem to rarely be any issues with the speed as it is. Lowering it will could increase accidents, as many people won't follow it. It will also cause a negative perception, that lowering it will be a "cash grab" for speeding violations. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Whoopup has become a joke with lowering the limit, when construction is nowhere near the bridge. Please don't let Lethbridge become a joke
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:52 PM	Need to keep traffic moving, don't see a real concern.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:54 PM	With reduced driving lanes on 3rd Ave, adding reduced speed limits will be a traffic nightmare when entering and exiting the downtown core, especially when festivals & parades resume.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:56 PM	Does this city have nothing better to do with their time? Seriously no one wants to spend more time then they have to down town. It's disgusting !
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:56 PM	There is no need for change. You already said average speed is lower then the limit. So it sounds like you just want to be able to fine people.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:59 PM	Pedestrians should not be on the road unless following legal right of ways. If they choose to break the law, ticket them. You can not keep changing laws to protect the people who choose to break them. Enforce the laws, do not change them. Have police hand out Jay walking tickets, tickets for bike using toads/sidewalks illegally, people playing on the road etc. 50 kms/hr is fine in any other city, we do not need to different. We do not need to keep catering to the law breakers.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:59 PM	It's been fine so far, and I think lowering the limit will just cause more speeders and frustration
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:59 PM	The real problem is cellphone usage while driving and other distractions, not speeding
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 10:59 PM	Signage is never clear in the city which could lead to court cases and tying up police with people disputing the tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:00 PM	If the average speed is 30-40, why change it? Let people who want to go 50 do so and the average will still remain the same. I feel like this is just a way to gain funds through speeding tickets. Stop it already. Wasting time and money talking about this is crazy.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:00 PM	I travel daily through downtown. I visit the businesses and restaurants. With the poor timing and coordination of the lights, I find your estimation to be low and somewhat laughable. In my opinion, generally speaking. this city has trouble moving traffic with a lack of freeways of ring roads, slowing traffic down in the down town region will only cause people to look for other routes and create congestion elsewhere. Do not do this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:01 PM	If people wish to drive slower for what ever reason they can. No reason to change something that is not broken
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:02 PM	Your evaluation states people are generally already travelling at 30-40km/h so what's the point? Obviously not safety.

Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:03 PM	ive never hit anyone, i'm an observant and careful driver, and the 50km/h traffic allows me to more efficiently move from place to place. if it becomes lower, it seems to me just to be a cash grab for even more tickets. honestly, i would just avoid downtown altogether instead of frequently visiting downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:04 PM	people need to get places quick. everyone should just keep their eyes open for pedestrians and traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:06 PM	"This is a waste waste of time and money. If you want to make downtown safer close the illegal drug consumption site and let the police do their jobs before downtown becomes a lawless hellscape"
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:06 PM	If it's not broke, don't fix it. It's an old cliché motto, but rings true. There are very few accidents, if any that I can recall off the top of my head, in the downtown area. By decreasing the speed limit, you're merely setting people up for failure in terms of speeding tickets. Focus the attention elsewhere. These are not concerns of the public, and therefore should not be the concerns of council.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:06 PM	30 is so slow and drivers will still speed making it dangerous for those driving 30....
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:08 PM	This is the dumbest thing I've heard all year. What the hell is wrong with city officials? How many pedestrian accidents happen downtown annually? Stupid, stupid, stupid.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:10 PM	I believe lowering the speed would cause more accidents. There is no reason to reduce the speed limit. As far as pedestrians, that's why we have crosswalks. For those stepping out to cross anywhere they want is illegal . If you are looking to get more people downtown lowering speed limits will cause people to avoid going downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:14 PM	The problem is not the speed of vehicles but rather pedestrians crossing where ever they please whenever they please
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:15 PM	Downtown is dead enough, making it any slower wil deter more people from going there. Every time I go downtown people drive 50m so no need to lower it!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:15 PM	Flow of traffic is better for the enviroment, having to increase/decrease speed burns more gas. Pedestrians should take care for moving vehicles and show them respect.
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:16 PM	I find that I don't even get up to 50km usually because of the way the lights are timed. I feel it is a waste of tax payer dollars to "fix" something that isn't broken. Maybe we should look at not spending money frivolously as we head into recession?
Screen Name Redacted 6/09/2020 11:17 PM	There are currently more pedestrian/ vehicle issues in much busier areas of the city- such as some West side streets and exits- that warrant a closer look much sooner than downtown. Downtown, we have a number of different issues that contribute to a perceived lack of safety for pedestrians, and I feel we need to address and improve those negative issues- with demonstrated positive results- prior to making substantial changes and spending additional money that could be applied to other areas requiring funding. The miniature traffic circles and cement barricades in the middle of the intersection of 13 St

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S and 7 Ave S in London Road are examples of funding which could have been allocated to something more pressing- not to drive residents of that particular area completely crazy. Please- no more half-baked ideas...!

I find that careful driving (slowing for pedestrians, stopping for angle and parallel parkers...) already reduces speed to the 40 kmh range downtown. 30 kmh is basically idle mode and leads to some drivers becoming impatient; impatience can lead to aggressive driving behaviours.

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I go downtown for multiple errands and shop at multiple places. It would be painfully slow to get around and complete these tasks....I'd probably just start using the box stores and banks on Mayor Magrath instead of worrying about getting a ticket downtown.

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Urban design slows traffic down automatically during the day where pedestrians are likely to be present (ie. bulb-outs, controlled intersections, etc.).

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It's a standard speed limit and it's the maximum if it's busy or there is traffic people travel slower. All it's gonna be used for it to give people tickets and as a police money grab. Also there are meant cross walks and street signs and lights so pedestrians need to cross at those and not just where ever. I am not responsible for someone stepping out illegally in front of my vehicle and whether I'm going 30 or 50 I have no control over that.

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I walk, drive and cycle downtown. I honestly feel safe doing all 3 as our downtown is simply not busy enough to warrant a reduced speed limit. If traffic was more dense and/or there was much more foot and cyclists then I would agree.

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Keep street speeds the same, commerce downtown does benefit from current limits. Pedestrians need walk signals to their traffic. Of you are going to bend to people, bend to Increased residential vitalization for the downtown core

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I've never felt this was an issue.

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30 will back up traffic more than it already is half the time.

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You states that the avg speed is already between 30 and 40. Why change. On quiet days (sundays) and evenings there is no need to be below 50.

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Slower traffic on major roads is one thing but other roads should move people

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i strongly feel that this is very unnecessary. when was the last time someone was fatally killed from a collision downtown by someone driving 50km??? let alone someone hit and injured? if you guys are trying to make downtown safer and make it more of the "vision" maybe you should take care of the massive homeless population and ammount of DRUG use!!!! i can not believe this! when i am downtown the ONLY reason i feel unsafe is because

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of the homeless and CONSTANT drug use NOT people driving the regular speed limit!

I feel as though the City of Lethbridge is creating a solution for a problem that is not currently present in downtown Lethbridge. I have been a resident for 8 years and have visited downtown Lethbridge many, many times both operating a vehicle and as a pedestrian. I would like to see more statistics on the "fatality" rates in downtown Lethbridge with the current speed at 50km. I understand the risk is much lower if the speed was reduced to 30 KM, obviously, but I am unaware of ever hearing anybody complain about the speeds of downtown Lethbridge or any incidents involving vehicles and pedestrians. I feel as though the City of Lethbridge continues to maintain a safe relationship between pedestrians and motor vehicles via the many photo radars placed throughout the city. As the brief explanation stated, "While the speed limit downtown is currently 50km/h, the City has evaluated the speeds of vehicles traveling in the downtown and they have averaged between 30 km/h and 40 km/h. This can be attributed to street design, parking, traffic signals, and the presence of street side retail". Is there a need for the city to mandate a slower speed limit when the citizens are already cognizant of the dangers and are capable of slowing down when needed? This seems as an attempt to raise more speeding violations seeking to effectively move cash from the pockets of the citizens towards the City of Lethbridge. Downtown Lethbridge is facing more serious safety issues than the speed of motor vehicles. Those issues should be addressed before spending efforts to change the speed limit.

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It will cost the tax payers a considerable amount of money to make this change. The target group that this benefits is not my top priority. We do not let our children go downtown with friends anymore because it is not safe. I would support reducing our residential streets to 30km/h though where our children and elderly actually spend their time.

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1. If people are already driving slower than the speed limit downtown, it isn't necessary to reduce the limit. 2. It should also be the responsibility of cyclists and pedestrians to follow the rules that apply to them. (Jaywalking/cycling in crosswalks, etc.) 3. Also, I don't see how a speed reduction would make people want to spend more time downtown. Speed isn't the major safety concern downtown or a reason people would give for avoiding it. It seems a little like putting a bandaid on an amputated limb.

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It's not broke don't fix it

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They are 50km/h in almost every urban centre in Alberta. No need to change them here.

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If people use crosswalks and other places clearly marked, as drivers it is our responsibility to watch for them crossing. Changing the limit will never change that. I don't need my tax dollars going to useless changes.

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50km/h is a good speed

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:07 AM	Because the speed isn't the issue. It's the stupidity of the people who are walking across streets that is the concern.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:12 AM	To ensure consistency across the city, slowing to 30 makes no sense. If you want a "vibrant" downtown focus on getting intoxicated people off the streets instead of lower speed limits
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:17 AM	Why change something that is working
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:18 AM	Speed not an issue. Junkies are the issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:19 AM	I do not agree there is a need for the speed reduction. If it were reduced, I would simply avoid the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:20 AM	There is zero reason why all people should not be able to stay safe at 50km/h. Absolutely not worth while change!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:25 AM	No need to slow down. There have not been a massive number of fatalities to warrant this discussion. By your thought process the elimination of cars completely will yield an "infinite times" reduction in probability of fatality. So why not eliminate cars altogether? And by the way saying an "eight times" or "three times" reduction is incorrect. Please have someone who understands math and grammar be in charge of these things in future. Thanks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:29 AM	50 is fine we don't need to screw with minimum speed limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:48 AM	Its not a playground filled with young children. The downtown is predominantly mature adults who should be treated as such
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:50 AM	Consistent with other city areas so less confusion and potential frustration. No factual case has been made to justify lowering speed limits - what are the statistics on injuries, collisions, etc at present and what is the experience elsewhere of lowering speed limits. Show us the facts man! Not the emotion.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:52 AM	There is no reason for that since it is free most of the time. During busy times streets are closed anyway. You may want to think about closing some streets maybe for cars allowing pedestrians to walk but not reducing this whole area to a 30/40 km
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:53 AM	It's dead as is, especially after 5 pm it looks like a post apocalypse scene. Too early for lowering the speed limit at this point. This idea needs to be revisited a few years down the road.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:10 AM	50 is a reasonable speed, I personally see no issue with vehicles and pedestrians in the core. As long as both follow the signals there is no issue. The only time I have experienced a problem is when those who wander the streets randomly cross the street against the signal
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 01:15 AM	Practicality. Just leave as is. Stop changing stuff when there is little problem. People need to pay attention and take responsibility. Not be regulated and controlled heavily.
Screen Name Redacted	It's everyone's responsibility for their safety whether your a pedestrian, cyclist

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or in or on a motorized vehicle. Slowing down traffic won't do anything except help the government profit off of people with more speeding fines for individuals who are used to the 50 km/h limit city wide. I see no reason to lower the speed limit whatsoever.

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Lowering it will only cause more residents to roadrage and speed in area. Its bad enough on senic and other areas where its 50 or 60. If you take a main road and put it at 30 it wont end well.

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If it's an early morning or later in the evening and there's less traffic, going 30km through the downtown area would Just be an inconvenience. Other residential roads where children play aren't 30km. As stated in the article during busy times average car speed is 30-40km probably due to lights and pedestrian traffic. Why change what isn't broken? Just food for thought.

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Traffic lights and stop signs seem effective. No information of how many accidents actually occur downtown. Lowering the speed could result in people avoiding downtown and increased traffic tickets.

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Lethbridge already has the worst consistency for speed limits of any place i've ever lives. Changing speed limits on Whoop Up , multiple speed limit changes on hwy 3 they town, multiple speed limits on MMD, ... it's incredibly confusing. What would lend itself to less accidents, and greater compliance is if speed limits were predictable and made sense. Vehicular traffic is a fact of modern life. Make it easier to drive around our city, not a continual guessing game.

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Because 30km/h is unnecessarily slow

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Slowing down traffic will not be good. There are still people who will speed no matter what, and reducing the speed to 30 will only increase the amount of speeders. This will make it less safe. Also, 30kms is extremely slow for city streets!!! Slow roads increase aggressiveness in drivers!!!

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Maximum speed is seldom reached with all the lights and stop signs. Unnecessary legislation. Ticket Jay walking.

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Status quo. How many injuries to date have we had related to a 50 km/hr. It's a money grab; very little to do with actual safety.

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If the speed goes to 30km/hour there will actually be more accidents as people will try to Make it through the many traffic lights, run red lights and avoid downtown all together. I usually drive at 40 for convenience sake and to find a parking spot. Often have people tailgating for me to go faster. Cannot even imagine what frost ration 30 would be. I do go downtown at least 3 days/week

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You have not indicated how often pedestrians are struck currently. In my time downtown I have never seen a pedestrian struck so it does not appear to me to me to be a serious issue

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Why does the city of lethbridge insist on ruining the lives of its citizens? You guys are all so out of touch from reality its scary!

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There are a lot of traffic lights in the downtown core and traffic signs. So reducing a speed limit in this area I don't think would make a valuable impact

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:32 AM	To keep flow People in general only drive to road conditions If the city thinks that people are driving to fast they should in force the current speed limit On the topic of making downtown a better place eliminate the different parking zones
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:32 AM	It would be a difficult adjustment and that is an unexpected/atypical speed for that kind of road which could confuse many, especially visitors. I could see myself forgetting as I don't necessarily look to check speed signs in a city I've lived in for 20yrs and then wind up with a big ticket! Also are we having a problem with pedestrians being hit??
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:46 AM	lowering the speed would create traffic jams at peak times. perhaps make the area smaller.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:49 AM	I think lowering the speed limit is nuts! Cars brake faster now and there is enough lights to keep traffic slow and pedestrians safe.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:49 AM	I m not Sure the need the change the limit...seems to be working fine.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:13 AM	There is no real big attraction to downtown. Lots of drugs, harassment. I avoid downtown already.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:14 AM	It is a main thoroughfare to access all areas of the city. We have problems and accidents with people jaywalking or driving to slow - those are the areas that need to be addressed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:22 AM	There is no need to reduce the speed limit to 30 because there are no other cities that I am aware of that does this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:32 AM	With traffic lights at almost every intersection a 30km/h speed limit seems like overkill.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:36 AM	Not enough cause for it to change. No one wants to go down there as it is so if you want to drive slow there shouldn't be anyone riding your ass already
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:40 AM	There are better things to be looking at, deal with the drug issue downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:40 AM	Lack of auto vs pedestrian accidents downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:50 AM	Because bitches
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:52 AM	It hasn't ever been an issue before, don't mess with it just because you can. there are traffic issues else where in the city, move onto those.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:54 AM	This seems like a cash grab to hand out more speeding tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:54 AM	Small area, not enough traffic to warrant reduction. Low population density in area of residents & users. Police have other more pressing issues to address

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:54 AM	vs enforcing reduced speed limits in this area. It would discourage vehicles from the downtown area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:55 AM	I dont feel that lowering the speed limit will do anything for pedestrians unless they are Jay walking. It would make more sense to reduce on the immediate area surrounding transit where there is likely to be high foot traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:00 AM	There have been no deaths or major accidents so why mess with what is not a problem. Reducing speed limits is not going to keep people or entice people downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:04 AM	As your research has proven, 50km/h equates to 30km/h, so 30 will equate to approx 15km/h and the flow will be severely disrupted. I prefer to get into downtown and out as I go when I have limited time. This will make that very difficult to accomplish. If you drop the limit I will not go downtown anymore.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:05 AM	People in this town already cannot drive. Now after 100 years changing a couple streets speed limit. Wont work. Also think about people who come from out if town. Very confusing. You so worried about safety, make all school and playground zones 30km no time restriction.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:05 AM	If cars are already going slower than 50, this won't save lives but just result in tickets that drive more people away from downtown. Stop wasting time and money on ideas that will hurt businesses downtown. Focus on the drug and vagrant population that makes people stay away from downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:09 AM	I don't feel there is any real need for a reduction in the speed limit. There is enough traffic control to maintain safety for pedestrians
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:10 AM	First off having been in a near fatal accident down town I think I can speak to this. I my case when the other fellow ran a stop sign and I was traveling under the speed limit not sure I my case how it would have helped. Secondly it will finish off the down town core. Everytime you make it harder on people in a certain area the less people want to go there. The city's idea of Walker and bike riders in my opinion has been a failed venture. Seventh ave is stupid. There were stop signs at every street before and it was already a slow way to go. Now the residents along that street basically can hardly own or operate a motor vehicle. You made that a pain in the ass for them plus you dropped the value of there homes in most cases the people biggest asset. To continue on the city's less than well thought out traffic ideas let's have a look at mayor magrath drive you have the lights set up so that has become a major coke point. Yet you setup the business licenses so all the new business ended up on the south end of town. Yet late at night the lights are set so you can drive from one end to the other with only one stop. The counsel has to recognize that only a really small percentage of the people travel by bike and that is around only half the year inspite of what you are trying the fact is Lethbridge is a city now not an overgrown farm town. You must realize this is is far to late to turn the hand of time back. And quit trying to make Lethbridge the worse place to operate a motor vehicle In the country.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:12 AM	I do see any purpose in reducing it / many will ignore it - I do not think it will achieve the intended purpose

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:13 AM	we have enough reasons not to go downtown, goofy parking kiosks, the drug site and result in unsavory people wandering around. I will stay away
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:13 AM	We have traffic signals, signage, crosswalks in place for people to use, everyone needs to be vigilant on making sure they are safe while crossing at these intersection Lowering the speed limit will only bring more hurt to the already struggling downtown core. People are going to avoid downtown if they have to drive through it in a slower pace. Our city is to small to do something like this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:14 AM	No reason to slow down traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:15 AM	Seems unnecessary to change the speed limit for a certain area of the city. When was the last time there was a pedestrian collision in the downtown area? If pedestrians also follow laws of using sidewalks and crosswalks this would be avoidable. I think money is better spend identifying crosswalks along 3rd ave that need an indicator.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:15 AM	50 is a reasonable speed and 30 would just create punitive ticketing
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:16 AM	There are stop light on just about ever interaction and if we adjust the time it would slow traffic down without reducing the speed
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:16 AM	No need to enforce an average speed you have already achieved. Confusing to drivers. Slow residential streets first, otherwise 50 is the norm. That's what your drivers test said.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:19 AM	There's no need for it to be lowered. It's confusing to change the limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:21 AM	any slower will cause more conjesion
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:22 AM	If you lower the speed limit photo radar will move in and that in turn will stop more people from shopping downtown. We are already seeing more and more reasons for people not using the downtown area and with covid closers I think this would be a very poor decision at this time revitalize then make changes.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:24 AM	Because you should be concentrating on cleaning up downtown, not wasting money reducing speeds. My wife's work is still littered with needles and drugs on a daily basis, but your big ideas in that department are give out more needles.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:24 AM	Cost of Enforcement, signage. Consistently throughout city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:26 AM	There are enough lights and warning that no need to change speed limits. Pedestrians have many places to cross roads at a safe place
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:28 AM	I like the 30km/h except 3ave should stay at50km/h

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:30 AM	Consistency of speed between areas of the city. Being a delivery driver, it's enough to deal with finding places, and not have to worry about what speed limit it is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:30 AM	Because like your intro already say, the speeds are typically lower already due to infrastructure. Save the confusion and money and keep it at 50 kph.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:31 AM	It is not always the drivers, but pedestrians who refuse to use the crosswalks and wait for the walk signal. Slowing down speeds will cause a higher rate of congestion making less people use downtown and taking away from the businesses down there.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:32 AM	There are plenty of lights and people slowing to turn as is, there's no point in changing it. The speed limit in most areas of this city is too slow as is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:37 AM	Why don't we make the whole city 30km/h? Cause that's the next step! When will this lunacy end?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:38 AM	I think the issue isn't speed but people crossing against the walk lights or jay walking. Maybe there should be some tickets being issued for pedestrian & cyclist infractions instead of punishing everyone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:38 AM	Although I do agree that pedestrian collisions may be reduced with less speed. What we need to be doing is training drivers to be more attentive and not panic and just lock up in an emergency situation, most collisions can be avoided if you aren't distracted or know the proper way to avoid them. Also people struggle to make it to the current speed limit as it is, reducing it to 30 means those people won't make it to that either which is a huge inconvenience for other drivers. How many pedestrian collisions have there been in the downtown area? Is that number high enough to call for a speed limit change. Just my two cents. I really think driver inexperience and definitely distracted driving are the issue here, not speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:38 AM	I've lived in cities who have changed their speed limits down to 30km/h for their downtowns. In the end, the drivers would always drive slower than the speed limit any way. So then we'd have so many vehicles going 15-20km/h. Infuriating how slow that is when you just want to get to your destination. Slowing down downtown only makes it less convenient to get around inside the downtown core. It's not a good way to keep supporting the local business as I found it usually send people away.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:39 AM	At 50kmh you can generally make it through most of downtown without hitting a bunch of red lights. My concern would be that if we slowed down the limit there would be a lot of vehicles idling. My suggesting would be make it a timed thing like a school zone. 8am - 5pm, mon - fri.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:39 AM	50 km/ he speed limit is perfect with current traffic lights and amount of traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:40 AM	With most people already driving at a slower speed I do not feel it is necessary to reduce the limit. It should be up to the driver to decide what is appropriate at the time of travel. Most pedestrian crosswalks are controlled by traffic signals. I feel this provides adequate safety for people walking and following the signals. Perhaps for the intersections without a traffic signal,

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:40 AM	consider adding flashing pedestrian lights to give drivers a warning that someone may be in the crosswalk. I honestly don't think that lowering the speed limit will do much.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:40 AM	People are going to still do 50km/h if you lower it. Seems like a cash grab in speeding tickets
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:41 AM	As a resident who travels downtown daily I am strongly opposed to the lowering of speed limits to 30kph. The mayor can claim this is being done to increase safety for cyclists however this area will instead be used for revenue generation. Lethbridge Police Services will set up photo radar in the areas where traffic is able to flow more freely. It is absolutely ridiculous that the heavily taxed residents of Lethbridge will be potentially subjected to fines of near \$200 for the offence of driving at 50kph in the downtown core. There are plenty of problems downtown that mayor and council should be focusing their energy on. The speed limit is not one of them.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:42 AM	30 is too slow and people will have more road rage and traffic will be heavier or people won't visit down town as much as before.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:44 AM	50km/h is not a problem if pedestrians use cross walks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:44 AM	The lower speed will drive down out customers if it takes longer to traverse to your destination
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:45 AM	30-40km/h is too slow and most drivers won't drive at those speeds. Lowering the limit will just increase the amount of tickets given to drivers. I see this as a way to give the police more money that they don't need.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:46 AM	If its worked for this long no ned to change.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:47 AM	With all the street lights you don't need to do this- focus your energy and keeping downtown safe for residents to use due to drug use related issues in this area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:48 AM	There are enough traffic lights to keep it safe. People need to put their dam cell phones away and pay attention. The junkies need to pay attention.... In short : EVERYONE JUST NEEDS TO PAY ATTENTION!!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:48 AM	To keep traffic flowing already having problems with that
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:49 AM	Why change it? Keeping it at 50 will be consistent with the rest of the city (except for mayor Magrath drive, scenic drive and 43rd) reducing the limit will not decrease accidents but it will increase ticket revenue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:49 AM	Majority drive slower than 50 now. If you post 30, people are going to drive 15 and it will be a huge headach
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:50 AM	Rarely have I encountered green lights for blocks allowing me to get to 50 The amount of bike traffic is a small to very small percentage & those cyclist willing to travel amongst vehicles generally are savvy to rules of the road

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they are not out for a leisurely bike ride downtown. Pedestrians are well accommodated with crosswalks & sidewalks.
Too many different speed zones are too confusing.

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I think the speed limit should stay 50km/hr on the avenues 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Ave. These would become speed traps, most certainly. I think it is time for the City to actually shut traffic down on some of the streets between 3rd and 4th Ave. 6th street and 7th street (between 4th and 2nd Ave) and 8th to phase in after the downtown recovers from the pandemic. The City has been talking about only making certain areas accessible by foot for YEARS (decades). I like the idea that Calgary has with Steven Avenue, where they shut traffic down at certain times of the day and evening. This could totally work in our downtown and bring space and vibrancy. Add beautiful lights, repave streets with stamped concrete. This might be a good time to dust off that plan. Please think outside the speed trap box!!

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I personally feel there is enough traffic controls and such as it is. Pedestrians have to take responsibilities as well...

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More should've done to address Jay walking and cleaning up the addicts and junkies that wander into traffic, those are the reasons for higher vehicle vs pedestrian incidents

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Keep it the same. People hate change. Unless you're doing this to set up speed traps in order to generate revenue, which makes sense for the cash grab City of Lethbridge

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Will create a back log on other streets that drivers will use to bypass the 30km for one. I have walked, driven and cycled downtown and have never had an issue with drivers. We want to bring people in to downtown and if they are getting frustrated because traffic is literally crawling, they won't go. I don't believe there have been any issue with pedestrians and cyclists and cars.

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It's fine if speed go to 30 I won't be going in the downtown area anymore

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The problem I have seen downtown (every time I have been there and at varying times of day) are people stumbling around intoxicated ignoring any and all crosswalks, crossing signals and traffic lights. I have actually driven downtown after work in the late evenings (around 11:30) and on multiple occasions when I am the only car in the general area, have had people run out in front of my vehicle. It actually happened last evening (June 9) at about 10:00pm on 3rd Ave heading Westbound. A gentleman ran out, granted he was actually in a crosswalk this time, but didn't press the crossing sign lights or wait for traffic (me) to stop. Just ran out. I had to slam on my brakes to avoid hitting him and if someone had been behind me and was unable to stop, there would have been an accident. They actually just walk or do this little half-run thing right in front of your car totally ignoring traffic laws. They urinate out in the open and nothing is done. So that is what should be reduced "public intoxication." If you want to protect pedestrians then you will

	<p>have to protect them from themselves. Trust me if I go downtown it's never for pleasure but only if necessary for this very reason. I used to take the bus from downtown for 6 years straight before I got a vehicle. I NEVER felt unsafe from vehicle traffic doing 50km/hr. I felt more unsafe from people who are "publicly intoxicated" running around, not obeying traffic laws, asking for money, harassing those who didn't give it to them, etc. Fix the real issue, decreasing traffic speeds ARE NOT the problem.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 06:57 AM</p>	<p>I don't feel speed is an issue. There are many marked crosswalks with lights.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 06:58 AM</p>	<p>There are enough traffic lights in place, and pedestrian crosswalks. If all pedestrians followed the rules and waited until they had the right away to cross I don't feel we would need to reduce it. The amount of jwalkers downtown is ridiculous. Why reduce the speed simply downtown due to foot traffic why not reduce the speed everywhere then. The logic behind this does not make sense. Keep it at 50!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 06:58 AM</p>	<p>You reported that the average speed of drivers is, currently, 30- 40 km/hr. This indicates drivers are taking care to drive at the speed that they feel safe and comfortable with, using their own discretion. I think that a significant problem is the pedestrians themselves. I see numerous pedestrians jaywalking and not abiding by the pedestrian traffic signals more often than I see drivers exceeding the speed limit. There is a responsibility on a pedestrian to take care when walking downtown.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 06:59 AM</p>	<p>Because that's the speed limit and going 30 would be irritating and silly.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:01 AM</p>	<p>Because every person that is able to drive should be capable of safely driving at 50 km/h. Lowering the speed limit in specific areas will lead to people looking at lowering it on MMD to 40. Pedestrians are responsible for their surroundings just as drivers are. Really the focus should be aimed at distracted drivers.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:02 AM</p>	<p>As mentioned in the opening remarks traffic goes <50 km due to designed traffic lights and flow patterns. Reducing the speed limit would only make it worse. Should the speed limit be reduced,I would reduce my trips and look to services & business in more convenient locations other than downtown.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:03 AM</p>	<p>If they are lowered, and the chance of a speeding ticket is increased, it makes it even less appealing than it already is to spend any time downtown.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:03 AM</p>	<p>Because this clearly is a "plan" to again assist in the drug user and homeless problem. Allow them to roam the streets even more freely with reduced vehicle speeds.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:04 AM</p>	<p>A better alternative would be to increase the visibility of the crosswalks</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:05 AM</p>	<p>If it's reduced people will bypass downtown area all together.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:06 AM</p>	<p>It's a safe enough speed and had been for past 100 years. Most all cities and towns use this speed around the world as it is safe. Lethbridge city council</p>

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:07 AM	must be in need of more revenue to be collected for fines. The statement that traffic average speed is 30-40 km/hr now so why change max speed. Spend the time to clean this city up of drug users wandering the streets, parks and the high theft rate of personal property.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:08 AM	You have street lights every block and continue to add more every year. These regulate pedestrian traffic, so 50km/h shouldn't be an issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:09 AM	No need to reduce speed. Functional at 50
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:09 AM	You have indicated that a reduced speed would lower pedestrian and vehicle accidents. Unless there is a staggering rate of these happening in the downtown core there is no need to lower the speed limit. If traffic naturally moves a little slower now with the limit at 50 reducing it to 30 will slow traffic even more. With the change to parking in the downtown the city has already hurt business enough by reducing the speed limit more people will avoid the downtown out of frustration.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:09 AM	It is the responsibility of a driver to ensure the safety of those around them. Speeds of 50km/h is a normal speed and should not be reduced.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:10 AM	Regardless of the fact that vehicles have been measured at averages of 30-40km/h, the speed limit does not need to be reduced. Multiple other studies show and exponential increase in the occurrence of vehicular accidents when speed limits are reduced. Further, it now adds an added annoyance of the potential for traffic violations for people who don't obey a 30-40km/h speed limit. 30km/h is painfully slow, and would cause drivers to go even slower than 30km/h, which also has been shown to cause accidents because drivers are paying less attention due to the reduced speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:10 AM	30 km is way too slow. People have things they need to get done.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:11 AM	I use common sense, some of the streets I automatically slow down any way.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:11 AM	No need to change something that works. Maybe pedestrian and bike traffic should pay more attention to traffic. Heck why don't you ask all motorist to park their vehicle and ride a bus around downtown? Get real!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:13 AM	In my opinion there hasn't been more close calls compared to other areas of the city at this same speed
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:14 AM	At certain times, usually daytime, it feels like getting through the area takes way too long as it is. At night or on a Sunday it's more of a ghost town. If it was imposed i would hope it would be during business hours only. I think a lower limit would only repel people from going down there and i think more effort should be made to attract people there for the businesses that remain.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:14 AM	Downtown Calgary does not have a reduced speed limit why would Lethbridge? Pedestrians need to start obeying walk signals, using the cross walks and cyclists need to be reminded that they are to follow the rules as they would if they are operating a motor vehicle. They are an absolute

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menace to people walking on the side walks. Survey residents of Lethbridge of if they have been hit by cyclists. Far more common than people realize. I do not believe vehicle speed is keeping anyone away from, or from enjoying the downtown area. There are many bigger issues which should be dealt with first, and with the proliferation of ill-timed traffic lights already slowing things down unreasonably, I believe it will be further cause for people to avoid the area.

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Just leads to unnecessary enforcement, speeds are already low downtown due to proximity to pedestrians and other vehicles. There's barely ever a time where people are doing 50km/h anyways

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Because driving at 30km/h is aggravating and makes it feel like every driver is wishing hateful wishes at you to speed up. Very difficult speed to maintain.

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The majority of the time people have to drive slower than that anyway because it's busy or they're looking for parking. But if it's not busy, and you're not looking for parking, being forced to go slower than 50 is WAY TOO SLOW.

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We have much larger problems downtown. It isn't a destination because of the speed limit. Its not a destination because of the massive amounts of crime downtown. Take action on the problem not this petty distraction.

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Because nobody is actually going to slow down. This is another way for police officers to ticket people who are speeding. Most drivers in Lethbridge drive slow. Reducing speed limits also pushes people to rush as getting places will take longer. And no evidence suggests that the speed limit would make a difference in downtown Lethbridge

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Not necessary to reduce speed, not the same amount of foot traffic as large cities. I've never had an issue with pedestrians downtown.

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It doesn't make sense to lower the speed to school zone speeds in an active area of the city, there are multiple cross walks and items to keep people safe. City Council seems to be looking for a way to increase the amount of photo radar and tickets they generate downtown?

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You have already stated the average speed is lower than the posted speed. To make it safe for bicyclist and pedestrians enforce the law that they are supposed to abide by. Don't impose further restriction on those already obeying the laws and practicing safe driving habits.

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If speed limits are 50 on residential side streets where kids play then I don't see why they would be lower downtown, which is a generally adult area with controlled intersections

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50 is an adequate speed to stop in time for pedestrians crossing. There is absolutely no reason to lower it to 30km/hr and it would make me want to avoid driving through on my way to work at the Melcor Centre.

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In absence of data saying there is a specific problem ie accidents or injury rates, there is no need to change them.

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50 km/h is the standard speed it seems like for most cities downtown. The only issue that needs to be addressed is the J-walking. When citizens decide to walk out from in between parked cars or cross on green lights is the real

	<p>issue. There are cross walks for a reason and when they are used correctly it makes it safer. Lots of intoxicated individuals walk anywhere they want (which includes the road). Lowering the speed will not change this, but instead it may increase it because they feel like they may have "more time" (cars are going slower) to just quickly cross when it is not the pedestrians turn to do so. We do not have to keep adjusting our city's rules.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:23 AM</p>	<p>If the average is 30-40 km already why bother spending money to change things. There are way better things to focus on and spend city money on. There are already enough lights that slow the traffic anyway.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:23 AM</p>	<p>As stated, the average car is only going 30-40 anyway which should mitigate most of the risk. I think we all slow down when warranted. It seems this will just incentivize more tickets rather than saving lives.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:23 AM</p>	<p>Because they are safe as is</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:25 AM</p>	<p>Because it good as it is</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:27 AM</p>	<p>If pedestrians are being hit, then they should not be in the damn intersection when cars have the right of way!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:27 AM</p>	<p>As you indicate most vehicles travel at slower speeds already, also I'm pretty sure its still against the law to jay walk so pedestrians should be using controlled crosswalks so there shouldn't be any concerns about hitting pedestrians unless they are breaking the law.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:28 AM</p>	<p>Works just fine. As indicated most people go slower anyway. This is a solution in search of a problem.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:29 AM</p>	<p>30 km/h is way to slow. Better driver education would be a better route to increase safety. Better testing and better examiners who are not afraid to fail. Some people should just not drive</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:29 AM</p>	<p>Reducing the speed limit is another way the city will use photo radar as a cash cow. Speed limit should be the same throughout the city. Why does city hall come up with these ideas? Are you people trying to justify your jobs</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:29 AM</p>	<p>Don't believe it's an issue currently</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:30 AM</p>	<p>I don't want to see a bunch of jumping from different speed limits all over town!</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:31 AM</p>	<p>Why 30? Why not 10? How about 0? Enough of this nanny council. There's real issues to deal with.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 07:31 AM</p>	<p>Another good reason to avoid downtown if the speed were to be reduced. Already try to avoid the area as it doesn't always feel like a safe area. With The SCS close by, many problems have been created. Many of those problems in the downtown area. Between the SCS, paid parking and now the possibility of a speed limit change, downtown will be an area that I try to avoid.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p>	<p>Won't make a difference to the people more than likely distracted that would</p>

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cause the accident.

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Do not change. Cost of signage would raise our taxes. Everyone drives slow anyway. If you want to go slower, Drive down 7 avenue south.

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There are enough lights and traffic controls to keep pedestrians safe downtown. This would be a waste of city funds and irritate drivers to the point of causing more of a hazard.

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Don't need to change anything

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Changing the speeds downward I think will discourage people even more from going downtown. I avoid it now because of the parking rates so this would be another reason to not go into the main core

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People can get on foot to slowly enjoy , stop ruining our city, first the ridiculous bike lanes no on uses. Then you make it impossible for my clients to have services done without having to move their car once in the middle to a different zone. Enough is enough you are killing our businesses downtown not helping with anything you do.

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I believe that is a reasonable speed limit. Most pedestrians are able to follow the walk/don't walk signs and we should give credit to our Lethbridge drivers.

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All intersections/crosswalks are already regulated. Enforce their proper usage first by vehicles and pedestrians

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Other communities have vibrant downtowns and their speed limit remains unchanged. It is not due to speed, rather it's due to the lack of development, housing, parking.

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There are enough lights to slow things down. I don't see the point in slowing the speed. This is more necessary in suburbs/Neighbourhoods where kids may be playing in their front yards.

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I believe city has bigger issues to consider. City of Lethbridge has done good job with signage for both drivers and pedestrians.

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I have worked downtown for 20 years and have not witnessed an accident in that time. My business has street frontage as well as my office window. If anything, the pedestrian laws need to be enforced, not the traffic laws tightened.

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Accidents can happen anywhere at any speed. It's often not possible to go 50km/hr downtown anyway since the blocks are so short. There's no need to confuse the issue by making it a law. Feels like a cash grab to me! You have other things to be focusing on.

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Some streets are double laned and there is a high amount of visibility throughout.

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It's another waste of taxes payers money doing this. Spend your time digging up the roads and doing poor repairs.

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I feel slowing it down that much will make me less likely to want to go downtown.

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There's much more traffic than pedestrians. This will slow things down even more. The jay walker's should not be catered to. If your correctly waiting for walk signals then there's no problem.

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This is not the issue, punishing drivers rather than actually cleaning up downtown and getting our drug users and homeless community to follow any rules would be a better use of resources which would HELP the downtown businesses who actually pay taxes in the city. The public needs to know how often pedestrians are involved in collisions is the downtown area before this speed reduction would be a factor. Last I checked most pedestrian collision LPS are happening in other areas of the city.

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I don't feel that reducing speeds is the issue. At the beginning of this survey it's days the city has monitored and most people are traveling 30-40km right now. There is no use to change the limit. Any pedestrian that is following the rules of the road is perfectly safe. On a daily basis however I have to dodge drunks, people stoned on who knows what. To sum that up, I do not support this idea and it is a complete waste of time and tax dollars.

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You will have far too much build up of traffic if the speed limit goes down.

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30 km is way too slow. With the amount of traffic downtown during rush hours this would be insane. Traffic will become congested so quickly and intersections downtown are going to pile up with people waiting. Its going to take twice the amount of time just to get home after work.

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I am unaware of any other major city downtown with a speed limit of 30km/hr. As a pedestrian I feel very safe with the speed limit as it is.

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If vehicles are already being clocked between 30-40km/hour what's the sense? I'm not aware of any pedestrian's being hit other than maybe the rampant jay walking by our downtown homeless population. There are clearly marked pedestrian crosswalks that people just have to use properly. I had proposed some additional pedestrian safety changes to the area by Probe school & Senator Fairbairn School along Rocky Mountain Blvd W and all we received were STOP signs. There have been more instances of children actually being hit by cars in this area and that wasn't taken seriously. Why should we implement more safety precautions where it's primarily adults crossing the streets. We were told that the numbers didn't support the changes that I wanted. As well, we were told there is t enough budget. If someone took my concerns there seriously then I might support your downtown initiative. But... maybe we should actually see what the stats are before we make a decision. How many people is it acceptable to have be hit by vehicles before this change happens?? I know that there have to certain fatalities at highway crossing before overpassed can be installed. I applaud your attempt to keep making the downtown attractive but.... the only thing that's going to change that is removing/relocating the shelter and related services as well as the SCS. I have personally been accosted by homeless people more than I can count. I chose not to walk through downtown often because of this reason, not bc I'm afraid of being hit by a car. During COVID

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when all services were closed downtown all these people somehow found other places to live and the downtown was peaceful. Just ask the police for their stats during that time. I happen to know this first-hand... The citizens REAL & TRUE complaints over the years have clearly fallen on deaf ears. I don't believe this is currently a problem in our downtown. Now that the buses aren't on 4th avenue I believe it's much safer for pedestrians.

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The downtown area is not a playground, park or schoolyard, it is a an area where people commute in order to do business, therefore this area should be left at 50km/hr. Congestion is a problem already & would definitely increase if you decrease the speed limit. What is the City of Lethbridge trying to achieve by spending millions of dollars for cyclists & pedestrians, while the City's existing infrastructure is falling apart?

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30 is unreasonable. If school grounds can be kept at 50 then so can downtown.

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If the pedestrians are using the crosswalks like they're suppose to then reducing speeds will not do anything but waste our tax dollars!

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This seems like an opportunity for cash generation by ticketing. As you state above, vehicles are already traveling below 50 kmh. I would prefer more designated bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and pedestrian only streets (eg 6th St)

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30kmph speed limit will just turn into a cash grab for the city through fines, and make 50kmph roads busier and more dangerous

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It would be my belief that the change will have more users avoiding the area and going elsewhere. Soon downtown will be a ghost town

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The people who are speeding and not obeying traffic laws right now at the posted speed limit of 50km/hr will still speed if the limit is dropped. A better use of resources might be to install speed cameras in strategic intersections downtown instead.

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There is enough traffic lights in that area to keep things at 50km/h, the biggest issue is with a lot of jaywalking just cutting across or walking at a no walking sign. There needs to be more enforcement to help curb that as well as any speeders. I think if you lower it to 30 km/h people will start to avoid the downtown area more so then they already do.

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Should be higher. City is already too slow everywhere for modern vehicles

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50KM is already slow enough, and with the significant amount of lights downtown there is no area to let people accelerate to a much higher speed already.

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You want people to visit downtown. Reducing speed will likely drive them further away. People speed no matter what the speed is set at. This will definitely encourage speeding. If you get the traffics lights synchronized, it might help.

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I feel like this is a way to get people more tickets for speeding and nothing

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Raising and lowering speeds throughout the City is just a cash grab. Speed limits are 50km/h and with all of the lights down there that are badly timed you are not racing down there anyway. Stop lowering the speeds and adding lights around the City and raise some to get traffic moving (ie Scenic, University Dr, 43rd, etc).

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Reducing the speed limit is a ridiculous suggestion. There's already a traffic light every block--instead of making driver's lives hell, educate pedestrians / find ways to encourage use of proper crosswalks

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Believe its safe to keep it at 50. Pay attention to your driving just like you should everywhere else.

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Those who feel comfortable can drive 50 and those who might have to slow down can "a little" not to 30

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There is already a problem with congestion in the downtown area due to quick lights and stop signs at every intersection. Why slow down people anymore.

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No matter what people are still going to speed and if it gets reduced all the more people are going to speed. Your not reducing anything, your just increasing the amount of people speeding.

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The same speed limit has been in effect for the last 50 years. If people are following the signals and the traffic laws there is no problem. It begs the question are we catering to " the vulnerable ones " ???

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There are plenty of accessible cross walks to prevent pedestrian injury and 50km/h helps people to get to where they are going on time- if the speed is reduced I would opt to spend less time downtown!

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Because it feels like another cash grab. How much in revenue is expected off fines? Where will the revenue be allocated?

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It's already challenging and time consuming to go downtown with having to find parking, walking a block just to pay for parking and to get my errands done within a reasonable time. I also fear this is just another cash grab to ticket drivers.

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Between lack of accessibility and paying for parking this is just adding another reason NOT to go downtown. It's further discouraging people, not drawing them in.

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If speed limit is reduced, I would not return to downtown.

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The cost to change it. The cost to public for traffic violations due to confusion a 'slow zone' creates. Generally, the sense that this is nothing more than change for the sake of change - a box the city government can check off as 'an accomplishment' there are much more important issue the City of Lethbridge could be putting tax dollars, time & resources into.

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With all the traffic lights there is no need to reduce the speed limit. Maybe instead crack down on jaywalkers and people that cross the streets against the light. Also make sure if bikers choose to ride across the street instead of

	walking their bikes across that they are following the road laws like a vehicle would they are not considered a pedestrian if they rise their bikes across the streets!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:06 AM	There is no supporting evidence of safety and or risk by reducing the speed limit. Currently people drive 30 in the current 50 zone and make it extremely dangerous right now. Moving too slowly in a higher speed limit zone kills and is very dangerous now. Punish those that are currently making it unsafe with their current driving practices.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:07 AM	30 is too slow and your "stats" are questionable.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:07 AM	I think it's just fine. I interested to see how many pedestrians have been hurt. In order to make informed decisions, numbers must be known.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:08 AM	If the speed limit was reduced to 30km/hr I would make an effort not to drive or go downtown. People don't even drive the speed limit already, so making it slower would slow things down tremendously. People may make it unsafe as they will still drive fast through the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:10 AM	I have not seen any evidence of accidents or pedestrians being hurt. Traffic lights and crosswalks are what should be used to keep pedestrians from interfering with the flow of traffic. Reduced speed limit implies that we have a problem with pedestrians darting into traffic. To my knowledge, we have had more people car jacked/robbed at knife point than we have had pedestrians hit by cars downtown in the last couple years. What stats are there to indicate that there is a problem with the current speed limit?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:10 AM	Downtown will NOT become as pedestrian and cyclist friendly as the City envisions until the City can effectively deal with the crime, drug use, vandalism, pan handlers etc. The most recent collisions involving pedestrians occurred outside of the downtown area. Where are the statistics on collisions occurring downtown?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:10 AM	I think for the most part people use common sense... of the average speed is already near 30-40km then why drop it officially? This will be another money grab for photo radar etc. I don't feel that the number of pedestrian accidents warrants a reduction to the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:10 AM	Lowering speeds would cause too much traffic build up. Lowering the speed limit isn't necessary. If people can't figure out how to cross the street properly, even with all the instructions provided for them, then others should not be punished for it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:10 AM	Average speeds are already reported at 30-40 km/hr. Traffic lights etc are working to keep it slow. Only time that it would be effective would be during non busy times.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:11 AM	Cash grab for photo radar.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:12 AM	I think it would be to confusing messing around with speeds. There is a natural slow down that occurs courtesy of traffic and congestion. But at off hours when it is quiet there are times when 50km is just fine. I don't think it needs to be changed. Just feels more like another opportunity for a money

	grab for the city. What are the numbers around pedestrian fatalities or injuries in the downtown core as relates to traffic speeds? That would be good to know.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:13 AM	50km is a standard speed. If people follow the rules driving and pedestrians follow the rules walking and use appropriate crosswalks at appropriate times, injuries would not happen.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:13 AM	As stated in your pre write up the average speed already is below 50 km/h. So changing speed won't actually change anything but give excuses for more tickets. During non-peak times when down town is closed it doesn't make sense to have the speed down to 30 at all.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:13 AM	It is ridiculous to propose a slower speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:13 AM	I feel the speed should remain at 50km/h because changing it to 30km/h would create too much confusion and as a result, there would be even more discrepancies in the speeds people would be travelling. This could possibly potentiate more accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:14 AM	We have little to no pedestrian fatalities due to motor vehicles in the downtown, so I don't see why this is even an issue. If the city is looking at revitalizing the downtown area, the most important thing to look at is the large homeless and addicted population that harasses and threatens people trying to enjoy themselves in the area, not changing the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:14 AM	Traffic is backed up enough. The issue isn't speed, the issue is cyclists who don't know how to ride on the road and people crossing In the middle of the roads. There is more vehicles than pedestrian and cyclists and would consider avoiding downtown more and possibly changing work if speed was reduced downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:15 AM	Just because people generally drive slower downtown doesn't mean we have to waste time and effort enforcing a speed limit outside of the standard 50 km per hour.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:16 AM	Our downtown is not a destination. I believe that in order to make it one many other changes would need to occur prior to a speed limit reduction. If there are large events that cause potential concern, maybe speed limits could be temporarily reduced, rather than permanently.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:16 AM	Traffic doesn't need to slow to 30km/h. Solve the homeless problem with randoms walking in the streets and everywhere.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:16 AM	There are no pedestrian accidents currently, nobody drives 50 as there are too many lights to go that fast, why change something when there isn't a problem? Focus on more important matters
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:16 AM	I already feel uncomfortable downtown with the amount of red lights I endure. Depending on the area I really don't like being slowed down. Creeps knocking on my window, people using machetes to hold up people. I don't even know why this is a topic of conversation. If pedestrians are using sidewalks and crosswalks legally then we have no reason to consider reducing the speed limit. It wouldn't bother me if it was 30km/hr on some of the streets but leave 3rd Ave, Scenic and Stafford alone for sure.
Screen Name Redacted	Sounds like a cash cow for speed traps. Holding everyone, including

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jaywalkers and cyclists cutting into traffic, accountable for basic road safety would be more useful. It's not a school zone.

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The streets are mostly wide enough and some two lane, there are plenty of sidewalk and pedestrian areas, lots of controlled intersections . One area to consider would be to add in bike areas rather then slowing car traffic.

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There has been little incident at this speed and slowing traffic would cause congestion.

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Downtown is not a school zone!! Leave things as they are. Your gonna create confusion with this change. I will avoid downtown like the pandemic if the speed is lowered!

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Cyclists and pedestrians need to be more aware of where they are walking, not texting and walking or jaywalking which I see constantly.

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Pedestrians are taught young to look both ways before crossing the street. Why does the city keep catering to people who do illegal activities? If you want to change speed limits, how about Highway 3 near the pedestrian bridge. Police use that little 70km/hr zone as a speed trap.

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This report is ridiculous. What's next, install traffic circles?

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Plenty of existing traffic lights and pedestrian crossings that facilitate pedestrian traffic. Decreasing the speed limit will discourage traffic in downtown, but doing so limits exposure to local business and detracts from a vibrant and active downtown environment.

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Unnecessary overreaching by municipal government. The 50kmh speed limit is more than satisfactory, I wish you would have provided statistics on pedestrian injuries downtown per year along with whether or not it was attributed to speeding, distraction (which lowering the speed limits would not solve) or another issue. Modern vehicles can stop faster and many of them even have auto braking and it's only going to get better pushing into the future. Lowering the speed limits for safety at this point is fixing a problem that doesn't exist. Trying to swing that it's going to allow people to make more time is nice, but I imagine it will just frustrate people out of even coming downtown in the first place. If there is (which I don't think there is) an actual issue with pedestrian incidents, this is a traffic police matter not a speed limit issue. Don't punish the majority of the population based on the acts (or possible acts) of the few.

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We shouldn't have to slow down for drinks and bums. The economic cost of slowing down traffic (this includes my own business, as I do property maintenance downtown) would be quite high, given that slower traffic would encourage more pedestrians to ignore traffic signals which would force traffic to stop/slow down even more.

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Since all the traffic lights prevent motorists from picking up speed, there is no need to drop the speed limit unless city council is looking for a way to generate revenue with new speed traps.

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Slower speed limits are not enforceable

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:25 AM	Driving that slow is ridiculous. 30 km/h is painful.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:25 AM	Speed isn't the problem, it's shitty drivers.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:25 AM	I feel the current speed limit does not pose a greater danger to pedestrians. I see a lot pedestrians not utilizing the crosswalks or lights at intersections but rather they choose to dart across the street. Reducing speeds down to 30km/h is not necessary at this time. It'll create more vehicle congestion in the downtown core. Please don't change it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:27 AM	I find that when I am downtown that there are so many lights that I am already slowed down as I drive around. The main roads like 3rd and 1st are meant to move traffic. I feel if they are slowed down people will avoid them more (I know I would).
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:27 AM	Residential should be 30. Where there is kids and families and seniors and lots of people. Not downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:27 AM	This is not a speed matter. This is a distracted driving matter
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:28 AM	Our current downtown is not a place people want to go and stay like in other major cities. It's impractical to think reduced speed throughout the core would do anything to attract people there! This survey talks about the statistics on reducing fatal collisions, is that an issue downtown? More of an issue there than elsewhere in the city? I think the mayor should stop trying to put all sorts of money into making our downtown "pedestrian friendly" and put that money towards the drug issue that makes our downtown an undesirable place to go in the first place.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:30 AM	The downtown area is far from looking like Stephen ave in Calgary or the main routes in Banff or Canmore. Work first needs to be completed on clearing out the meth zombies before anyone would want to drive slower through the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:31 AM	50 is a respectable speed for inside the city limits. The city has already taken enough steps to make this an undesirable area to visit, don't take another one by doing this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:31 AM	If people are already averaging the lower speed why change it? Leave as is
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:31 AM	There are traffic signs or signals at almost every intersection which inhibit the speed of traffic. Efforts to allegedly make the downtown area more pedestrian-friendly are futile given our climate (not just in winter -- the wind blows hard most of the time). Customers are not prepared to walk considerable distances downtown to visit businesses here. They have other far more convenient options elsewhere. Many of our customers are not prepared to put up with the social disorder prevalent downtown which is a far more pressing issue. I watch jay-walkers all day from my office. They could care less about safety. Blaming the speed of the vehicle solely for pedestrian/vehicle collisions is ridiculous. Consider the number of daily

pedestrian/vehicle collisions against the number of pedestrian/vehicle interactions for proper context. The number is incredibly low. Moreover, with all of the options already available to pedestrians (marked crosswalks; traffic lights etc.) their safety is generally protected. This exercise seems like an effort by City Administration to find a problem that doesn't exist.

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There are enough traffic lights to slow traffic already. There is no need for a lower speed limit. We are not a big enough city to do this. You will just eliminate more people from going downtown.

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I have never felt unsafe trying to cross the street in the downtown area due to traffic speed. The areas with high pedestrian populations are also areas with a traffic light on every block, so the traffic is well controlled. Drivers downtown seem to respect and yield to pedestrians. Drivers who are not cautious will be reckless no matter what the speed limit is.

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There's no need to change the speed limit. When did we stop teaching people to look for vehicles and to accept their own responsibility for themselves?

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People already drive slower down town when it is busy, but having the option to go faster is nice when it is not busy, i will literally stop going down town entirely if you do this, id love to support local, but I'll probably just use Amazon, because it'll be more of a hassle to go down town

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It is a safe and reasonable speed. If it were reduced I would certainly use downtown businesses and restaurants a lot less!

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There are very few accidents now and we do not need the cost to change all signage and info avail able from tourist bureau and on

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Slow traffic would create impatience and potentially aggressive outbursts from some drivers in response to the slow speeds and end up in a reckless driving incident. Pedestrians will also take the reduced speed for granted and get complacent without checking the roads before crossing or navigating downtown thus increasing the risk to themselves and drivers.

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It will be annoying just like all the other speed reductions that have been put in place over the last few years. I will avoid downtown at all costs if speed limit is lowered. I would like to see more statistics on how many pedestrian incidents have occurred down town over the last 5 years. With a break down of who was at fault. Pedestrians vs drivers.

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It would be inconvenient for traveling around downtown

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It already takes awhile to work through the downtown traffic lights, pedestrians, and overall traffic. With the speed limit at 50km, some motorists already go 30km, leisurely driving around stopping traffic flow. Dropping the speed down to 30km gives people the option to move even slower. This also seems like a cash grab to catch more speeders, as a lot of regular downtown drivers are accustomed to driving the posted 50km/hr speed. The Lethbridge Police would have a hay day catching people trying to get to work, doctor appointments, etc. As someone who drives these roads daily, lowering the speed limit would drastically add travel time. I plead that the speed remains

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:37 AM	the same at 50km/hr. 50 is the appropriate speed. We have a good system of crosswalks and timing for pedestrian crossings, which keep pedestrians safe. This proposal seems like an unnecessary way to penalize motorists. To be frank, as someone who wants to be able to use downtown more with my children, the number one thing you could do for the safety of those walking around is deal with the issue of folks walking around high on drugs, who have harassed me on numerous occasions. Also the needles and human waste left around.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:38 AM	While a reduction in speeds to 30 or 40 km/h may not change the average speed of traffic during the day, later at night or during holidays or weekends when there is minimal traffic on the roads and no pedestrians there is no need to change the speed. Instead, a better option may be to reduce the speed during the workday, but retain it at 50 km/h over other periods, as well as allowing emergency vehicles to travel the 50 km/h at any time.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:38 AM	I don't think council or city planners have a clue what residents want. From butchering 3rd ave to all the bicycle paths interfering with traffic your making a mess of out our transportation systems. We want efficient roads for cars that are well maintained. Not blocked and full of potholes.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:38 AM	There is no reason to go slower than 50. if people obey the law and don't go into the street, there is no problem. Punish people who break the law. Don't punish drivers who are doing nothing wrong. If you lower the speed limit, it will encourage people to walk into the street. Don't encourage bad behaviour. If you want to eliminate pedestrian deaths, educate pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:39 AM	With the way our lights are set up and no longer having the same congestion of buses downtown it doesnt make sense to change the speed limit nlw
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:40 AM	There is no problems as it is right now.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:40 AM	I ride my bike there all the time and have never felt unsafe with the traffic. Pedestrians get hit if they or the driver does something stupid. Not because of the speed limits. Reducing it will only piss people off and deter people wanting to go there. So in a way it'll make things safer as there will be far less congestion. Just like those ridiculously expensive parking meters. So but I'd say it's a bad idea
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:40 AM	If it's a high collision area then address that. But somehow, I think not Leave it alone
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:40 AM	You can rarely go 50 km anyway as there are traffic lights everywhere. Downtown struggles as it is to survive,so will this change be a benefit to businesses?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:41 AM	As soon as you start changing speeds in certain areas you start creating problems with consistency and people's ability to follow the rules.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:41 AM	Below 50km/h is not necessary for a few different reasons and with the amount of lights and stop signs already in the area, the ability to even be able to maintain 50km/h is limited anyway. 50km/h is not an unsafe speed limit for an area like downtown and I think lowering that limit would only cause further frustration for drivers and result in more people doing whatever

	they can to avoid that area, including possible reduced traffic in residential areas.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:42 AM	I don't hear of a lot of traffic accidents or pedestrian accidents in the downtown now, so I'm not sure it's needed. People rarely go the 50kmh now, so reducing the speed may actually cause drivers to be more aggressive.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:42 AM	I think it's unfair for drivers to reduce their speed if the problem is strictly the pedestrian. During my time downtown people j-walk all the time without being caution of traffic. Other times people are heavily intoxicated which makes the situation even worse especially at night. Because all it takes is for someone to stumble into the street and get hit. Drivers already have to multi task by watching for other drivers and pedestrians who use the crosswalks . How would drivers be able to do all that and be on standby in case someone randomly walks into the street without paying attention. I think the city should focus on the intoxication of individuals downtown and educate people to use crosswalks instead of jaywalking.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:42 AM	Meh believe better cross walks would be appropriate, my main concern is 4th street/4th avenue (the courthouse); that crossing needs lights.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:43 AM	There have been no issues with keeping at 50 - seems like a cash grab for speeding tickets as well.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:43 AM	Traffic is already congested. Unless you plan on changing the timing of the lights to match the new speed limit, traffic will be halted multiple times making it more than 37 seconds longer.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:44 AM	As stated the average speed is currently lower due to street design, looking for parking and other factors. Lowering the speed limit to 30 will just open up the door to more photo radar and trying to catch people doing 41 km/h in the 30 zone. People are already self regulating, so leave it at that. Control speed through road design not through speed limits. This will cost tens of thousands of dollars to change signs, post those "new speed zone" signs, public awareness etc. And in the end the speed as per your report is already low, so it won't change anything.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:44 AM	Educate the pedestrians. I see a cash cow in speeding tickets since rules on photo radar were issued. Everyone mostly does 30 anyway as people are always looking for parking spots
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:45 AM	Down town moves slow already with j walkers.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:45 AM	Seems to be fine at 50
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:46 AM	I am not aware of any fatality or near fatality statistics that would require a decrease in speed limit. I would also like to know why it would be necessary of people are doing it anyways, to decrease the speedlimit. (As it was stated that the average Speed was 30-40 anyways) The benefit pitched was safety, but I am concerned the benefit realized will just be increased speeding tickets & frustration from residents.
Screen Name Redacted	Pedestrians have rules, stay on sidewalk, no J walking, cross on green etc.

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Drivers have laws as well. If both follow the rules there is no need to reduce the speed limit. More accountability is all that is required for those that break the rules.

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There is no business case to reduce speeds and therefore increase the time it takes to transit the downtown core. Presenting how it could reduce a fatal injury is not a business case in my mind as there is no history indicating how many people have been hit by a vehicle in downtown Lethbridge. My experience in downtown has been pedestrians don't abide by crosswalk signals and drivers should not have to be inconvenienced because people are willingly placing themselves in danger. Lowering the speed limits could actually have the effect of increasing jaywalking and person vs vehicle collisions as they may believe they have more time to cross while a vehicle may be driving quicker than expected.

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Seems like a money grab again. And will increase congestion

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Because if nobody is driving 50 right now anyway, the argument for safety is a moot point. There are already plenty of stop signs and stop lights to slow us down, and you don't need any more places with silly low speed limits to give us tickets (university Dr should go back to 70, too)

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We claim this is to prevent collisions with pedestrians. How many pedestrians have died via motor vehicle collision over the last bit? Not enough to change it. The speed is great where it is.

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I don't see the issue with the speed limit now, or never have in the 45 years I lived in the city. The issue with the transient population is a much more pressing issue for safety.

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Better crosswalk identification will go a longer way in stopping pedestrian incidents. Slower speeds will just make some drivers so upset that they stop looking for pedestrians and look for open lanes to jump traffic. This has not worked in other cities I lived, leave the speed alone.

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Because it's the actual rule in our drivers handbook. It makes sense for it to be 30 for School zones but throughout downtown area is ridiculous. People always do zip down regardless which road like even whoop up but cops do nothing. If it's ongoing throughout downtown have a hidden cop car and make them get penalty or fines

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If the average speed is 30-40/kmh anyways - why change it? I travel through on my way to and from work. Often well beyond normal business hours. To have to do 30 on a mostly empty street at 9pm at night (for example) would be pointless and would actually drive me OUT of, and around, downtown. Better street crossing lighting/signalling would aid to making pedestrian traffic safer. More adequate street parking (and for pitty sakes FREE street parking) would make downtown a more welcoming place to shop. Funding mental health supports and efforts for many of those who frequent the area would make me feel much safer than a reduced speed limit. I say don't spend tax payer dollars on speed changes to anger those you're trying to draw in. Instead, spend money on making the area more safe and welcoming for all. Rarely do I get up to speed and as the information states. The average speed

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is 30-40kph already. Why waste time, resources, and money to change something that is already occurring anyways.

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There are no issues. There are no serious or minor injuries. Why fix something that isn't broken. According to your article people are already doing 30-40km. If you change the speed to 30 or 40 and some creeps over to 50 they are going to get speeding tickets. Lastly, it's an expense that isn't needed to the citizens of this city.

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If you reduce the speed limit you are going to kill the downtown businesses. There are other area the city should be looking at first, like the drug problem going on in the city. City hall give your head a shake!!!

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Making traffic slower will in no way make downtown Lethbridge a more attractive place for me to spend time. It's seem particularly unnecessary when your own data says that traffic is already going slower than the limit. It seems like lowering the speed limit is just to provide the city an opportunity to ticket more drivers for speeding while doing nothing to address the read issues that keep people away from the downtown Lethbridge.

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eliminates the jay-walkers

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Changing the speed for drivers is not the answer. Pedestrians are suppose to cross at the crosswalks. If they are not crossing there, that is something that the police should be ticketing. As a driver downtown, I often go less then 50 km/h when there are lots of vehicles around, but at the end of the day or in the evening that doesnt make sense.

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There are rarely accidents involving pedestrians downtown. This happens more often in residential neighborhoods. Lower residential speeds alongside, or before downtown.

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It feels unnecessary to accommodate a very small number of citizens walking or riding their bikes to and from work. That's why we have crosswalks and traffic lights in place. This is not Vancouver.

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We all know the reason for this, we are not blind. The recent influx of transient population who don't follow safe procedures for crossing as cross walks are causing the general public to have to be more cautious. Regardless if the speed is 30, 40 or 50 Kph these individuals will continue to dart out between parked cars, cross on green lights or in the middle roads. Who is going to enforce the speed limit, police are already taxed to the hilt with other issues. This city wastes so much money on stuff that does not need to be addressed. I ride my bike to work daily, on the main road with traffic as the Rules of the Road AR304/2002 dictate. I have never once used any bike lane. Nor would I ever go so far out of my way to use one to get where I am going. These projects are used solely as a gimmick to sway public perception. Millions of dollars wasted! This project on reducing speeds is no different. The realignment of third avenue to make wider walk ways is useless as most residents of Lethbridge do not feel safe to walk downtown due the the drug problem. Prevent the problem, stop bandaging the wound, or you will just bled out and the problem will still remain.

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If people are already driving 30-40km due to the design, why do they feel the

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need to drop the limit? For money? Also, it's a huge area they want to do this to, if it were smaller, I would reconsider. I've drove through towns that are 40km throughout, I spend more time looking at my speedometer than when I'm the limit is 50, and I know others that feel the same.

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Traffic and lights create a slow down for traffic anyway, 30km/hr as a rule is just too slow, especially for an area that size. Pedestrian crossings tend to happen in crosswalks at intersections where there are lights and pedestrian controls in place so slowing down traffic that's already sitting at a red light while pedestrians cross doesn't make any sense. Reducing the speed limit for the entire downtown core will probably push people out of downtown as often times people have places to go and they're not going to slog through that many blocks of 30 kilometre per hour speed limits to get where they're going, they will go elsewhere. Speaking for myself personally, that is exactly what I would do. If the 30 kilometres per hour is in place for J-Walkers' safety then it is a really dumb idea as they are already breaking the law and putting themselves at risk, endangering themselves and drivers in the process. We shouldn't cater to them. Since nearly every intersection has lights and walk signals I think this is more than enough to keep pedestrians and drivers safe downtown. If anything, longer 'walk' times could help out across scenic drive where many of the elderly are often crossing as they are probably the most in need of a little extra safety measures and precautions.

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I think it's okay at 50.

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Waste of money

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50 is slow enough

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I don't see any reason why there should be a change. Reducing the speed limit will encourage more j-walking and people wandering into traffic.

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Lethbridge is not busy enough to warrant this

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There is no need to drop the speed to 30 km/h, this would be no improvement and honestly would keep me from going downtown more often and become an increased frustration to city residents. I am already extremely disappointed with the city of Lethbridge, as I know are many others, if anything speed limits around the city need to be increased not reduced. There are very few cyclists whenever I've been in the down town area. Even the amount of pedestrians doesn't seem like enough to warrant a speed reduction.

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It will only increase congestion in those areas, and this issue does not reflect the real reason residents don't frequent downtown. It's the addicts, lets be serious. Downtown looks like a dive because of it, and people are afraid to go down town in risk of getting injured, mugged, or harassed by these addicts.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:08 AM	No one will drive 30km/h and I feel it will just be a money trap. If anything there needs to be pedestrian cross lights
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:09 AM	If average speeds are already at 30 -40 km due to good design why bother with a sped reduction. Also many of the intersections are signalised downtown for pedestrians to safely cross.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:09 AM	Will just be a money trap for photo radar
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:09 AM	Speed isn't the issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:11 AM	30 km is very slow, there have not been reports of fatalities do to being hit with a vehicle. People should be using crosswalks when crossing the street if they dont then thatvis on them. Also there should be more police presence if there is a concern of deivers speeding.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:11 AM	50 km is the standard for cities across Canada. Lethbridge isn't a special flower that needs special rules. I would choose to take my business elsewhere rather than endure this stupidity.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:11 AM	The cost of changing and the congestion lower would cost. You said people generally drive slower there, so why change it? To make people go slower is redundant. Don't. It's hard and scary enough to go there, don't add to it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:11 AM	I feel this will drive people away from downtown and is not necessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:12 AM	it is not speed it is all the drugies in the park and wandering the downtown streets asking for money
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:15 AM	Downtown isn't busy enough to reduce the speed. 30km/hr should just be for schools, parks, and some residential. There isn't a need to reduce the speed limit downtown. I think people will get confused and it will just end up in a lot of unnecessary speeding tickets. 50km/hr is perfectly fine for downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:19 AM	Bigger issues to address than a speed limit. For example the amount of transients that have been brought to the city that damage the area and make it a less then desirable area to take a family
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:20 AM	This seems like a waste of time and resources. Focus attention on more important issues
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:22 AM	I don't see where the current speed limit is affecting anyone adversely
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:22 AM	Has not been a problem now. People have no real reason to go downtown so traffic is not an issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:24 AM	There is no reason to drop it to 30. That is crazy and unnecessary. The only times I have almost been hit downtown as a pedestrian it was been because of people on their cell phones, not because of speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:24 AM	I do not believe reducing the speed limit will do anything more than frustrate people, increasing the possibility of Road Rage. It will come with a cost, (signage, enforcement) that we do not need.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:25 AM	Every other city is like this, 30 is way too slow. Downtown isn't a schoolzone
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:25 AM	There are many times throughout the day that downtown isn't busy, driving 30 km/h would take a long time to drive through. I would start avoiding the downtown core, which I think is the opposite of what business owners need.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:25 AM	The frequency of lights and design of the roads means you often are not traveling at 50 km/h but as someone who lives down here it can already be a headache just to get home. Reducing the speed will increase this. I have lived here my whole life and have never found it unsafe to cross or walk around downtown in regards to traffic. Reducing the speed seems like an unnecessary step.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:26 AM	30 is going to make people not want to drive downtown at all, and downtown businesses already suffer. This is going to hurt them even more. IMO
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:26 AM	I will avoid the area and bring my business elsewhere if the speed limit is dropped. It wouldn't be worth my time to go downtown with a lowered speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:27 AM	the 30 km area's will just become a speed trap from people coming off the main roads, itll cause more accidents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:28 AM	While 30 or 40/ kph looks good on paper, we need to look at the congestion rates in downtown and the city itself. I believe the poor design of the traffic lights need to be addressed before anything else. I've noticed, especially downtown, the traffic lights are so out of sync, people are constantly stopping. This frustrates the drivers. Once the light changes, they accelerate and stop faster every time. If the speed limit was reduced, this would create exponentially more congestion, thus adding frustration to the drivers. Before changing the speed limit. I implore the City of Lethbridge, as a home owner, to create a better design for traffic lights. Starting with traffic lights on 3rd ave, 6th ave S, and scenic drive S, would result in drivers driving less erratic, thus creating a safer environment downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:28 AM	No issues
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:28 AM	There are plenty of traffic signs and stop lights that already slow the flow of traffic, we do not need to reduce the speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:29 AM	We are a CITY. No other city that I can think of has lower speeds downtown. If people are already driving that slow it might be based on different reasons (congestion, weather, etc), but to lower the official speed limit at all times does not make sense.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:30 AM	There is plenty other things the city can do to reduce fatal/harmful collisions in the downtown before reducing the speed limit. Reducing the speed limit will likely result in becoming a cash cow, more speeding tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:30 AM	The downtown area has been hit hard by homeless people with drug addiction,businesses have to keep doors locked and you buzz in to open the door,the new parking meters and safety patrols are not conclusive to visiting downtown anymore.Reducing speed limits will make things worse plus the

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cost to change signage is not something we need to spend money on, we need to enhance the economy not enhance it with more debt.

cost to have new signs, failing business downtown bc of increased Crime and drug use, why???? Just like the 6 mile path (rolls eyes)

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No need to change

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if the average speed now is 30 to 50, why change it, other than a cash grab for photo radar and will cost money to do so as well!!! I rarely go downtown now because I don't feel safe there, I will come downtown never, if that's the case!

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Keep at 50km/h. Put that money to better use

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The speed people travel is already reduced to 40km or 30km. If you reduce it further then people would be travelling 30km or 20km. That just isn't tolerable for someone travelling behind them. It I feel would also become a speed trap for the photo radar or police. It could also become confusing for everyone to remember that the speeds on 1 road are 10-20km different from the next. I just don't see it being a necessary change. If people are going to be shopping downtown then they will or they won't, it's just that simple. Maybe a diversified tenant list would help to bring shoppers to downtown. It's a bit hard to shop when there aren't many decent places to shop.

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There is a traffic light on every corner of the downtown that regulates speed and traffic flow. You rarely get to 50k anyway and pedestrian traffic is governed by lights and walk signals at every corner. It's creating more rules for something that's not needed.

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There are enough streetlights to guide foot traffic through downtown. At 50km/h I find it not difficult to watch for traffic and pedestrians when driving. And as a pedestrian I used streetlights to cross intersections to safely arrive at my destination.

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Majority of people driving in the downtown area already travel at speeds below 50km. Posting 30km will have traffic at a crawl and irritate everyone trying to actually travel through the downtown area. Will drive people away from the area to avoid the congestion.

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I believe that the speed limits in the core are already appropriate. With the abundant amount of traffic controls and pedestrian crossings, the need for a lower limit is unnecessary. I believe that the only people who would truly benefit would be those that profit from photo radar.

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50 is a maximum speed. people are rarely going 50 anyway, due to the lights and pedestrians. but when it is safe to do s 50 isn't that fast and it should remain. downtown is hard enough to get in and out of without lowering the speed limit.

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Very few people are injured and killed in downtown so why make a change.

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I don't think it's necessary to spend taxpayers money to change something that doesn't seem to be a real issues. How often are people being hit and

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killed by cars in the downtown core? Why are we worrying about such piddly non-issues when this city has much larger concerns that need to be addressed.

It has been 50km/h for how many years? The issue is with pedestrians total disregard for the traffic laws. Perhaps if they were not busy on their phones they would not just walk out into oncoming traffic. And as well, keep the Watch on force downtown to assist with the drunk/drugged pedestrians just wandering out into traffic. There is no need to change the speed limit. The change perhaps is to actually enforce the laws to the pedestrians (jaywalking, distraction, etc). Pedestrians should be taking responsibility for their own faults.

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Waste of money to do and not necessary as majority of traffic dont get to 50km/h anyways...

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Too much confusion on speeds throughout city, can't usually get up to speed downtown anyways.

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If the speed is 30 then I feel like we are going to have more traffic congestion. Plus I already don't feel safe downtown and I feel like if we were to go any slower then we would be easier targets for car stealing and muggings.

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Naturally occurring safe speed so no need. Fixing traffic lights timing would help in safe driving more

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There is no need to slow down the downtown traffic. That is why we have street lights and crosswalks.

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Keep the speed the way it is. Stop wasting money on stupid things like this. Pathetic

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Slowing the speed limit will annoy potential shoppers. The City of Lethbridge has pushed shoppers away from the downtown already; don't add another reason.

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Why fix something that isn't broke?!? Quit wasting time and our tax money!! Fix the damn rough ass roads in the industrial section first where most of us work!! Our city council is absolutely useless!! Incompetent dipshits.

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If it's changed it would deter me from going downtown as much. This doesn't need to be changed.

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50 is plenty slow enough. Decreasing it is just another reason to avoid downtown and I support the small businesses downtown who need it most. It will just hurt them. A completely unnecessary change to decrease it as well as a total money grab on the city's part. Sickening.

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Very few accidents anyway traffic flow is good now. We need people to want to come downtown. Stupid idea.

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There is no reason to lower the speed that low when we haven't had any issues with fatal accidents or accidents in general. This will cause more people to come up to vehicles to pan handle. I do not support the lowering of

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:53 AM	the speed limit. We live in a city not a town this is ridiculous. There are traffic lights at all intersections...the speed limit is fine at 50
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:53 AM	I have never seen or heard of a pedestrian accident downtown and you said so yourself some people are already driving slow. Let those of us who can drive just as safely at 50 still and do something useful with the cities time and budget.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:54 AM	Have not seen any evidence of major accidents. I believe there is less traffic downtown now than ever.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:54 AM	No reason for the change except bureaucratic overreach.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:57 AM	With proper crosswalks and lights there's no reason to change the speed limit, downtown already gets congested enough, there's no reason to make it any worse than it already is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:59 AM	There is no safety issue. Why hinder and give people a reason to avoid the any more then certain individuals already do.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:01 AM	There is zero reason to reduce it. People already drive under the speed limit all the time in the city
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:02 AM	When having to go downtown on lunch breaks or during business to do banking increased travel times would b an issue. Would avoid downtown for shopping if had to drive that slow. Downtown is no different than anywhere else should stay @50
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:02 AM	Fix other issues downtown instead, like the safety of walking with out being harassed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:03 AM	Park and walk if you wish to enjoy the downtown area. Travelling from point A to B should remain at 50 km. Increase the parking meter time in zone 3 so walking can occur without incurring parking tickets
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:03 AM	It's not a busy downtown no need to reduce the limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:04 AM	There should be no problems at all if you're a good driver. If you aren't paying attention it is an issue that spans outside of the downtown area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:07 AM	Because modern vehicles have only improved in all aspects of technology, including braking so why would we go backwards in terms of speed limits? Downtown is a joke with the scs anyways so nobody walks around as it's not safe so all you would do is deter more traffic pushing the downtown into more chaos as nobody would be around to see things happen.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:08 AM	It will cost to much to lower speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:09 AM	People have to start taking responsibility driving. Quit changing laws to protect the people who keep breaking it (distracted driving, speeding, DUI's, etc)

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:09 AM	It gets people to their destinations without any build up of traffic. By slowing the speed to 30, you're going to end up with a lot of traffic jams, unnecessary speeding tickets and a bunch of pissed off people.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:13 AM	If the average is already 30 to 40km/h in the area why make it mandatory. I personally don't hear of a lot of pedestrian accidents in this area. I think it would just annoy people more than anything. Definitely not in favour.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:14 AM	The speed limit is fine we need to enforce pedestrian rules instead cross at lights with walk symbols
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:15 AM	I don't believe that reducing speed would make a difference City of Calgary does not have reduced speeds and has way more population
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:15 AM	If it's slowed, cell phone use will raise as a result. It's pretty well guaranteed. As a false sense of security is introduced by slowing down, drivers feel emboldened to pay less attention, not more. Cell phones are used more frequently at lower speed. It's more dangerous for a pedestrian, than a driver under the influence with no other distraction. Focusing police attention on distracted driving would be the most effective method to increasing safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:17 AM	Every intersection downtown is clearly marked. Major intersections are also lighted with timed turning/crossing indicators for pedestrians. I see no reason to accommodate those breaking the law or not smart enough to cross in a safe fashion. Children are a moot point as well since there should be no reason for them to be playing unattended ever. If the city is concerned about busy times or during events perhaps a temporary speed reduction? (ie: galt garden shows, downtown street events, etc).
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:17 AM	It literally isn't logical. No one will go 30km/hr and honestly it will cause impatient drivers and angry citizens, if anything driving slower is gonna cause MORE accidents. As of right now, reducing speed limits won't do anything to bring people downtown cause it's "safer", how about we worry about our drug crisis, and needle problem so that people actually WANT to come downtown. The only people who are downtown right now are ones that HAVE to be because it has become so dangerous. Pretty sad that this is the cities concern, not the actual problem
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:18 AM	Pedestrian / vehicle traffic is already effectively managed by traffic lights at nearly EVERY intersection. This proposal is attempting to solve a problem that DOES NOT exist.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:18 AM	Traffic flow in lethbridge is already bad. There are way too many traffic lights. Focus on high visibility intersections for pedestrians rather than slowing everybody down.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:19 AM	If right now the average driving speed is less than 50km/h with the speed limit posted at 50, that means drivers are being cautious and aware of their speed for the most part. Plus, there is no law saying you can't drive under the speed limit, as long as you aren't putting yourself or others in danger. By reducing the speed limit to 30/40km/h, you are now giving the option more to drivers to speed. For example if it is 12am on a Wednesday where the core is relatively quiet, with a speed limit of 30, but potential to safely do 50, drivers are more likely to speed.
Screen Name Redacted	If you reduce the speeds it will only allow for the current transient population

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to wonder the streets even more unperturbed and panhandle motorists trying to get out.

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It wont affect a thing. And people will still do 50. Everyone speeds ever wear else what makes u think changing the speed limute wont promote more speeders down town

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Because there is no reason for a reduction in speed limits. There are crosswalks and lights.

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I would like City council to stop wasting the high property taxes paid in Lethbridge on issues that aren't issues. If the average speed downtown is already around 40km/h then why would you need to enforce it? It's not a school zone and adults can conduct themselves in a fashion that abides the law and considers the safety of themselves and others. Wasting money on putting up signs is the solution to an issue that doesn't exist.

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No need to reduce speed limit

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If you took this mentality of drivers generally drive 10-20 under the speed limit so we should reduce it is ridiculous. Here in Lethbridge with the high senior population they are always driving 10-20 under the speed limit whether it's on Mayor Magrath drive, scenic drive, crowsnest trail etc. I'm highly opposed to reducing the speed limit.

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With the amount of traffic lights there is not much time to get going much faster. The only danger I see is from J-walkers and people running the red lights, which I saw someone do twice yesterday. With the traffic slowly coming back to the area I think the pedestrians will obey the signals better and there will be less J-walking.

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As you said it precious the avarrage speed is 30-40 right now so people drive slower when it's busy. There on not any collisions I know of (downtown) or atleast any more then anywhere else in the city and honestly I think the speed limit reduction will reduce amount of people by my work as many people complain about going downtown and how conservative our city is this will just add another reason for less people to come to my work and we may even have to shut down if less people come

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Zero justification - how many accidents downtown are due to speed? There are already way too many intersections so generally you can't even achieve the speed limit in the first place. This will not improve anything downtown and will further discourage residents from going downtown. There are too many other problems downtown that need attention.

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The reduction of speed is accomodate inebrated individuals who frequently literally fall into traffic in our increasing deteriorating downtown. I do not support these bandaid "fixes" to downtown.

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I live downtown I walk a lot I have never felt unsafe due to traffic our city needs to focus more on other issues that the city is facing to make downtown more safe and more attractive to go to

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During busy times the average speed is already 30-40 km/hr. When it's not busy later in the evening for example the lower speed limit would just be an opportunity to hand out traffic tickets.

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It'll only cause congestion to reduce to 30km/hour. ESPECIALLY on 3rd Ave which is indicated to be reduced to 30km/h - it's a 2 lane per direction road, and the speed should remain at 50km/h. There's going to be more accidents and road rage incidents if it is lowered to 30km/h because people won't bother reading the signs, nevermind following the 30km/h speed limit. Lowering the speed limit is stupid.

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There was a study done I believe in France or somewhere in Europe where they reduced the speed limit in a school zone and found there were still accidents. They then tried to increase the speed and teach children and pedestrians to cross the street only when it is safe to do so and they were reduced numbers in accidents. Teach people to be smart when crossing the street and they will learn. Going down to 30 km per hour will only distract police attention to charge people money for speeding instead of paying attention to other concerns of safety.

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There are enough traffic controls and controlled pedestrian crosswalks. I have worked downtown for the last 23 years and have never had an issue with pedestrians unless they were crossing illegally.

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You want a vibrant downtown? Give business a reason to set up there and give residents a safe place to be. Until then... stop worrying about lipstick on a pig... no amount of beautification, bullshit walkable streets or lower speed limits will offset the intimidation factor of dealing with the homeless, needles and abandoned store fronts. Stop waste of money and invest in infrastructure and projects that add value and create jobs.

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There is wrong with the current speed limit. It is a ridiculous waste of time and resources

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Typically the downtown areas (specifically 3ave and 5 ave south are not prone to foot traffic. I don't see any feasibility in lowering the speed limit in those on those specific roads, especially considering the amount of stop signs and traffic lights along those two streets.

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The routes that are proposed to change are some of the main connecting roads in the city. If there were other options for roads to completely avoid downtown for traveling then it would be perfect. 6 ave is jam packed are most times of the day due to the fact that it's one of 2 major roads connecting to whoopup drive; one of two connections for the entire west side. By slowing down major routes the increase in road rage could in my opinion counter the 30 zone and promote increased jay walking around downtown. There are already ample cross works and the walking signal unnecessary comes on for over half the lights downtown no matter the time of day or night. Example 3am nobody in sight but you just miss the light going down 3rd because they all change at random intervals then you wait 30 seconds at an unnecessary red light, then you go and make it to the next one just to have it happen again. Instant infuriation, plus driving down the road at 30 km/h would greatly

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:30 AM	increase road rage. Plus leaving 1st ave as a 50 zone and changing the other streets is a interesting choice because as someone who works at the mall half the time I have some pricks who thinks it a funny joke to jump at the road to scare drivers it's almost always that road. However everything being said for a lot of narrow streets around downtown I think it would be great to make it 30 because you basically have to drive 30 anyways with people around and the close conditions but definitely not the main avenues. Never was a problem
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:30 AM	Keep it simple and consistent throughout the city. With all of the traffic lights, it keeps the speed down already.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:31 AM	any sort of fatality regarding people being hit by cars in the last year has not been downtown. it has been in areas where other people were driving and ignoring street signs. also, if people who are driving downtown without the intention of stopping somewhere most likely aren't going to decide to stop in somewhere just because the speed is slower and they're being forced to look at things.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:32 AM	If pedestrian safety is your biggest concern... please outline the relative rates of pedestrian injury incidents in the downtown vs other areas of the city. Shouldn't data based decisions mean that you actually provide the data?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:36 AM	The downtown is not a playground zone though some people that have taken over this area of our city with their drug activity may see it as a play ground. The police are too busy daily trying to round up these drug addicts and drug dealers to deal with speeders going 50 km/hour in a 30 km/ hour speed zone. I guess a person could potentially dodge all the crackheads and potholes easier at a reduced speed!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:37 AM	If drivers and pedestrians follow the law then everyone is safe. Reducing speeds won't reduce collisions if people are not already driving in a safe manner. Plus, how will this be enforced? People speed regardless of enforcement so people won't take it seriously if it's not enforced 24/7. There are many residential and park/school zones that could better use the enforcement instead.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:39 AM	At the present speed limit, MOST drivers drive slower than 50. If the speed is reduced it will be extremely frustrating causing more road rage and accidents I'm afraid. It's fine as it is. When something is NOT broken, DON'T fix it!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:41 AM	There's no actual VIABLE information provided to prove these statistics that you're providing. Reducing the speed limit is just a way for the city to hand out more speeding tickets. It's a cash grab and it's heinous.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:43 AM	I'm not interested in turning the downtown into a revenue generator for the LPS. This would be just another deterrent (in addition to having to pay for parking AND crime) to coming downtown instead of going to the Mayor Magrath retail/commercial zone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:43 AM	Slowing the speed will only attract more unwanted pedestrians to approach your car for a handout
Screen Name Redacted	The decrease of speed would increase travel times. I recognize that the

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modelling indicates 37 seconds for the average, however, during times of higher traffic (events, rush hours, etc), reducing the speed will cause significant congestion within the core. Minimal pedestrian accidents occur within the core currently and often pedestrians that are struck do not take proper precautions when crossing the street (either cross illegally or without checking for vehicle traffic), leaving the drivers to be cautious. Slowing the speed limit to 30/40kph will only encourage unsafe pedestrian crossing as it would give a false sense of safety and time to cross, again leaving the driver to stop quickly. The city should instead put out statements regarding proper ways to cross streets and to do so with caution rather than just walking out onto a crosswalk without looking - as I have often noted to be the case in the core.

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The slower you go, the more time there is for a light to turn red. I guarantee, if I drove up and down that strip 100 times, the average would be higher than 37 seconds.

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50 km/h is completely fine and is not going to change the issues that downtown has. In my opinion this sets the tone for the city to move to a 30km all over town which is absolutely ridiculous. Not to mention the cash cow the police will have on it as I know majority of motorists will not drive 30k down town. Find others ways to fix the downtown core than the speed limit.

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I disagree that this will change anything if we reduce the speed limit

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because reducing it would cause more accidents due to people not realizing they've changed it and the fact that people down town don't know how to drive already and ALREADY go 20km/h because they don't give a heck about anybody else's safety and will just stop in the middle of the road for no reason

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Time is money. Why try to fix a wheel that isn't broken. If speeds are shown to be lower than the posted speed then why are we wasting time, effort and resources to reduce the speed limit anyways. Another example of beurocratic waste.

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If people pay attention both pedestrians and drivers the 50km/hr is fine. People need to be able to use their discretion and by reducing the speed limit you are hurting people's ability to think for themselves. If I drive downtown and it's a very busy day with tons of traffic people typically do slow down to accord this, but if it's off peak hours people do drive the speed limit. This sounds sounds like the city is looking for a money grab to me, not truly looking to make things safer.

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More work needs to be done to provide a safer downtown. Speed limits are not the issue. The atmosphere and issues with addicts is more of a concern. People do not want to bring there kids downtown. Its not an enjoyable experience anymore. I remember a time when this wasn't an issue.

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Prevent traffic congestion, but honestly half the people in the city can't drive properly or maintain the speed limit as it is anyways, so realistically it wouldn't change much but raise frustrations for others who can drive properly. As far as the idea goes for making downtown a nicer place, I'd maybe consider

	getting rid of the SCS first, as downtown is LITTERED with junkies, which makes people want to spend less time downtown, especially around the Galt Gardens area. I'd say that's an issue that needs addressing before anything else.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:52 AM	It's fine. There are already plenty of traffic controls throughout the downtown core. People traveling to the downtown area already have a destination in mind, reducing the speed limit will not increase the chance of someone stopping to shop.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:52 AM	Everyone should always drive cautiously downtown but during quieter times (ie Sunday afternoons) it would be unreasonable to drive 30km/hr.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:59 AM	If it ain't broke don't fix it kiss
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:00 AM	People will only be avoiding downtown to not have to go 30 KM. They will travel around it as much as possible . I think with the stats posted it would be nice to see how many accidents have actually accrued by reckless driving above the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:04 AM	Drivers aren't the problem, pedestrians, bikers, jaywalkers, drunks and junkies are.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:04 AM	Slowing the speed limit down won't make it any safer. And if the speed limit IS reduced, people will avoid using those roads because of the reduced speed. People already avoid downtown enough as is, for the obvious reasons.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:04 AM	Changing the speed limit isn't going to stop speeders or accidents. I have more issues with pedestrians jay walking and such than I do drivers. For the most part drivers are already cautious downtown. Let it be. The reason I barely go downtown is because it is sketchy and paid parking. I only go for Big John's Used Book Store.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:05 AM	People can choose to go slower if they wish but making it mandatory will make a lot of people very unhappy and cause them to speed. Changing the speed limit isn't going to change how fast vehicles are going.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:06 AM	Both drivers and pedestrians should be able to stay safe at that speed so long as they are paying attention ad they should.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:07 AM	No reason to lower, people will still speed at any limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:09 AM	I feel it should stay at 50km/h cause it's what we are all used to, and with lowering it to 30KM/h it would probably increase the amount of tickets mainly because a lot of citizens may forget about the lowering of the speed limit. There is enough stop signs, and traffic lights downtown to avoid those things like accidents and such. I am not okay with lowering the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:12 AM	This appears to be change for the sake of change. Pedestrians frequently cross when the traffic signal is "dont walk", but vehicles have a green light, which puts themselves at risk. City money better spent on educating the public as to which lights are for pedestrians and why the "green" light is not for pedestrians, but to allow turning traffic a chance to clear before light

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:15 AM	changes. It's a maximum speed limit but isn't a requirement to go that fast. As an alert and safety conscious driver you drive for the conditions. If people choose not to use crosswalks, it's the driver's responsibility to watch and avoid. Start handling out tickets for jaywalking instead of spending tax dollars on new signage.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:16 AM	I have never felt unsafe with driving or having other drivers around me going 50km/h. Making some streets 30 or 40 while others are 50, will cause more problems as people will be unsure of the speed limit with the drastic changes turning down different streets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:17 AM	50 is slow enough
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:18 AM	Slowdown will just encourage j walking
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:19 AM	50kmh is safe if drivers pay attention and pedestrians don't cross the street in places or times they are not supposed to. Pedestrians have a bad habit of just walking off the sidewalk without ensuring it is safe.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:19 AM	I travel through the area just fine as it is. If traffic backs up and you have to slow down, then you have to deal with it. No point in slowing everyone down when there isn't traffic. The whole of downtown will just turn into a cash cow for the LPS speed cameras.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:20 AM	Safety is the responsibility of all parties, including pedestrians who need to take ownership of their obligation to follow the rules of the road/crossing the road etc. By the logic presented in the survey, we can reduce the speed limit to 0 and eliminate all fatalities and injuries - it is nonsensical. Slowing the speed of traffic is not a fix but a patch, better education of the pedestrians is needed if this is an issue, in terms of drivers, well we have peace officers/ LPS to deal with driving infractions.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:21 AM	If pedestrians keep to crosswalks and obey the signs as dictated by law, the speed limit is not a problem.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:22 AM	Drive through there 3 times a week...speed is never a problem with all the lights.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:23 AM	City Council is already killing the downtown area. The SCS, a terrible system of parking meters, and now this? Downtown should be a vibrant and exciting area, not a slum where the homeless and drug users take precedence over everything else. There are so many lights downtown you rarely can get up to 50 km/h anyways. Reducing the speed limit is nothing but a shameless money grab for ticket revenue. This will deter people from coming downtown, further hurting already suffering businesses.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:24 AM	There are enough traffic lights, pedestrian crosswalks, etc in place so this shouldnt even be an issue/concern to begin with.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:25 AM	There are lights and pedestrian crossing for a reason. The city has bigger problems to worry about than lowering speeds in an area that is adequately controlled

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This would be harder to maintain for all people downtown and I feel it would increase more risk, you would see way more people not following the rules and increase risk for pedestrians downtown, I could see this being implemented for side streets but the main streets downtown this would be hard to enforce

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Keep it at 50km/h. People who want or feel the need to drive slower can do so. Not everyone should be made to only go 30km/h.

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During busy times it is nearly impossible to drive 50km anyways so it is redundant and a waste of money. In the evening there is very little traffic, vehicular or pedestrian and driving less than 50 is unnecessary.

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In your explanation. You explain how drivers are already driving at an average of 30-40 km/hr. If this is true. Dropping the maximum from 50 would not make a difference other than changing the maximum speed possible. On top of that how many Collisions have happened in downtown compared to all other 50 km areas? Finally, we know whose getting "hit" or "collided" with and it also coincides with population that seems to frequent the area most and not make it as "vibrant" as Lethbridge talks about. Maybe if we were to work with the vulnerable sector and move them out of homelessness and drug addiction. Then you could go about making an actual vibrant downtown where people wanna visit. Then you can go on by getting rid of the watch and security teams so that it feels like an even safer place. Instead did always patrolled like something will happen eventually. You want to really make an effect in downtown. Change your scope of how you view the vibrancy and populations who cohabit that area. The speed limit is the least of the worries when it comes to the beautiful potential of downtown lorry ridge.

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3rd ave should remain 50 km/h perhaps other streets could be lowered to 40 or 50.

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I agree with the map shown, but I feel like 3rd Ave South acts as a main artery for traffic and this should be kept at 50km/h. The others roads highlighted in can be reduced to 40.

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The size and overall pedestrian usage does not warrant a speed limit reduction.

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Making the down town speed limit 30 just gives me one more reason to avoid down. Between the safe consumption and annoying meters its like the city is trying to wreck the city's core.

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50 is slow enough. Would hate to see this go through.

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Waste of time and tax money. Just like this survey

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1) Environmental factors usually keep the speeds lower anyway, however, if safe and traffic allows, it may create problems to slow all the traffic down. 2) enforcement will be difficult if not impossible. 3) Do we really need another reason to NOT go downtown? The last few years we seems to go out of our

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:49 AM	way to find reasons to have people avoid downtown. People already driving average speed less than 50. So why waste money on changing. (Signage, etc.)
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:50 AM	maybe lowering to 30km/h would work during business days/hours... but not all evenings/nights/weekends
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:52 AM	Have you looked into the increase of jaywalking with slower moving vehicles? If 10x the people are jaywalking after you lower the speed it's not going to reduce the risk of anything. 30km is still fast enough to get lethally injured, discourage jaywalking and leave the speed alone. Spend it on roads or the removal of our drug nest downtown instead.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:53 AM	Already feels too slow in the morning getting to work with all the traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:54 AM	It's stated that traffic is often at 30-40 km/h, but outside of peak times, there is little traffic and 50 km/h should still be possible. The lights downtown are already very long, people have lots of time to see what's happening in the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:55 AM	Slowing down will just create confusion and lead to a the cops over using speed traps in the area. Additionally the speed limit does not influence my choice to shop or not.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:56 AM	Reducing the speed is not necessary, 30km/h is too slow. Other than slowing down to park, I don't understand why this is even being presented. If anything downtown should be changed, it is the straight on parking on 6th street, that's a hazard! I've never seen downtown busy enough with pedestrians to justify a slower speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:06 PM	It's already been determined speeds are averaging 30-40k so no need to change the posted speed. Clearly downtown drivers are driving for conditions...for the most part. If anything enforcement of speeding, jaywalking, rolling through stop signs, running lights, etc. needs to be stepped up.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:07 PM	The perception will be that downtown is not a place worth visiting as more restrictions are put into place.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:07 PM	Seriously? We don't need another place that cops can put speed traps. I already drive slower than 50km/h when in the downtown but establishing 30 as the speed limit just means that cops will patrol that area even more as an easy target for speeding tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:07 PM	50 kph is a safe speed. collisions occur when people are not paying attention. Speeds of 30 kph would cause me and others to avoid downtown, which would reduce business and money spent in the area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:09 PM	it's been this way for years. if we're not worried about the speed limit being 50 in quiet residential areas with children playing everywhere, then why are we concerned about it in downtown
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:10 PM	Put in some median garden planters or trees in the areas that you want people to slow down, don't put more rules. People automatically drive slower in areas that require more attention. Why do we always have to put in silly speed limits.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:11 PM	Not a school zone
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:11 PM	Considering that most people already go under the speed limit voluntarily, I do not see why this reduction is necessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:14 PM	It should remain at 50 as 50 is not an issue. if people learn how to use crosswalks properly, there should be no issue with the speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:14 PM	The roads aren't very busy as it is. Children aren't playing downtown. Slow the speed limit in residential areas to 40km/hr. Use more playground zones in residential areas.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:16 PM	Productivity and convenience
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:17 PM	This is another waste of tax funding & budgets to legitimize a position(s) within our "unsustainable" City spending. Focus on fixing the important things, and stop coming up with new ways to fix things that are not broken.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:17 PM	Not everybody can stop and appreciate downtown everyday. Most of the time people are passing through to get where they need to go and slowing it down just makes it harder for them to do that. I feel slowing it down would cause more problems in the long run. Having more foot and bicycle traffic due to lower speeds could congest downtown so that it becomes impassible all together. To my knowledge, there have been very few accidents downtown in my ten years of living here. So to say lowering the speed limit decreases chances of accidents is null and void when they don't happen that often, if at all.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:21 PM	30 km/h is just too slow, it's also extremely confusing having so many different speeds within Lethbridge already. Some roads are 50 and then 60 like mayor magrath and then there is a radar right at the transition, like c'mon let's be consistent. Also the average downtown speed is 50km/h in most cities so this will just confused people and catch people off guard. Seems like just another opportunity for photo radar to catch people. Could we instead think about increasing the speed on roads such as scenic, 43rd, crow'snest, these major artery's have contently changing speeds and they are too slow for major arteries. Or maybe do an actual survey on just what people want with the roads instead of these very specific plans.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:22 PM	Too slow for traffic flow and getting to work.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:23 PM	Safety seem to be the main concern with respect to the reduction in speed but the traffic lights downtown already keep everyone going slowly for the most part. Further, many people use 3rd ave to go north to businesses for work and consumption. Reducing it to 30 will result in many people speeding anyhow. In addition, the quick changes between 30 and 50 will create confusion downtown for drivers resulting in speeding and serious changes in speed that could result in accidents. Lastly, many people walk around downtown but also walk around Stafford drive and north of the proposed 30km/h zone going up 3rd ave. This makes me question what the thought

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:32 PM	process was behind selecting exclusively the downtown area, when there is high foot traffic all other the greater downtown region. Because no one will drive 30 anyhow; 30 is too slow, there is lights, crosswalks and other measures to keep everyone safe
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:33 PM	No previous incidents between traffic and pedestrians in the downtown core so no need to change anything
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:33 PM	It should remain the same because 30km/h would be way to slow, 50km/h is much more reasonable
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:33 PM	I don't think that speed is unsafe. The main issue downtown is the pedestrians blatantly stepping out into traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:34 PM	50 is plenty slow enough if drivers are following the rules of the road and aware of surroundings.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:38 PM	People need to learn how to obey traffic controls. The speed limit wouldn't help the fact that people walk whenever and wherever they choose.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:41 PM	I feel that 50km/hr is a reasonable speed for the downtown core, I feel the majority of pedestrians that are at risk for injury are the homeless and drug addicts who don't use the crosswalks and blatantly walk across the road without even looking. Rather than inconveniencing everyday motorists, you should be looking at increasing the fines for j- walking and be looking for ways to punish those who do not adhere to proper crossing rules. These homeless and addicts are the core of the problem and you should probably also look at ways to enforce this or the problem will not go away it will only get worse with the lowering of the speed limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:42 PM	For people following the rule while crossing the street they are not at risk for collision. Changing the speed is just a ticket trap for zone changes. There is no really reason to change it. Only people jaywalking are at risk... maybe we should have more strict jaywalking laws . You would make more money on that if that's the goal .
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:43 PM	If most people already go 30-40km/h then why make a speed limit change? When it's quiet this could potentially cause more congestion in the downtown area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:43 PM	Downtown lost me with the stupid parking meters, the drunk and strung out addicts, and now you're making things slower? Is Helen Keller the city planner?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:46 PM	If it drops down to 30 then those who do under the speed limit will be going even slower which will there for cause more car crashes
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:47 PM	How about focus on stopping j-walkers instead of punishing all citizens?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 12:52 PM	The speed is not an issue, it is the excessively long traffic lights. They are unreasonably long and those who frequent this area are very aware of this problem. Without question, this influences decisions to fire through intersections to avoid getting "caught". I am not clear as to when or why the

	<p>timing was set, but it is the first thing that should be reviewed. With our increased population and subsequent increase in traffic, having vehicles backed up for extended lengths of time at any light compounds the problem in neighbouring intersections. PLEASE take note. 4th Ave and 7th Street is particularly bad.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 12:54 PM</p>	<p>There are enough traffic lights at every corner, so if there is anybody hit they are walking against the lights or jay walking. The accident would be their fault not that of the driver.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 12:58 PM</p>	<p>Same As main roads. Slower roads just create frustrated drivers</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 12:58 PM</p>	<p>I don't see how changing the speed will help downtown become "safe and vibrant" rather it sounds like a speed trap and money scam. There are so many other ways to make downtown seem safer for pedestrians- as well, how "unsafe" is it for pedestrians anyways??? If pedestrians are using crosswalks properly I don't see why speed should be affected???</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 12:59 PM</p>	<p>It gets crowded in there already, I can only imagine what slowing everyone down would do. Plus, I would like to hear how many accidents involving pedestrians really happen in the downtown before feeling if this is justified. I know it is mentioned how much they could be reduced by, but it doesn't mention how many we are currently experiencing.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 12:59 PM</p>	<p>There is no need to lower the speed limit. The traffic lights are enough to calm traffic.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:05 PM</p>	<p>Because the lights are short as it is and pedestrians can cross as appropriate to the laws. Changing from 50 to 30-40 the way you have it marked would be harder to follow signage.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:07 PM</p>	<p>Keep the max speed as is, if people simply drive for the conditions all is well. If you reduce it down to 30 the panhandlers, zombies, and police issuing tickets will be basically the only ones benefiting.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:10 PM</p>	<p>Changing the speed limit will reduce traffic. Downtown businesses are hurting right now. We need to find a way to drive traffic, not reduce it.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:11 PM</p>	<p>Just because traffic lights are poorly set up and un-coordinated in the downtown core does not mean the speed limit should be dropped. Downtown has enough issues slowly killing it so it does not need another like ultra low speed limits. It is a red herring to suggest that slowing down would save lives as there are few and even fewer serious accidents in the downtown core.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:14 PM</p>	<p>Many people including myself drive through this area as a part of their commute so slowing it down would really affect getting around</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:14 PM</p>	<p>With how bad traffic can get at rush hour, this would make things 1000x worse</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p> <p>6/10/2020 01:15 PM</p>	<p>You have already indicated that drivers are driving slower downtown than the speed limit and that happens when the number of vehicles and pedestrians are high during peak hours. Keeping it at 50km allows speed of travel to increase after hours when the pedestrian populations are lower.</p>
<p>Screen Name Redacted</p>	<p>Changes in speed limits are easy to forget with only occasional use. For</p>

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example the change of speed from 60 to 50 on Mayor Magrath is clearly labelled but if I'm focused on lane changing or another vehicle changing lanes or a pedestrian walking close to the street I miss the sign and continue on at 60 because the test of the road was at 60. I also hate how the speed camera is often setup close to these speed limit changes to make the most money for the city through them. A difference in downtown speed feels like the city setting itself up to make more money off the speed camera and I hate that! One standardized speed limit is always best I think. I'm strongly opposed to a slower than 50km/HR speed limit in downtown Lethbridge.

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It's up to the police to enforce the existing law and not punish those who are being obedient. So far as making things safer, why don't we make all of Lethbridge a walk only city? wait! then people will be too busy staring at their phones and walk into each other! Smarten up Lethbridge and stop being so scared of your own shadow!!

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It's been 50 km/h since I've moved here in 1995 and the speed isn't too fast or too slow so why change it. Don't try to fix something that's not broken!

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It's the norm for everywhere. Leave it alone. Spend the money on something worthwhile, like getting a real mayor or defending the city

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With a traffic light on every corner and such a SMALL downtown core a lower speed doesn't make sense. My office faces 4th Ave with big windows and we never see or hear vehicles speeding by. If someone is being hit by a vehicle in downtown I would bet they are walking when or where they shouldn't be. A bigger concern for pedestrians is drivers turning right who are focused on the traffic coming from the left and not the person waiting to cross.

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If you want to crawl at 30 km/h you might as well just turn downtown into one large Stephen Avenue Mall like in Calgary.

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Because it is ludicrous the city is even considering this

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30 Kilometers is far too slow and pedestrians should remain aware for vehicles traveling at 50 km/h

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I feel that the speed limits are serving their purpose. With the number of lights and turns in the downtown sector, there is definitely not an issue with speed. Pedestrians need to take ownership of their own actions and follow the rules implemented for them which provides safety for their safety. We cannot mandate every situation to compensate for people not following the laws as they are set out.

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Because 50km is slow enough and people driving properly will slow for what they see ahead depending on what is happening.

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Traffic will dictate the necessity of reducing the speed. Even when there's more congestion, the speed already reduces due to lights, pedestrians, number of cars. In the evening when there is little traffic, drivers are able to drive 50km/hr to their destination.

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No need change or waste funds changing speeds that don't need to be

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changed. The fact that money is being spent on the idea already is not ok.

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Easier to stay under speed limit than at 30.

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If people use the crosswalks as intended there is no need to lower the speed limit

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Not necessary

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Downtown traffic is slow enough. Why make it worse?

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Studies on human behaviors present obvious and consistent findings--people obey laws that make sense to them. You fail to see that humans (whether drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists) are not computers. They do not act predictably, and they, again, tend to not follow laws that don't make sense. Remembering that certain areas of only Lethbridge are different speeds is going to be a massive operation in failure, and will likely only result in more tickets but less and less compliance, because it doesn't make sense. It's not about what speed people are driving. It's about what they do while driving. Stop texting. Stop looking at shop names. Speed changes aren't going to solve this. There are still going to be people illegally crossing the road. There are still people driving and walking without due care and attention. Changing the speed will. Not. Solve. This. Problem.

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I don't think many people go that fast anyways - as you mentioned in the preamble, most are driving 30-40 already. Adding in 30, 40 and 50km/h signage everywhere will confuse folks. With street parking, sign visibility is low and I'm not sure how you would safely show the limits everywhere. Also, when downtown, I'm usually looking around for a parking space more than at the signs - I doubt people will pay attention to them anyhow. Finally, I think the crosswalks are well-marked downtown and need to be used. If you are trying to fix the issue of jaywalkers and street folks not obeying pedestrian rules, that's a different matter and you need to address the problem at hand which isn't my speed as a driver - it's an issue of fining/penalizing jaywalkers. Pedestrian safety is not the issue. I don't think tax money should be spent on adding the signs, plus it almost seems like a cash grab for additional ticketing.

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50km/h has been the legal speed limit for years, YEARS! It does not need be changed to playground speeds, downtown is has many residents that work in the downtown area and do not need to be late to work because they have to go playground speeds. Why waste my time and gas city of lethbridge. I don't have much of it with 2 kids. Keep the speed at 50km/h ! You have better things to worry about then the downtown speed limit.

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There is really no difference between downtown and any other road in the city besides the level of intoxicated people. If you want to reduce pedestrians being hit then the speed limit should be 30KM on all residential streets not downtown. Take care of the intoxication and the risk downtown would be

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Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:22 PM	reduced exponentially. changing the speed will do nothing positive for the downtown!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:22 PM	Will there be photo radar in downtown after the speed limit decreases? We see what you're trying to do.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:24 PM	Is this a joke?
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:24 PM	No reason to put it at 30.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:25 PM	Reducing the speed doesn't change the allocated areas for pedestrians (sidewalks/crosswalks). Drivers should be aware of their surroundings and pedestrians should stay in their allocated areas and not darting out in traffic or in the middle of streets. If safety is the big concern, the city should police and reprimand pedestrians that are not acting safely, not drivers who are obeying the law. Don't change, and waste money, on something that doesn't need fixing!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:26 PM	With the multiple traffic lights, it seems more than acceptable to continue with 50km/h.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:30 PM	why lower them when the downtown area is already safe? Why lower them when we barely have any pedestrian accidents. I think if we lower them it will increase speeding, some people already think 50 is too slow, let alone 30
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:30 PM	The issue of jaywalkers is being avoided here. Drivers should not be punished for the irresponsibility of drugged/drunk pedestrians. It's time the city stood up for crime and not punishing the tax payers. The city has become a puppet of those who pay nothing towards the city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:30 PM	My job is already exponentially more difficult due to the Slow Down on Whoop Up that is poorly managed. This will slow down my work, and from what I've seen, many others as well. Traffic should be prioritized, as they drive business. Pedestrians aren't driving business and by choosing to walk, they agree to it taking time. The light timings are all screwed up consistent with them and unfortunately pedestrians aren't paying bills by and large. I'd rather see one ways before lowering the limit. All you do is Lower limits and lower limits and now it takes west siders 25 minutes to get to Home Depot and such. Not only that, but those stupid changing signs on whoop up are never managed properly. Just leave it alone.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:37 PM	Downtown is already an undesirable place to be, you don't need another thing to make people want to stay away.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:38 PM	With the SCS and other social issues downtown, we don't have the people we used to.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 02:39 PM	The buses have moved to a different location so I dont see as many j-walkers. There is no other reason to change it.
Screen Name Redacted	30km/h is way too slow for downtown driving

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Many times and areas are not busy, will become a ticket trap.

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I think the 50km/hr speed limit is fine. I do think that more pedestrian lights need to be put up not only downtown but throughout Lethbridge, as it will be safer for pedestrians. Im not an expert by any means but I think if there were the lights that pedestrians press then it would help. It would help us as drivers see them better, because sometimes it is hard to see them in advance.

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average 30-40km/hr already, if people follow crosswalks and drivers are attentive then this is pointless, unless we need to increase speeding ticket revenue

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Everyone is currently averaging 30 to 40 anyways. Don't penalize them for going over that.

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there were no statistics provided for the fatalities associated with speed in the downtown core. it had already been stated that the average vehicles were travelling 30/40km per hour regardless of the posted 50km/h. there are much bigger issues than this to resolve in downtown; this is a priorities issue on behalf of Lethbridge committees

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People downtown should be obeying the traffic laws and signals and crossing only at the cross walks, not walking in the middle of the road.

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People need to be courteous to others and following proper rules of the road for vehicles, bikes and pedestrians. Don't jay walk, use proper crossings and be mindful. Seems easy to me.

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I don't think changing the speed will make any difference. If you lower it will just give people more opportunities to jwalk.

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If people are already slowing down when it's 50 why spend the money on changing signs and adding more signage? Unless you want to damage your car you have to slow down for the special people to just randomly cross wherever they feel like it.

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Speed limit is not the problem, pedestrians who cut into traffic/ jaywalk are the issue

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There is no need to reduce. Majority of the intersection are already controlled by traffic lights. Majority of incidents are due to illegal crossing. How about tackling the real problem of intoxicated people crossing the road wherever and whenever they want or at least be honest and come out and say its so you can write more traffic violation tickets.

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Because there is no need to slow diwn traffice to hoodlums more chances if trying to get into your vehicle

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I will shop downtown less I'd the speed limit is lowered.

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It's very hard for people to get up to 50km/h downtown anyway so why would

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you drop it when people are already going that slow? Everyone knows to watch out for pedestrians because they walk across whenever they feel they want/need to. Dropping the speed will only cause rage for citizens.

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I don't see an issue presently and don't understand why they need to change in modern times with better vehicles and more lights, plus crosswalks with flashers.

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Average speed of 30 to 40 is mostly during winter as roads are sleek, during summer most people keep speed at 50, the only time I don't speed up to 50 is because I have started from a green light and the next one turns red

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Reducing to 30 is a snail's pace and if you cannot drive at 50km/h safely you shouldn't have your license

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Please add crossing lights, especially across 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue and 4th street. These 2 lane roads are a horrible hazard for pedestrians, much more than the speed limit.

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No change needed as speed is fine

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I can understand the vision to increase cycling & walking. But walking should be limited to crosswalks, right? Jaywalking is already an entitled action in downtown Lethbridge; going slower could encourage more jaywalking. I'd like to see some onus on cyclists to commit to being a mode of transportation at all times. Most current cyclists alternate between sidewalks & roads, and often ride in crosswalks as opposed to walking bikes within crosswalks. Asking motorists to change, prior to enforcing existing rules for pedestrians & cyclists seems backwards to me.

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Traffic naturally slows itself down with lots of foot traffic and so changing the speed limit slows down cars when it is not busy

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Because there is no problem with 50km worry about something more important.

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It will just cause issues. People are not going to notice the different speed limit signs in the different areas of the city. People coming from out of the city will not know it's different. When you are watching for pedestrians, other drivers, address of building/name of store and parking spots you are not going to notice the change in speed signs. It's a waste of tax money. Most people already do less than 50km/hr because of all the factors I just mentioned.

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This seems like nothing more than a cash grab from the city to reduce the speed limit and then ticket people for speeding.

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Stop wasting my tax dollars on this stupidity. If you are going to present a question like this to the public, we deserve more context than what you have provided to make an informed choice. How many people have been injured, were they injured in crosswalks or jaywalking, what part of downtown were they injured... you have provided nothing of value to make this decision and your comments on facebook that our voice won't be heard without this survey is a wildly insulting way to interact with residents and an insult to modern

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:26 PM	democracy in the social media age. As 50km/h is a ~maximum~ limit, drivers are still able to slow down to speeds of 30 or 40 when necessary to maintain speed with traffic, watch for pedestrians, etc., but are able to continue going 50 when the downtown area is not busy and a slower speed is not necessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:28 PM	Because lowering it is pointless everyone that i know will still go 50!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:30 PM	Seriously you guys???? You don't have anything else to worry about right now??? How about your downtown drug problem? Or lowering our ridiculously high taxes? Maybe take a look in the mirror and figure out how to internal costs to help the great citizens of Lethbridge out during this difficult time.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:31 PM	Nobody is going to go 30 km/hr downtown, and the police will become bogged down stopping people for going over 30 km/hr and while the police will be busy ticketing the 'speeders', the druggies and homeless people will be committing new crimes. Focus on crime in the downtown, get your priorities straight.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:31 PM	Because 30km is ridiculous.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:36 PM	Because getting around a city of this size is starting to get ridiculous. Leave it as is. Lights are terribly coordinated, and I find your time calculation to be untrue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:40 PM	speeds should remain at 50km/h as there hasn't been much or any issues with pedestrians being hit in downtown as it is being advertised. We do not have a speed issue in the down town area and reducing the speed will just cause traffic back up which will cause head aches for Lethbridge citizens which will then become headaches for city hall. This will cause nothing but unnecessary upset in the community. There are already enough traffic lights in the area to slow the roll of traffic. I can see the need for the speed change in residential areas and areas with lots of children but it does not make sense for down town.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:41 PM	By changing the speed limit from 50km/h to potentially 30-40km/h may reduce the risk of pedestrian accidents and people may appreciate downtown more but the amount of people that are going to opposed to this change is going to outweigh the amount that want it changed. People also won't obey the speed because it's change and the speed limit hasn't changed in years so it would be a cash grab from the city and LRPS to issue more speeding tickets. The mayor and council could better use time and taxpayers money not trying to waste money on finding out the statistics of reducing the speed but use the money to make downtown actually worth visiting.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:44 PM	I would support some specific streets being lower speed like 6 street South between 3rd and 4th but an overall reduction is unnecessary and would be hard to enforce and seen by the public as a police cash grab.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 03:46 PM	50km/hr is the standard speed across the nation for cities/towns and it should be kept that way. It can already be a pain to get around downtown due to traffic and that will only get worse with a lower speed limit. I've been to towns

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with 30km/hr speed limits and they are a major pain to get around in. If the speed limit were to be reduced downtown I would be more likely to avoid the area and find other places to do my shopping/eating thus having the opposite effect than you claim to desire.

I see this as another reason (among many) that will deter people from visiting downtown. Not because people want to drive fast but because people do not want to get speeding tickets. Furthermore, I find it ironic that I may get pulled-over and given a speeding ticket for going 40km/h on my way to work but there are hundreds of people engaging in the illegal sale of drugs and sex each day on the same streets. If I can get a speeding ticket for going 40km/h on my way to work, then I will assume City Counsel has cleaned up downtown and rid it of all the drugs and prostitution. If that is not the case, I would suggest City Counsel work towards resolving these criminal matters before implementing another by-law to punish the law-abiding citizens of Lethbridge. If, in the minds of City Counsel, this truly is a beautification initiative, I would caution them about implementing this by-law as it will just be another excuse for people not to shop downtown and for businesses to leave downtown - which leads one to ask: who are you beautifying downtown Lethbridge for, if not for the people who live, work and shop downtown? Please listen to the people who are downtown everyday, and not the people who attend a concert downtown once a year.

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As per the results of your speed survey it appears drivers are already governing themselves and adjusting their speeds accordingly. You have not provided data as to the number of annual pedestrian related collisions occur in the downtown. Plus are these collisions at intersections or mid block? Perhaps the actions of the pedestrian should be looked at to see if those are contributing to or responsible for the crash event

Traffic moves slow already.

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The slower traffic will back up, especially when issues on whoop up

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Keeps traffic moving

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Reducing the speed downtown will just result in more police issuing more tickets for speeding . Nobody visits downtown anyways since the scs clientele took over . A cop will pull someone ever for going 5 over the limit but give a head nod to the person shooting up a needle across the street. Get it together, you want people to visit downtown , remove the unsavoury people . Provincial standards

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I don't feel that the reduced risk is worth the reduced speed for all motorists. Motorist can drive carefully and watch out for pedestrians.

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It gives the driver an option

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:00 PM	People already go slower in the downtown area. This seems to just be a way to give out more tickets and amass money for the city coffers- it's shameful, unnecessary and a waste of people's time and taxpayers money.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:06 PM	I do not feel like we have an issue that would require a lower speed limit
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:06 PM	If it's not broken, don't fix it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:08 PM	There is no need to reduce the speed limit. Drivers have good visibility of sidewalks as well as crosswalks. I'm a professional class 1 driver as well as a holder of a class 6 licence. From my many years of driving in and around Lethbridge I have never felt 50kph was too fast downtown to safely stop for a crossing pedestrian. I find the biggest danger for pedestrians are drivers paying more attention to cell phones instead of the road.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:08 PM	People already drive 30km/hr downtown. If it gets reduced people will be driving 10km / hr
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:14 PM	I don't FEEL the speed should remain at 50...my feelings have nothing to do with it. I haven't seen any compelling data to suggest that the speed limit should be changed, and as far as downtown issues go, the current speed limit is hardly the biggest issue affecting downtown. Is it even an actual issue at all? Increased safety to pedestrians is mentioned, but no information about the frequency of pedestrian injuries/fatalities in the downtown area is included. Are you trying to solve something that happens once every few years, or is there an actual problem with severe pedestrian injuries or fatalities? Give us more relevant data. If the City has evaluated the average speeds in the area, and they're already between 30-40 km/h...what are you hoping to achieve by lowering the speed limit, other than being able to ticket people? According to your data, many people are already driving within the limits of the proposed changes, for the most part.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:15 PM	I would not go downtown if you made it any slower than it already is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:15 PM	Don't fix what's broken.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:16 PM	Concentrate your efforts in better areas and quit wasting time and taxpayer money
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:16 PM	Don't you all have anything better to do? We're in an economic crisis and instead of meaningful engagement with the business community or actual attention to issues of the business community - this shiny object survey and non issue is the best you got? Come on city of Lethbridge - you should be better than this!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 04:19 PM	I don't see a need for the change in speed at this time.
Screen Name Redacted	My biggest concern around any change in this respect is policing it - new

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signage and painting the 'territory' to mark the area seems a waste of effort and if people are already averaging a slower speed there anyway due to traffic lights at every single short block, the change seems unnecessary. If the issue is not traffic congestion then perhaps to reduce pedestrian collision more visibility concerns should be addressed or going to 6 way simultaneously crossings so all cars are stopped in every direction and walking/cycling traffic can cross in all directions even diagonally during their time allotment. This might help at some of the busiest intersections.

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Between all the lights, and traffic flow, the downtown already has a low speed. Why spend the money on making more signs, more rules, someone to govern the rules... it just doesn't make sense.

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30 km/hr is honestly too slow. There is not a problem with the 50 km/hr speed. Control the SCS population if you're concerned about anything. Leave the 50 km/hr speed limit alone.

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Operation at an expected 50 km/h is reasonable. There is still the opportunity to travel at a lower rate of speed as required.

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50 km is adequate as long as provincial traffic laws are followed.

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The Traffic Lights, how they are monitored and the timing in which they change is brutal in this city as a whole. Being downtown is already a pain and makes me not want to visit. Changing speed limits will further my case for not visit downtown or the businesses located there.

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I don't think we need to be spending money on new signage downtown when people are already going at slower speeds on their own.

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It's way too slow, 50 is perfectly fine. I don't think speed is the issue people don't go downtown as much, as someone who works and sees it. (Only gotten worse since covid)

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Downtown is a dump. I rarely go because of it. Residential communities need to be reduced before downtown where children play.

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I feel as though this is a safe speed for a downtown area. Also slowing down to 30km is going discourage people from coming downtown. Just pay attention when driving downtown. Go to Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto they all have 50kms as well and they survive with it being that way... people need to just remain aware etc

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Slow enough, if I want to stop downtown I will, regardless of the speed limit.

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50km/h works well especially with all of the poorly synchronized traffic signals in the downtown area that already slow vehicular traffic.

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Because there's honestly no reason for them to be lowered. People need to pay attention when they drive and as a pedestrian. If you can't obey the rules of the road, you shouldn't be driving. Plus the fact that lowering the speed will make things more dangerous because people won't want to go that slow, and road rage levels will increase.

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:23 PM	It does not feel like an unsafe speed and ive never heard of too many pedestrians being injured.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:33 PM	30 is way to slow for downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:33 PM	This city has a spending problem with the second highest per capita taxes in Alberta. Seems to me this is just a way to ticket speeders and essentially collect more tax. After this cities mismanagement of downtown parking, and the downtown supervised consumption site; it seems this is just another reason to keep people from using the downtown core.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:34 PM	There are cross walks, traffic lights and traffic is already ridiculously managed in this city. This makes no sense
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:35 PM	This is fixing a problem that doesn't exist. I don't think people go fast when they drive downtown. The posted speed limit is 50km/h and I think people probably go around 40km/h. There are too many red lights and 4 way stops to get any speed up. So why do we need this? It's just another thing to worry about now when I go downtown - getting a speeding ticket for going the speed I've been driving downtown for my entire life.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:36 PM	Very congested with all the lights. I've had street people trying to get into my vehicle or banging on windows when stopped at lights as well as being intoxicated or under the influence stumbling into my vehicle. Reducing to 30 will make that worse.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:40 PM	The roads are safe as they are now, and they allow sufficient movement of traffic. It always slows down when it's rush hour but that's normal everywhere and no need to change the speed because of it. What needs to change is the pedestrians and bikers respecting the rules of the road. Every single day I drive downtown and every single day a pedestrian illegally walks out in front of my car where there is no cross walk or they just run out when you have a green light. The cars are not the safety problem, pedestrians and bikers not following the laws are.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:45 PM	Reducing speed does NOT make it more vibrant. Reducing the amount of zombies will.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:56 PM	No need to change it
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:56 PM	I am not aware of the downtown being a high incident area for pedestrian impacts.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 05:58 PM	Because it has been 50km/h and there has not been any fatalities. So keep it at 50
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 06:01 PM	Cause there does not seem to be an issue with it being 50km/h so why waste the time and money swapping signs and advertising to residents that it has been reduced. I think reduced speed limits in residential areas would make more sense as there are children and people's pets , as well as more wildlife (deer, rabbits etc) Out more in residential areas that are at risk from

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speeding cars. The only time I've seen a flipped vehicle has been in a residential area. Downtown, pedestrians are typically going to be adults, who are more capable of navigating faster roadways. I have never felt that 50kmh has been too fast downtown. But while walking with my children in our own south side neighborhood I feel that people drive too fast.

I think it is fine the way it is

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I live, work, walk and bike downtown. I have never had an issue with someone going too fast while walking/biking, and feel this is not currently an issue except in situations where pedestrians are crossing illegally (which should be cracked down on). Reducing speeds would increase "missing the light" which is a current cause of frustration and would likely lead to more drivers running yellow lights (more dangerous). I currently drive downtown 4-5+ time's a day, and walk a few blocks at least a few times a day. Although the calculation might technically be 37 seconds, in reality it would likely add slightly more time to my commute. This would possibly be the difference between being able to go home on my lunch break to let me dog out, and not being able to fit it in my 30 minute lunch break. I highly oppose this change and feel the city's real focus should be on j-walking as this is the real cause of the safety concerns. Also the statement "It can't be a place to pass through quickly, as a means to get somewhere else in the community" is untrue, because it is physically impossible for me to get to work, to got to the nearest grocery store etc without passing through the downtown. The need for efficiency of Lethbridge residents should be taken into account, rather than an unrealistic picture of a downtown core that is all leisure and little shops. Almost all professional occupations (including myself) need to be considered in this as most are downtown based.

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The significant amount of traffic lights already make it hard to reach 50 and our city needs to watch where money is spent. This survey spent money that didn't need to be spent and we don't need to spend a nickel on speed zone signs

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People are going to speed no matter what, people have to use common sense when driving in that area and WALKING in that area. Dont just jump out in traffic to cross just because you're a pedestrian. The person walking has rules to follow too. Like look both ways and proceed when safe. Make eye contact with the drivers on the road. So they know they see you and so forth

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As you mentioned on the previous page, many vehicle users travel between 30-40km/hr. This means that 50km/hr (as a MAXIMUM speed) is sufficient. It means drivers are responding to the surrounding conditions, and drive slower when required / comfortable to do so. Speed should be a function of design, and as mentioned, the presence of parking and signalization controls the speed in most situations. How would you change the design of the roadways to physically be designed for 30km/hr. Chicanes? speed humps? Only placing signage is not enough. Physically posting lower speed limits only increases a demand for enforcement. The questions must be asked - are vehicles

travelling between 30km/hr and 50km/hr when the conditions allow for it the problem? Is this a good use of enforcement time and money? Generally the more serious collisions with pedestrians happen at speeds greater than 50km/hr. The important enforcement needs to be what should already be occurring - monitoring vehicles driving in excess of 50km/hr. I don't believe that having the speed at 50km/hr is making the downtown a "place to pass through quickly". And I don't believe that reducing the speed in the downtown will create a 'destination'. Creating a vibrant downtown community is a complex process that involves the integration of all modes of transportation. I believe it is more beneficial to focus on these other social aspects of improving the downtown vibrancy, rather than attempt to lower the posted maximum speed limit when your data is showing that the travel speed of most vehicle users is not a problem.

If it ain't broke don't fix it

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I don't find it an issue.

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Keep the flow of traffic moving reasonably

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I feel that we are slowly going back in time with the intended use of vehicles on the road. The point of vehicles to take us places faster than walking or cycling, which is completely nullified if you reduce the speed limit to 30k/m for the entire downtown core. That is the same speed of playground and school zones, which is only slightly faster than jogging. I honestly believe that reducing the speed limit to 30k will be counter-productive, it will increase congestion, and ultimately it will frustrate drivers will most likely take their business elsewhere. I see nothing wrong with the current speed limit of 50k. Drivers also should not be held liable for pedestrian errors, in fact most of the time when a pedestrian is hit, the pedestrian was the one doing something stupid to end up being hit. I have driven in downtown lethbridge many times over the years and I've witnessed many pedestrians engaging in very risky behaviour when crossing the street or navigating the downtown overall.

No need to reduce. Pedestrian vehicle accidents are not happening in this area. In higher speed limits yes but not downtown. Money could be better spent on other matters in the city than this survey and trying to reduce. Plus there will congestion of traffic reducing the speed limit.

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There is no need to reduce speeds down town, the problem is vagrants and the like get them out of down town and you won't have a problem

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Too much confusion for people to have different speed zones in the area. People have a difficult time when Whoop speed changes I could only imagine the confusion if the downtown core was different

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50 is fine, why spend more money making new signs for something that isn't even a problem, we have way bigger issues in this city.

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No one would adhere to a 30km/hour speed limit. It will just add to frustration.

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Keep downtown the same as residential areas.

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Because I don't believe that speed is the problem down town.

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Downtown is already struggling to get clientele and now you want to irritate more people into never visiting the Downtown core? It isn't policed well enough right now, but it sure will be when you jerks want another raise in salary and the coffers need to be filled... I've had enough with other people's hands in my pockets. You want to spend some money? Fix all the potholes and frost heaves that are damaging everyone's vehicles, and stop coddling criminals.

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I would be more open to supporting the reduction of speed limits if the city was not frequently making bypasses and throughways less convenient. While large centres like Calgary and Edmonton have spent years constructing bypasses and ring roads, this city's management has been closing portions of 43rd street, installing more lights on scenic drive, and approving the impending reduction of lanes on 3rd avenue. I can appreciate the desire for a more vibrant downtown. Without an adequate bypass or throughway making travel between north, south, and west easy and convenient, downtown will remain an inconvenience, not a destination. Infrastructure should not be used to funnel commuters toward downtown, and it should not be a nuisance to those attempting to travel through the city.

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Don't really see a reason to slow down

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Focus has been an issue for Whoop-up drive for a few years now. The City ignores the suggestions and continues to play the 60/90km game. Once you decide on a year round safe speed then muck around with other areas. Whoop-up is by a far a bigger issue. If the pedestrians downtown would stop jaywalking, crossing on green lights, not following pedestrian rules and refusing to look both ways before stepping out, there will be way less incidents. It's not just the drivers. Whoop-up btw should be 70km year round. That way you only need to go 10km less for bad roads and speeders on good roads would be 70-90km not the classic 100-120km. Fix that first. It's not congested. Biggest problem with Lethbridge is there lack of speed . Scenic 60k ? Whoop up and there changing speed ?? Who thought of this? Talk about screwing the flow of traffic in the winter. Or how about the drag strip on whoop up after 11? Everyone in Cooperwood is aware so thinking the police are?

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Because if it is reduced I personally will no longer do business in the downtown core. Why do tax payers have to make amends for a bunch of street junkies who have trouble navigating the sidewalks. Ludicrous.

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I would spend so much time looking at my speedometer that I would be distracted.

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There's no need for it to be lower then 50 there would be way more traffic if it was changed to 30.

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Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:29 PM	Stop screwing with the city, you people have no idea what you are doing.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:32 PM	I honestly feel you are reducing the speed to allow drugged individuals to continue to roam the streets with no regard for rules nor respect the law abiding people
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:36 PM	Pedestrians should follow cross walks
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:38 PM	Just to get where I gotta go
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:40 PM	If you have already measured the average speed is 30-40km, why make changes when it is happening organically already because of design and parking. It is just 1 more speed limit to remember and when the downtown streets are dead, no one will follow it anyway. Not to mention the increased cost for the City to put up new signage etc.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:41 PM	Can go slower if people want...its a maximum not a minimum
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:42 PM	People seem to drive slowly enough
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:42 PM	Other much larger cities with way more traffic are at 50 with no problem, I don't understand why this is coming up as an issue now .
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:59 PM	50 km/hr is totally adequate and safe. Reducing the speed limit more is absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary. Changing the law to reduce speed limits only annoys law abiding drivers while accomplishing nothing at all to increase safety. Those who will not obey the law at 50 certainly will not at 30 and they are the drivers causing accidents. Its a terrible idea!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 07:59 PM	Downtown is still a very spread out space . The roads are not tiny or short. Some times of day going 30 or 40 in these spaces would feel unbearable.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:06 PM	I'd rather drive what I feel comfortable doing than be worried about going over 30 and watching my speedometer. I'll be better able to keep my eyes on the road
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:13 PM	You can very rarely travel at 50 anyway so lowering it to thirty will reduce traffic to a crawl.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:18 PM	There is little traffic of any sort downtown. Nobody wants to be there. Address black hole of downtown first then talk speed. You are putting lipstick on a pig.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:19 PM	Why does this City continue to destroy the downtown core .. no one goes there for safety reason ... for parking reasons .. and now you want to change the speed limit. Why not ban all cars ...
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 08:29 PM	Too confusing for new drivers. Photo radar bait
Screen Name Redacted	Just a waste of money and time to reduce the speed. You are killing the

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downtown already with the parking and all the crime around there. It's bad enough without people having to worry about a ticket.. You will kill any downtown business even more by doing this and most residents of Lethbridge just think it's just a waste of money when we should be using that money for much more important, serious things.

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This is a standard speed limit in most communities and an appropriate speed limit for all people who have common sense.

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I think enforcing 50 more would be helpful as well as making more clear pedestrian crosswalks.

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30 is way too slow 40 would be otherwise unusual

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It is effective, convenient, reasonable.

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I don't see the need or benefit of changing the speed.

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I feel that if the speed is reduced it is going to create back up in traffic. 30 km zones are for schools and construction sites. The reasons to reduce are not valid enough of a reason to reduce and cause others from out of town confusion. Are there other city's reducing speeds in major downtown centres? Why must drivers reduce speeds because others (adults) can't understand a stop hand vs a walking sign at corners when children understand this direction. There needs to be more responsibility put on pedestrians. Maybe the traffic just needs to be more regulated by police, but i am guessing it is cheaper to just reduce the speed

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As stated speeds already vary according to conditions. I feel that changing the speed to 30 would discourage people from going downtown

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1) I do not believe the city's facts and information gathering 2) Slowing traffic down will not make downtown more attractive to visit - removing the homeless, or the people who are impaired may make downtown more attractive. 3) Slowing traffic down may encourage more people to jay-walk 4) The city has not provided any statics about number of "fatal injuries" or "fatal motor vehicle accidents" that the city is trying to prevent in this survey. 5) The research into this study is a waste of taxpayers money for unnecessary changes 6) The city has not proven that we have an issue with speed-related accidents downtown.

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If it works, leave it alone. There are many more important issues in the downtown that require common sense solutions.

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Any competent driver would be able to reach to situations at 50 km. Decreasing the speed is only going to cause more people to speed causing more accidents. The city and police dont need more money from speeding

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 09:46 PM	tickets. The point of speed limits is to be an absolute limit for great conditions. You said people go about 40 downtown now. That proves that people drive less than the limit when the conditions aren't ideal and shows there is no problem there. Reducing speed limits to 30 seems like a cash grab by the city for more traffic ticket revenue. Keep it at 50 for those sunny mornings when no one is around and it's easily driveable at 50. And people will (as you said yourself) drive slower when it's reasonable to.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:04 PM	No need to reduce the speed. You can only drive as fast as traffic moving between the lights permits Rarely can you reach the 50 maximum.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:15 PM	The streets and roads in lethbridge are in terrible shape. Lets focus on something useful
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:18 PM	A constantly growing City such as Lethbridge needs speed limits that will NOT congest and overburden our roadways and intersections. Slowing the rate of speed limits in order to try to protect pedestrians may only result in incidents and injury for frustrated vehicalists in overflowing and disorganized traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:18 PM	If you want people to stop going downtown go ahead and lower the speed limit. Speed is NOT the reason people chose to spend time downtown. I don't believe accidents will differ enough to warrant lowering the speed limit. Lethbridge is already over policed in speeding tickets/radar. Let's not tax trap more \$ from beleaguered citizens!
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:20 PM	No need for change. Slower speed will back up traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:22 PM	dont need to be unless there's an event
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:29 PM	Pedestrians NEED to pay attention, just as much as the drivers & cyclists. Ticket jay walkers & those whom infringe the laws.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:29 PM	Don't think it's necessary
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:31 PM	Consistency. No need to reduce. We have enough complaints about downtown. Feel any more changes would add to more complaints. This would not be a positive change. Unnecessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:34 PM	Don't feel that it's necessary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:38 PM	While I understand that you want to create a safer environment I don't think this will be achieved until pedestrians and cyclists actually abide by the rules of the road themselves. I've witnessed too many of them just stepping into the road way without waiting for traffic coming to a stop and cyclists who ride against traffic on sidewalks and not using hand signals.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 10:40 PM	The problem isn't the present, legal speed limit. The problem ate the street bums that feel they are entitled to walk out in front of any car st sny goven moment. They ride their bikes out in feont of vehicles turning, which I've had

Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:04 PM	happen to me. Their actions , such as j-walking or operating thier bikes in crosswalks, to name a couple things needs to be enforced. Solve the root of the problem and stop putting bandaids on issues. Would make traffic worse.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:05 PM	The problem is intoxicated people in the streets, not the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:05 PM	Control the people that think they can walk across and down the roads when ever and where ever they please, less traffic problems will arise when the roads are used properly
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:06 PM	It's a reasonable speed. The whole city shouldn't have to pay for those who speed. People who speed will continue to do so no matter the limit. And if someone is impatient or whatever the reason may be I feel having a slow speed limit like 30km/h would cause road rage or irritation within other drivers, causing more harm to others.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:07 PM	anything less than 50 serves no purpose other than to increase potential speeding fine revenues
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:11 PM	Because it's been like that for as long as it's been put up, all lowering the speed limit is gunna do is create more traffic and more angry residents
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:17 PM	If the average speed in the area is already 30-40 km/h, I don't see why there is a need to change it when drivers are already being responsible.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:25 PM	if, as stated in the "what we know" section, other obstacles like traffic and traffic lights already keep the average car moving near 30km/h, lowering the speed limits will not have much effect. if there is not an overwhelming need for more complexity in our lives, why add it? i believe we should always strive for fewer, simpler laws. there are costs involved with changing signs and informing the public, and i don't feel there is enough benefit to be gained for the expense. why do we need a law when the desired result is usually happening? and I'm assuming you will have the police enforce this? i don't feel that writing speeding tickets is a good use of police resources.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:48 PM	Because i want you to show me the numbers of vehicular injuries or deaths in downtown vs. The rest of the city.
Screen Name Redacted 6/10/2020 11:57 PM	Divers should use own caution and so should pedestrians.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 01:41 AM	I think it is something that could be discussed at a later date. At the moment, there are far bigger issues that the city should tackle, combatting things like racism, homophobia, sexism, homelessness, and many more things would be more worthwhile to tackle.. They, indeed, are more difficult topics to face, however if you don't face them then they will never be solved. So, I believe we should face this 'issue' of downtown speeds at a time when it comes across as a serious issue to the public. I really do believe that we should focus on larger issues before tackling the smaller ones.

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 02:33 AM	Its a cash grab by the city. Also how many pedestrian collision are at crosswalks vs jaywalking
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:27 AM	I see no issue with the current speed limit. There is sufficient signage and traffic lights to ensure safety.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:33 AM	It's never super busy anymore and the slower speed limit would make the vagrants even more chill about wandering into roadways aimlessly.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:39 AM	With all the traffic and red lights it is rare to even get to 50km/h. Reducing the speed could lead to a cash cow tickets. Making it a suggestion to go slower over a law is a better idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:48 AM	The city speed limit is 50km/h as is. There is no reason that needs to be lowered just because people who roam downtown constantly J-walk. That is not the driver's fault for the J-walker's being so inconsiderate of the drivers.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:22 AM	You should drive to conditions anyways. If it's busy, slow down. If it's not you can safely go the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:34 AM	30km is to slow. I don't remember the last time I heard about someone getting injured downtown because its 50.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:42 AM	I've never seen downtown busy enough to recommend 30km/h all day/night. People should be driving to the conditions of the road. Including if it's busy/events going on to slow down on their own and for all users of the road pedestrian and cyclists to understand the risks associated with using the road. I've seen too many people not look both ways before crossing the road, they're just as accountable as the vehicle user
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:46 AM	It is the same as the rest of the city, let's not clog up this area like we already do on south Mayor Magrath Drive. Open up roads don't stop traffic flow, we know where we want to go.... Let us just get there already.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:53 AM	I don't feel that lowering the speed downtown lowers the risk of anything. It's already such an extremely low risk area. I'm afraid people are going to continue to go 50km/h + even if it switches to 30 which would make it a higher risk. There's nothing wrong with how the system is currently.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:54 AM	50 is the maximum speed, not the only speed you can go. Slow down when necessary, but don't change it for everyone all the time when really it's only (barely) an issue from 9-4, M-F.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 07:11 AM	There are tons of lights, stops etc downtown as it is. Drivers are stopping every block. Am downtown daily and walk every lunch hour without ever an incident nor have I witnessed issues
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 07:20 AM	50km/h is a reasnable speed that is quote natural to drive at. The drovers on lethbridge can barely follow road rules as it is, if the speed is reduced, people are just gonna go 50 anyways, id the reason is because you find people drive 30 or 40 downtown, then leave it at 50, people can go 30 or 40 but the ones doing 50 do not start getting tickets, this city already has enough cash grabs with speed traps.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 07:23 AM	There is no need to Chang speed. There's to many lights already. . The parking is the problem.

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It is rare you can bring your speed up to 50, even stated in the above paragraphs. The people speeding through downtown don't care about speed limits and will speed anyway. If you lower the speed to 30, everyone will drive 20. Maybe we should be educating some of the downtown residents to only cross at crosswalks and wait for walk signals. Hand out illegal crossing tickets etc.

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The drivers are less of an issue than some of the pedestrians that wonder on the roads at inappropriate times. It feels like a punishment or a ticket grab for the drivers and not the cross walkers.

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Traffic will get too much. There is already small roads and people do not speed through those. I used to work downtown and going down those roads, people slow down anyway to look for parking.

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50 has always been a comfortable viewing speed

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Most drivers naturally slow when necessary, and the numerous traffic lights also help control speed. No need to take additional steps. Also after hours is very quiet. No need for reduced speed then.

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No stats on number of death from speed downtown. I suspect it is none or small. Will discourage people going downtown, more tickets and more time.

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As was mentioned earlier, the average speed seems to be around 30-40km/hour. Would lowering the limit make vehicles drive slower than that? It is costly to make this change and the system now doesn't seem broken? How unsafe are pedestrians now? To me, this just seems like an expensive cash grab where there are more pressing issues in the city. Like who comes up with these ideas? Probably the same person who thought self cleaning bathrooms would be a success. Please do not change this.

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Statistics show that if you remove vehicles from downtown, there's 100% chance of having no accidents. The point is, yes, there will be less accidents and fatalities if the speed is slower. That's a given. I would not be changing the speeds to be considerate of out of town drivers that are not aware of which roads are 30 vs 50. Playground areas and schools you expect lower speeds. Commercial and industrial areas you expect to be the provincial standard of 50. Our traffic isn't heavy like Calgary that warrants lower speeds. Now, if you installed automatic digital speed signs around that would take the average speed and make that the limit, this would make a lot more sense. Eg whoopie: the speeds should be based on the average speed of vehicles going across the bridge (as normally that's where the slow down would be). As traffic feels that the road conditions are safe for faster speeds, they automatically increase their speed and therefore update the digital speed limits. Add these to parts of the downtown and that might be ok.

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City is over reaching in two many areas. It's time an independent group of citizens band together to run for the mayors seat and the seat of councillors to finally bring this city into the 21 st century

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Only school zones/ play grounds need to be 30. If the drug addicts

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:05 AM	Pedestrians need to be responsible for themselves.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:15 AM	I feel like this is an unnecessary change for the downtown area. But in regards to the information given ' The probability of a serious pedestrian injury or fatalities reduces by approximately 3 times with the reduction of speed from 50 to 40 km/h and by 8 times with the reduction from 50 km/h to 30 km/h.' It sounds like that could be useful in residential neighborhoods where there is a large number of children at play.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:27 AM	Reducing the speed limit is not necessary. Vehicle traffic already moves at a speed that is suited to/ controlled by the road usage (pedestrian and other vehicle usage). There are times of the day when one cannot achieve 50 kph due to those factors, while at other times (eg., early morning, evenings and nights,) driving at 50 kph is perfectly safe. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:30 AM	Its already a hassle to go downtown, with inconvenient parking meters, panhandlers, crime etc. Not sure what city hall is trying to accomplish with this. A ridiculously poor idea. Travelled and worked in a dozen North American cities last year, small and mid sized, and never encountered a 30km/hr or 18 mph speed limit in any downtown. Where did we find these clowns at city hall. Whats next???? A plus 15 to connect all downtown businesses or perhaps an underground shopping mall similar to Montreal's. Way to dream big Lethbridge.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:38 AM	Because I do!
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 08:46 AM	We're a growing city. We need to let go of the notion of being a "town" and move forward to accommodating being a city. Less than 50km in downtown is ridiculous. Perhaps more pedestrian lights would be more suited.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:01 AM	There's enough reasons to avoid the area already.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:11 AM	30 is too slow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:16 AM	Would cause more aggressive drivers. Majority wouldn't follow and would result in a greater percentage of the population displeased with the city, mayor, and aldermen.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:20 AM	Personal opinion we have a pedestrian problem downtown, not a vehicle / driver problem. If we didn't have transient pedestrians jaywalking and crossing against the lights every other block the current speed limit would be quite safe. Solve the problem not the symptom.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:22 AM	It seems to me that making it take longer to get through the downtown core is just going to make people avoid it more, not the opposite
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:28 AM	speed limit is fine the way it is
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:30 AM	The speed limit should remain at 50 km/h as our downtown businesses and related traffic is on the decline due to the drug fueled unsafe environment

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:39 AM	forced on the citizens of our community. I think it can potentially increase aggressive driving/drivers if reduced.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:39 AM	Pedestrian have a responsibility to use crosswalks and sidewalks. If they follow the laws that are in place as should drivers there isn't a issue.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:41 AM	They should remain at 50 km/h as it always has been. There has not been alot of accidents or pedestrians being hit. That is what cross walks are for. Normal people use the crosswalks. The drug infected people are starting to have more right & this is not acceptable. I'm sure this is the only reason this question is being asked.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:50 AM	To keep flow of traffic moving
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:59 AM	If were reduce speeds to zero we can eliminate the problem completely! Wait. There is no problem..
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:23 AM	Stupid is as stupid does....meaning why on earth are you puttings funds toward this when you could actually be "working" on more pressing projects like Proper paving fixes after water/earth issues fixed by city. I have never seen such poor work n repaving. Maybe you could take the money and send someone to paving school so Lethbridgians dont wreck their vehicles
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:24 AM	No change is required only then becomes a ticket haven
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:28 AM	It's working fine at 50. Seems like a cash grab for police to slap a ticket on people. If you want to ticket people to make money ticket the j walkers
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:30 AM	Because, you guys change speeds to often, 50,/60/70/80 it should be one speed throughout the city, 50 km/hr everywhere
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:33 AM	I have not seen any traffic incidents in the downtown area while the speed was 50. Putting the speed to 30 will only cause problems with commuters in the long run.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:42 AM	I feel the speed should remain the same. There is already enought traffic lights stopping traffic for the pedestrians and cross walks. Also there are a lot of people under the influences walking around not obiding by the laws and jaywalking and crossing the roads when the signs are not for them. It should no be the responsibility of the driver that these types of people on the streets do not obide by the crosswalks and lights as the motor vehicle drivers are doing so. These people should pay more attention and these streets should be cleaned up.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 11:06 AM	Seriously, don't you have better things to focus on??
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 11:25 AM	Its already brutal slow down town and junkies take forever to cross the streets leave it at 50km if anything extend light times and pedestrian cross walk timer also more noticeable cross walks where there is not traffic lights!
Screen Name Redacted	more stop signs to replace yield signs

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Traffic needs to continue. People will get road rage with slower limits when there is no playground or school. If pedestrians look both ways, and ensure they're in a crosswalk, it shouldn't be a problem. Instead, add pedestrian crossing LIGHTS which make me as a pedestrian feel safer crossing, versus lowering the speed limit.

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Drivers already self-regulate to a lower speed so there is no need for a different speed limit. Slowing down traffic to 30 or 40 will not encourage stopping/shopping.

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The avenues should not be reduced.

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Honestly? I believe it will be more confusing, and it will become a speeding ticket cash grab for the police for those of us that may get confused and go 50 km in a 30 or 40 km zone.

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The streets aren't nearly as tight or busy as in numerous other cities where the limit is still 50

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If you designate this as a 30km zone, what will stop you there? It'll start a trickle down affect to residential than the rest of the city. There are enough red lights in this city to slow people down as it is. There is a red light at every intersection downtown. There should be more enforcement for Jay Walker's. That is the problem with people getting hit.

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It's ridiculous to slow the speed. There are lights and crosswalks for safety already. Slower speed will just encourage jaywalking. Quit spending money needlessly on surveys for ridiculous ideas!!

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There are enough safety lights/ cross walks already. If you reduce the speed, you will discourage even more people from going downtown. Simply enforce the speed already there.

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The 50km speed limit isnt what makes downtown unsafe

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I don't think speed is the problem. It's the people who love to Jaywalk just about everywhere. The other issue I notice is vehicles constantly going through red lights. That to me, is the major problem. And then there are they cyclists who rarely obey the rules of the road. They can be a safety issue as well. Reducing speed is only a bandage solution. Everyone needs to be re-educated on the rules of the road. Even the pedestrians. These rules must be enforced. If we all do our part, and obey the rules constantly, then there would be fewer accidents.

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It's absolutely absurd that this is what our city thinks is important. The downtown is widely avoided by most citizens as it is because of the transient/drug using population that frequents the area. The speed is NOT an issue here.

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Get real. With all of the b.s. that occurs downtown, why are you worried about this. Speed limit is probably zero percent of the reason why people don't want to go downtown. But go ahead, keep your head in the sand.

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 02:24 PM	Just too confusing as to where it starts & ends. Generally you state that the speed average is lower anyway so why put an unnecessary limit there? More signage, more clutter, more confusion - please leave 'as is'.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 02:25 PM	Why waist money changing something that's not broken. The report says people all ready slow down. Plus cash grab for tickets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 02:27 PM	Get to my destination
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 02:40 PM	Lower speed limits discourage traffic from entering an area. This may have an unintended consequence of making the downtown area seem less busy. Less busy areas tend to draw less crowds. Social Proof Theory is at play in more crowded spaces. People are naturally drawn to things they see others doing. So quieting the downtown traffic may inadvertently result in fewer people spending tome and shopping downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:05 PM	Reasonable speed to keep traffic moving efficiently.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:09 PM	As someone who has worked and lived downtown for several years I think a decrease in the speed limit is a poor excuse to "improve the aesthetic" of downtown. It's an obvious money grab, and our city has enough of that. As well police officers are busy enough downtown without also have to police playground zone-esque regulations. These cater mainly to intoxicated folks of downtown and not to the residents and employees that work and shop in this area.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:12 PM	Because
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:40 PM	Consistency
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:41 PM	It's a reasonable and safe speed to travel. If the logic is simply that reducing speed will lower fatalities when collisions occur, why stop there? Why not lower the speed limit everywhere? The answer is because it is unreasonable and safe driving can still be done at 50 km/h on those roads. Reducing the speed may even have the unwanted impact of increasing traffic levels on the outside roads which remain at 50km/h and research shows that accident levels increase with intersection density. Therefore, unless there is marked data which demonstrates that the downtown core has abnormally high fatal accidents, it does not make sense to decrease the speed when there is a chance that such a decrease would lead to an increase in accidents on the roads surrounding the downtown core.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 03:46 PM	not necessary to change - pedestrians need to use appropriate crosswalks.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:22 PM	50 km/h has always been an acceptable speed limit for town limits. By slowing traffic down congestion will rise. Also incidents of speeding will increase
Screen Name Redacted	People are already careful driving downtown and slowing the speed limit will

6/11/2020 04:22 PM	increase Jay walking. I driving 30 through downtown will be frustrating and not help traffic move swiftly.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:41 PM	Every downtown in the world is still 50km/hr, Lethbridge people should be smart enough to avoid accidents on their own at a limit as low as 50
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:43 PM	No need to reduce the speed. Too many tickets will be handed out.... hence less people having a positive experience of Downtown Lethbridge and less wanting to support local stores/shops
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:47 PM	It's been 50km for many many years , leave it ALONE. Stop spending money that's not necessary. Just clean up the streets.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 04:49 PM	It is a reasonable speed. If pedestrians are sober and being attentive, and drivers are sober and being attentive, there is no reason everyone can't be safe.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:06 PM	You can change them, but none of those businesses will ever see my money again.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:30 PM	Drivers aren't models or mathematical equations. Drivers that are aware, drive safe, drivers that speed don't care. This seems like a cheap way to score political points.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:37 PM	Because it is a reasonable speed. Crosswalks and lights are clearly marked. There are lights at mostly 1 block intervals to control speed. It is completely unnecessary to reduce speed. Cant believe this is even a consideration, considering the parking meters that were installed and covid. I would think city counsel would be doing much better to attract business to the downtown area. Honestly who come up with this stuff?
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:49 PM	I feel that it is difficult enough to drive downtown and get through the congestion. Going 30 will probably add to this frustration. If pedestrians and cyclists follow the rules of the road, then we should have no problems with continuing the speed at 50k/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:52 PM	There should be no reason to reduce the speed limit in our downtown. If cyclists and pedestrians follow the rules of the road there is no reason to reduce speed limit for vehicle rule abiding citizens. I think this is a stupid idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:53 PM	If pedestrians and cyclists follow the rules of the road - as motorists need to, then everyone should be able to live another day...uninjured. With the amount of traffic lights and cross walks I'm pretty sure any law abiding citizen can get around just fine. To change a speed limit with claims that its for a greater appeal of downtown is a waste of time, and money. This is a stupid idea.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:53 PM	Lowering the speed will do absolutely nothing to improve downtown.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:58 PM	City administration is always wasting money trying to get people to shop downtown. Why dont you save taxpayer money and get a real job
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 05:59 PM	I think pandering to the idiots that walk in front of cars is a bad idea. Protect the motorists and the law abiding citizens who pay taxes and use downtown in a respectful way

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:00 PM	No need to change something not broken. no one speeds there anyway!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:01 PM	Seems like a cash grab for LPS. I dont see the need to soak in the hoards of drugs addicts that can be seen downtown Lethbridge.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:02 PM	why change what is not needed. most travel at about 40-50 anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:03 PM	pedestrian injury or fatalities are rare if never!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:04 PM	as business owner- we should not even have to answer this! Leaves things alone! Worry about the breakins instead!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:06 PM	I feel that this will not help in trying to achieve an overall vision of the downtown as a vibrant and prosperous place as it's more of an indication of penalizing motorists. There is no reason to reduce the speed of the downtown core to 30km/hr. if pedestrians and cyclists follow the rules of the road as the motorists do then there will be no benefit to reducing the speed, all this will achieve is frustrating motorists.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:07 PM	Howdo you know what speed people travel? I see only homeless or working people in the morning! WE should have the choice: 50km or less. we drive it everyday. no problems.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:09 PM	we have enough traffic lights to stop the Army!!! Don't' need to worry about people driving too fast! WE enjoy downtown the way it is!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:10 PM	Outside of business hours there is little traffic downtown. Plus the roads are of the size to allow safe operation at 50km/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:10 PM	pedestrians and cyclists are already safe!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:19 PM	Official speed limits do not necessarily create safer streets. Traffic flowing safely makes safer streets. When the traffic is congested, as mentioned in the materials you provided, the speed will slow down on its own accord. Making a speed limit as low as 30km an hour will make for more problems than it solves when you have unreasonably slow traffic when it is not warranted. People will speed up to the safe speed warranted and the conflicting speeds between those who are obeying the dumb rule and those that are safely driving will cause the accidents. I suspect this is more to do with finding new ways to generate fees for our city than any real attempt at improving the down town. Following the logic here let's just make the speed limit 5km/h? At that speed there is an almost zero percent chance of injury if there is an accident. I am excited to see the results of this survey. I am also certain that regardless of the results the city will proceed with lowering the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 06:21 PM	If you want to be a progressive city, leave it alone. Or if you want to continue to be a one horse town, change it.
Screen Name Redacted	30km/hr is ridiculous!

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There are enough cross walks down town for people to use. Traffic moves to slow in the city. The lights are already staggered to slow traffic.

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The cops will use this as a speed trap to issue tickets. Should focus on proper and legal cyclist and pedestrian crossing

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Traffic moves to slow through downtown as it is.

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congestion in the downtown core. I am not aware of or have I seen any indication. There have been a large number of pedestrians being hit by vehicles nor collisions

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6/11/2020 06:45 PM

I should know better that this will be a waste of time. Spearman and council don't listen to the people anyways. They are only concern about bike and addicts in the city.

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This sounds like an idea of Andrew malcolm. He should really get a job instead of wasting tax payers money

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6/11/2020 07:29 PM

It's slow enough at 50km/h. People going downtown know where they're going, and if they don't, it's a grid. If they miss what they're looking for, they can easily make a turn at the next block and go back around. 40 is too slow, and 30 is just painful. I purposely avoid driving in school zone areas because I feel like I can run faster. If downtown reduces speed limits, I will avoid it as well. (Other than going to and from work) (that's not a whiney threat.. I'm just saying that going that slow is frustrating to me, so I would avoid driving in areas that are frustrating) Plus there is the added inconvenience of having to remember that the speed limit has changed.

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Consistency, a change in one space in town would be annoying

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I run an esthetics based business. My customers have already been inconvenienced by the new parking meters. The vast majority prefer the old system. Now to increase their travel time by decreasing the speed limit will, undoubtedly, cause another negative reaction. The choices being made are making downtown less friendly for business, not more. Unfortunately, I fear that you will have the opposite of your desired result. There are many factors that now make myself and other businesses consider moving elsewhere.

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People need education of not crossing a street at unmarked crosswalks and when not allowed to do so! Keep educating drivers to watch where they are going and that they don't always have the right of way either

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6/11/2020 07:37 PM

With properly skilled drivers and people following the rules we have had for years should be no problem and the impatient drivers we already have who don't follow the rules will prob cause more accidents with lower speed limit so I'm pretty sure theres more important issues

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6/11/2020 07:44 PM

It does not need to be lowered no one wants to go downtown anyway

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I have noted that people tend to be more careful when driving downtown. When there are people in view of my windshield, I am more careful too! I will often find myself driving in the range of 40-45. If there are citizens around, this is a decent idea. The problem lays in a mandatory limit/all the time. Am I being unsafe while maintaining full visual of my surroundings even at 31km/h? Absolutely not! We have already seen that people are more careful downtown. But what happens when we make it mandatory? I will go out of my way to avoid school zones in order to not have to throttle or tease second gear on my manual transmission. And if I pass even 1km past 30km/h? That is a very hefty fine that I can't afford! I'm already being careful; does the city of Lethbridge really want me to try an avoid downtown like I do school zones?

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6/11/2020 08:10 PM

It is a slow speed and if you feel some traffic too fast post photo radar down town and use the revenue to help the city.

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There are crosswalks and lots of traffic lights. No need for lower speed limit.

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6/11/2020 08:39 PM

It's a maximum limit, not a suggested or minimum speed. If people are already driving slower, then the system is working as is, no need for a change. I drive to the conditions within the limit. When there are few pedestrians and cars around, there's no need to drive slower than 50.

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With already pre-existing traffic controls your own study already showed that most people go around 30 - 40 km/hr although I would actually like to see how you generated this fact until then I believe this is more of an assumption than an actual fact. This seem ridiculous to change given other issues downtown already faces. I'd rather see the city focus its attention on larger issues plaguing the downtown core rather then adjusting the speed limit. It would be a different story if you were talking the area around the galt gardens since that would make some sense given its a giant park in the middle of downtown and a couple blocks around it. Not to mention on the current proposal you will windup creating a grid system that is poised for future photoradar abuse since you wont know if you're allowed to go 50 or not on a section of road. The most north section of road next to the galt gardens is a good example of this since if you make any immediate turns within a block from it the speed limit turns into 30 km but you 2 blocks east and make the same right turn and you're in a 50 still. I think if you changing an area, change around galt gardens, make it consistent by giving 2 blocks in each direction as a buffer. Outside those two blocks are some businesses but also fire/ems station and multiple AHS services in that area that may windup harder to get to and from if the road becomes more congested from additional traffic flow constraints on top of the ones already in that area. Adults should know how to walk with cars around.

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I feel like there would be abuse from law enforcement to create reasons to give people tickets. unless there was large amounts of posted signs around the downtown people would defer to the feel of their vehicle often speeding without realizing. A driver should be aware of their surroundings and travel at

Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:19 PM	a safe speed even if the limit is 50km/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:36 PM	Downtown traffic is already under 50 because of the stop lights. The current model is working fine. And if something is working then stop meddling with it. Look into addressing other pertinent issues
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:53 PM	After business hours there's no need for lower speeds, even during business hours. The condition of the roads are far more hazardous than a 50 km/h speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 09:57 PM	Because changing this may be the most stupid, waste of time, cash-grab bullshit I have ever heard of.
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:07 PM	Downtown Lethbridge is not a busy part of the city & will continue to get less busy. Waste of time & money even contemplating an issue that doesn't exist
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:41 PM	As someone who works downtown, I absolutely DESPISE this idea!!! Can someone please find me statistics on how many pedestrians have been struck and/or killed in the downtown core? Oh and I don't mean from people who are genuinely crossing at a crosswalk - they're normal. I'm constantly playing zig zag with zombies walking either in the middle of the road or right thru traffic in front of me. Speed limits don't fix stupid.... Speed limit in downtown Calgary is 50. Why do we need slower limits when we have WAY less traffic? That sounds like a pedestrian issue
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 10:55 PM	It is fine how it is
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 11:16 PM	because its not a bad speed to keep it at. 30 is just asking for giving out more tickets and people already get enough of them
Screen Name Redacted 6/11/2020 11:50 PM	As you said, the average speed is already 30-40 with the speed limit at 50. It doesn't need to be lowered. I for one will not be shopping downtown if the traffic moves any slower than it already does.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 12:24 AM	As bad as it already is going downtown, a reduced speed limit would make it worse. Especially with LPS doing nothing else but handing out speeding tickets at the most tricky points. It's already used as a milk cow and it would sure make me look for other suppliers. Bad for business.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 01:27 AM	If this is for the perception of safety, reducing speed limits won't impact this. In order for pedestrians to feel safe we need larger police presence, no needles in the parks or walkways. I live in London Road and I frequently will have people screaming down my street intoxicated. Hey avoid downtown for entirely those reasons and not because of speed limits.
	Having different speed limits for roads that are effectively the same (i.e. the green and turquoise roads on the map of downtown - or the green roads downtown and equivalent roads in nearby areas) is confusing and frustrating for drivers. The reality is that the majority of drivers are already driving more slowly than 50 km/h most of the time - so the safety statistics are mostly a moot point. The only thing that would be accomplished by reducing the speed limit for most (but not all) downtown roads would be an increase in driver frustration - which will, in turn, lead to more accidents. This change would feel, to most drivers, like a cash grab whose primary goal is to be able to ticket people for speeding even though they are driving at a completely

Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 03:51 AM	safe speed for the environment - and no amount of marketing is going to change that. If you want to cut down on pedestrian injury downtown, do a better job of catching people who text and drive. Drivers who aren't paying attention are a much greater hazard than drivers following the current speed limits will ever be.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:17 AM	When traffic is slow it is because of the distance of traffic lights not the fact that people only want to travel at that speed. If lowered it will be another cash cow for the city
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:35 AM	The traffic flow is already not great at times in the city, so forcing people to go slower or choose alternative routes will add to the congestion on the main roads like Whoop-up/6th, 3rd and 1st. If the Galt Gardens were more appealing for foot traffic and there were more people walking around downtown then I could see lowering the speed, but the downtown is not there yet.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:41 AM	Honestly, many will not approve. The population is young and potentially growing. There are places to be and things to do all the time. The non-speeders don't need to be punished because of what the speeders have done.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:48 AM	Slowing traffic is not the solution to traffic problems. I support greater driver education, better signage and a focus on creating better sight lines in order to improve traffic flow.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:52 AM	If people are averaging lower speeds, it means they are using good judgement. Don't legislate that. Sometimes 50km is the right speed and sometimes 30 is. Keep lowering the bar and pretty soon no-one can make a good decision because they never have to.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 07:21 AM	All cities in Alberta are at 50 in the downtown core. It's a good comfortable pace of speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 07:30 AM	Because it will just lower the time to get through downtown. And it's already scary enough going 50km or stopping at the lights when you see someone on drugs walking up to your car.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 07:35 AM	It will just lower the amount of time you get to your destination. And it's pretty scary as it is in downtown right now. If the speeds get lowered than many others like myself will be staying away from downtown. With how bad the pedestrians are with j walking an the bikers flying past you on their bikes when I have the right of way at a light this is just going to make that much worse. Alot of people are scared as it is to stop at a red light when they see a doped up person walking over to their car. Downtown is the most unsafe place I've ever been too. This is ridiculous.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 08:17 AM	50 K is working efficiently and quite well already . Have absolutely no problem with current speed limit of 50 K . If anything , just increase enforcement of the present speed limit and better enforcement of all the jay walkers and those that cross against the lights .Also a better control of all the bike riders that do not abide by the rules ie . dashing out in front of you , riding very slowly right in front of you in your traffic lane , crossing against

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lights . Do not see where changing the speed limit will improve anything . It would be an added cost to change the signage . The change would just add confusion . Off topic I know , but please do not change 3rd AVE downtown from 4 lane to 3 lane traffic . That is ridiculous and would impede the flow that is working very well . Those jut outs at the curbs also are an annoyance and dangerous in the winter time .

It seems during the course of business hours that the speed would self regulate as mentioned between 30-40km/h due to traffic signals, pedestrians etc so it seems redundant and a poor use of time and resources to change signage. In non-peak times, it is much easier (and still safe) to drive at 50km/h in the downtown area. I understand the safety facts of reaction time etc but there is no information provided for us on number of accidents in the downtown caused solely by excessive speed.

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30kmh will only impede traffic flow and make it that much worse for people trying to enter downtown. What we need is proper pedestrian education and better crossings. It's usually the drunk and drugged up people that walk across at any time and don't even look. They are going to continue to do so at any speed. We need heavier fines for pedestrians crossing illegally and it should be made like the UK where cars have the right of way. First think about cleaning up downtown of all the lowlifes and the scs before wasting time and money on reducing speed limits. Speed limit changes won't attract people to downtown, it's a good, safe, friendly, inviting atmosphere that will. And the parking meters are already deterring people enough.

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I don't see any good reason to change it. If you want to decrease the possibility of vehicle/ pedestrians interactions then close off downtown to vehicles, and just have it foot traffic.

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You said the average speed is already 30-40 so there is not going to be a reduction in pedestrian fatalities as indicated with statistical reductions. It makes downtown less appealing as a destination and to go through if the speed limit is abnormally low, just another opportunity for speed cameras and driver fines with no benefit. As a 'city' with the dullest most boring city center in the world, why make it less appealing to people by making them crawl around even at times when there is little traffic.

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The only people whom are ever struck by vehicles are not in cross walks and proceed to walk out without looking when ever and where ever they please on the roads

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There is really no need to spend money changing the speed in the downtown area. Keep the traffic flowing at a consistent speed. It is working fine the way it is. Focus on issues of drugs, panhandling and downtown business owners who are struggling to stay open.

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6/12/2020 12:43 PM

Never had any issue walking or biking downtown always felt safe with the limits currently in place

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I feel that 50km/h is the perfect speed for downtown. We drive 30km/h in residential areas and downtown is not a residential area.

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I believe that people need to be following rules and laws and if they do 50 is a great speed to get where you need to go as well as keeping people safe.

Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 02:59 PM	30 is just too slow. To ensure traffic flow...slowing traffic to 30k, it seems to me, would create bottlenecks, back-ups, and increases in road rage episodes.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 04:39 PM	Cause it's always worked for years and years why change it now it's stupid I drive daily there for work and would hate to drive 30 everywhere would take me much longer to do my job. I think its ridiculous.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 05:27 PM	50 is appropriate
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:10 PM	So long as the speed limit is followed and people drive defensively and pedestrians use crosswalks, there is no issue with the current speed limit. Perhaps making crosswalks more visible would be a better solution?
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 06:34 PM	I feel if you impose more restrictions on people going downtown it will hurt my business. There are many people that complain about the parking and the downtown seating taking up valuable parking space, my customers don't want more deterrents or else they may shop somewhere else because of my location. The amount of traffic lights already reduces speed downtown, no need to adjust the speed limit.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 07:14 PM	There are so many traffic lights that help people keep a steady speed, why slow traffic down even more?
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 08:48 PM	50km is plenty safe and slow enough as long as pedestrians are not walking all over the roads in a stupor 30 km is too slow, and traffic is backed up badly enough on busy streets * allow bikes to be on the sidewalks again - seriously, get them off the roads entirely - they are the unsafe aspect to traffic
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 08:54 PM	You've got much bigger issues downtown than speed limits. Don't try to fix what isn't broken. Is there a history of vehicles downtown frequently hitting pedestrians? This whole issue seems irrelevant and unnecessary. Focus on the crime and drug problem. Most people are avoiding the downtown now anyways, myself included.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 08:59 PM	Because it was cause massive congestion in the downtown core, which there already is.
Screen Name Redacted 6/12/2020 10:41 PM	I have not heard of a lot of pedestrian accidents downtown. I don't see any reason to change what has worked for so many years. It will cost money to make the change and in this economic slow time why spend on this.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 12:35 AM	30 km is to slow. I don't think people would obey it if It was lowered.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 12:43 AM	I think the Downtown Core has very good traffic control. The amount of intersections and lack of turning left turn lanes really slows things down. I don't think I've ever been able to get up to 50km/h on a good day. Instead of slowing all traffic down, I'd prefer a dedicated bike lane. Higher police presence should be looked at before slowing down traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 01:37 AM	Do something about all the jaywalking, loitering and mischief downtown and that would greatly reduced the chances of a pedestrian accident.
Screen Name Redacted	Too many lights that are not sequenced proper, you can hardly get to

6/13/2020 06:24 AM

50kmph anyway. Leave the speed limit alone. Focus on cleaning up the drug addiction issues that are keeping people from coming to the downtown. That would help my business far more!!!

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I seldom see people in the busy areas driving at the speed limit. With people slowing to park and traffic lights controlling movement, the drivers police themselves. By lowering the limit the only change will be additional tickets and fines and thus resentment, which will remove more customers from the downtown core, just like the new parking meters have done for many. (I quite like the new meters.)

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I feel there is no need to reduce the speed limit, people already go 10km under the limit sometimes 20km under and I believe it would be way to slow going 30km. If everyone can just be responsible and careful while enjoying downtown that would be great but That includes effort from not only people driving downtown but also pedestrians need to be cautious and respect the traffic around them as well.

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There is a small amount of people in the core. There is no need to lower the speed

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Please stop spending tax dollars on downtown. I can only imagine the cost of this plus it would I'm sure you would be using photo radar to raise funds

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Why would you make more work for our police??? Would not be fair for a hard working person to get a ticket if they hit 50km, accidentally on their way to work!! Let the police worry about the criminals.

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It is nice in the evening to cruise with our classic car, shop and eat. Not fair to get a ticket if we accidentally go 50km!!

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Leave things alone. Let the police worry about the vandalism going on. They are over worked now!

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People will drive the speed suitable for the conditions of the time ie pedestrians busy traffic. When pedestrian and vehicle traffic thin out drivers can pick up their speed back to 50.

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If the current traffic is moving at 30 to 40 km/h there really is no need to spend unnecessary dollars for signs, enforcement, studies, etc. Reducing speeds may be a catalyst to keep people away from the downtown.

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Because 50 is already painfully slow. Pedestrians need to watch for cars not the other way around.

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Having a speed of 30km will greatly encourage speeding. Also, people shouldnt be paying tickets for going 50km downtown

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Keep them all at 50 or at 30, but don't have different speed limits

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Even though the speed limit is 50 now I see people driving slower and cautiously when there are pedestrians and cyclists around. Making it 30 throughout downtown is unreasonable and being over regulatory. The speed limit will be one more reason people will avoid the downtown- it will be a ticket writing zone.

Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 06:16 PM	You stated people are already mostly driving 30-40. Just another money grab for photo radar.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 06:42 PM	Differing the speeds is confusing
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 07:23 PM	I feel the only people who this would benefit are the drunk and high people constantly jay-walking.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 08:56 PM	I don't think I have ever even been able to do 50! With all the cars and drunk and drugged up people wandering all over.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 09:09 PM	I see no reason to change them.
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 09:48 PM	I have not seen an issue with the current rate of speed
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 10:02 PM	Because it's not an issue
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 10:07 PM	If people want to drive 30 to 40 that's up to them. The people who want to drive 50 can turn off that road and go 50
Screen Name Redacted 6/13/2020 10:13 PM	There's really no problem with the current 50km/h
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 12:42 AM	It is not unsafe
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 09:01 AM	This would keep us in line with other major cities such as Calgary and Edmonton. The streets are very wide here in Lethbridge that allows for plenty of traffic with wide sidewalks for pedestrian usage, almost all of the lights downtown also have automatic pedestrian walk signals. After spending lots of time in the last several years downtown I have not once feared for my safety due to traffic speed. If pedestrian safety is an issue, maybe make one or two of the streets pedestrian only such as Sparks Street in Ottawa or Stephen Avenue Walk in Calgary.
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 11:30 AM	Don't believe it is warranted, no playgrounds or kids and not much foot traffic because of the homeless population.
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 11:58 AM	there are hardly any pedestrians most days. would send more time looking out for police radar than for pedestrians. already slow enough because of all the traffic lights, which do not seem to be synced now.
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 12:02 PM	how about reducing the speed limit only when pedestrians are present. And then apply this to school zones as well, like they do in California.
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 12:15 PM	It's a safe and fine speed.
Screen Name Redacted 6/14/2020 04:59 PM	Cash grab

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Because it's not the speed that vehicles travel at that makes downtown feel unsafe. It is the amount of drug addicts who leave our city a mess by throwing away needles (that were provided by the city) wherever they desire. As an 18 year old male I should feel perfectly comfortable walking around my cities downtown area alone but even mid day I feel uncomfortable at times because of the amount of people that are obviously high and will do what it takes to make sure they get their next high.

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Pedestrians aren't driving business. The faster the trucks and patrons can get in and get out the better. If it's slow and difficult and people don't feel safe...this is all for nothing. Once you lower a limit it's a complete dick-around to undo it. So....maybe just leave it alone and focus your time and energy into something a little more constructive.

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It's not in my best interest or fuel friendly to be spending more time commuting and it will only serve to promote jaywalking if the speed limits are reduced. Lowering of the speed limit will only serve to make me avoid downtown areas completely.

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Going downtown is punishment enough. Reducing the speed limits would be just another reason to not go.

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The pedestrian traffic we have in downtown lethbridge fails to use proper safety precautions. We have drug addicts and Indians all over the place. They walk across the street against walk signs and through green light intersections, with no regard for traffic. There is no need to lower the speed limit if people follow the rules. Maybe spend more time policing jay walkers and drug addicts, rather than changing things to fit them.

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30km/h is excessively low. People focus more on watching their speedometer than watching the road. People already have trouble driving downtown and reducing the speed limit will not help this. It will make it worse

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If the city has determined the average speed to be between 30 and 40 then it sounds like people are slowing down when they need to. If the limit is 30 I will no longer be using the downtown.

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50 is the maximum, not the mandatory speed. When pedestrian/cycling traffic is light, 50 is appropriate.

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I see no need to change it. If someone is in a hurry, most are, a speed limit reduction will not change the fact that they are focused on getting there and not anything else. That will never change no matter what speed limit is posted.

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The downtown is not a vibrant place with high pedestrian traffic. There is no need and people are already driving slow as the research says when going through there. Setting the speed limit lower will just allow cops to ticket people and therefore discourage people from going downtown or they will take a different way and cause on other streets.

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If the logic is to reduce the speed because people are driving slower when will the speed limit increase on Mayor Magrath Drive, Scenic and on 43rd? Keeping it at 50k is consistent with city limits speed limit.

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Speed limits for the City is 50k. Let's be consistent with the city speed limits.

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Sounds like a money grab.

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No need to change what works. No need to spend money where it doesn't need to be spent.

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I believe if lower speeds are required for whatever reason, residents are lowering their speed.

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Lowering the speed limit to force people to slow down in an attempt to solicit more usage of the downtown is unrealistic and unwarranted. Seems like a feeble attempt to get people who don't normally shop downtown to stop and shop.

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1) If the city wants the downtown to be a 'destination' point ensuring it is "a vibrant and an economically prosperous place", I don't believe that reducing the speed limits will achieve this objective. True enough we would want people to stop at downtown to shop, and enjoy their time spent there... then revitalize the downtown with more businesses, activities, events would be more ideal. What about reducing rental space cost which would allow more people to do more business downtown ? 2) Currently, with all the traffic lights on every block, does this not effectively and automatically slow the speed limit from 50 to 20-30 km. So what is the point of needing a bylaw to change the current speed limit from 50 to 40?? It is really necessary ? If the city is concerned about people speeding, have they look into the idea of having more speed -bumps built around the city which will slow down speeders. 3) As for the "probability" of serious injury or fatality reduced rational - for the past few years, is there a significant increase of injury and fatality incidents directly related to the 50 Km speed limits ?? is it a serious concern at the 'downtown' core area ? I'm not convinced this is a serious issue, if it is, then I'm not aware of it.

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There are other alternatives to try prior to making such a drastic change. Altering light times, pedestrian and driver education and others. I'm hoping these are considered prior to bogging downtown, down.

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6/17/2020 09:20 PM

I think things are fine the way they are, we don't seem to have a rash of pedestrian injuries now

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6/18/2020 08:38 AM

I do not see a problem so many lights downtown it does not need to be enforced! I would hate to see this a cash grab for handing out tickets or photo radar

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6/19/2020 09:43 AM

Enough cash cows!!

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6/19/2020 09:44 AM

I will not be happy if I get a ticket on my way to or from work!!

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6/19/2020 09:46 AM

Don't change what isn't broken. Spend money on Policing. Thanks

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6/19/2020 09:48 AM

I rarely hit 50 anyway. No more cash cows please.

Screen Name Redacted 6/19/2020 09:49 AM	This is a no brainer. Ticketing the working class is not good business.
Screen Name Redacted 6/19/2020 09:52 AM	I give enough money with parking tickets. I work hard for my money. Pay taxes. Now you want to catch me going 50? No thanks!!
Screen Name Redacted 6/19/2020 09:54 AM	We enjoy eating and cruising in our classic car. If we get a ticket for hitting 50, that will end us spending money and time downtown!
Screen Name Redacted 6/19/2020 09:57 AM	Enjoying our fitness centre, We spend lots of money downtown. Please, we need the police ensuring everyone is safe, not catching me if I go 50km. Thanks
Screen Name Redacted 6/20/2020 06:43 AM	Using your logic then when will the speed limit on scenic, mayor Magrath, 43rd and the rest of roads be raised. If the traffic lights were synced it would be better!! Maybe try that first
Screen Name Redacted 6/20/2020 06:46 AM	Sync the traffic lights and increase the limits outside the downtown area. Why is scenic only at 60?
Screen Name Redacted 6/21/2020 04:42 PM	To allow growth you need to keep traffic moving not continuously create impairment to reducing downtown congestion
Screen Name Redacted 6/21/2020 09:32 PM	The speed limit is sufficiently slow enough now. There is no call for the reduction of the speed limit, neither under the guise of safety nor to make the down town more attractive. Passing through downtown is a reality for many residents.
Screen Name Redacted 6/23/2020 12:00 PM	30km is ridiculous. If the goal is to bring about the final demise of small businesses in the downtown core, 30km should help. Clearly, there must be some sort of large-scale re-development plan in the works to warrant this measure. I can't wait to see what you folks have dreamt up.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2020 10:14 AM	Reducing speed will discourage me even further from visiting downtown. I already tend to avoid the area due to paid parking
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2020 01:33 PM	50 kmh is a reasonable speed, dropping downtown limits is an easy trap to generate revenue. Instead focus on Jay walkers, cyclists not following rules of the road and people impeding the flow of traffic. If everyone follows the rules safety should not be a concern and drivers should not be punished because others cannot maintain situational awareness and make proper judgement calls when sharing the roads with traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 6/24/2020 08:48 PM	Puts downtown business at a disadvantage to bug box stores. People are not going for a leisurely drive. They are shopping and are generally under time constraints. 1. Downtown charges for parking. Not in other shopping areas 2. Speed is restricted, creating a greater potential for fines, discouraging shoppers.
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2020 01:05 PM	spend money on crime please.
Screen Name Redacted 6/25/2020 01:06 PM	I think this would cause too much rubber necking.
Screen Name Redacted	50km is not too fast.

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I would rather the Police worry about crime.

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30km is too slow. 40km is not necessary. Please keep at 50km. easy to remember.

6/25/2020 01:11 PM

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50 kph is already slow. Wider sidewalks, traffic bulges, 2 lane stretches and bike lanes will do plenty to cause traffic to go slower.

6/26/2020 12:25 PM

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Increase travel time of only 37 seconds is not correct. Traffic lights aren't synchronized. Traffic is heavier at home times. Increase speed limits on scenic and mayor Magrath.

6/26/2020 05:10 PM

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No problem I have seen with 50km hour.

6/28/2020 09:12 AM

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Signage and police would cost too much. Not needed.

6/28/2020 09:13 AM

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I drove from Stafford drive down 3 ave to scenic drive at 30km. With all the lights and cross walks took an extra 2 minutes. I work at Melcor centre. I go through up to 12 traffic lights every morning.

6/28/2020 09:18 AM

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Only problem I see is jaywalking. Speed not a concern.

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I travel downtown 4 to 6 times a day for work. Police have enough to do, without having to check to see if I actually go 50km so they can ticket me.

6/28/2020 09:21 AM

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Ticketing the working class is not fair.

6/28/2020 09:22 AM

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By your own admission and data, drivers are on average already driving at reduced speeds downtown, making this proposal worthless. If safety really is the concern, then action should focus on those violating existing policies every day, such as the public intoxication and jaywalking.

6/29/2020 12:54 PM

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The accident rate is low. Most ppl follow the speed limit.

6/29/2020 01:51 PM

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Because it's unnecessary to change it. What's the point?! My point exactly! I think that there hasn't been any accidents or violations related to this so it's not necessary. Never heard of any other cities doing this, since the downtown core is usually the heart of a city and is the busiest. Also I think as a collective city we have other more important issues to worry about, like the safe consumption site!!!!

6/29/2020 06:00 PM

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If there hasn't been a larger number of incidents and speeding than anywhere else in the city, the speed should not be reduced.

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There has been no recent injuries or fatalities that I am aware of. If there was any issues then yes but there has no been any.

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Pedestrians need to follow rules - use crosswalks and obey street lights - it should not be all on drivers.

Optional question (1400 response(s), 805 skipped)

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Q7 | Please indicate what additional information you would need to make a decision.

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I don't feel like changing the speed will change my willingness to go downtown

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6/09/2020 10:04 PM

I think that it's worth looking into having the speed reduced during peak hours of pedestrians use and then have it increase back in the evenings

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6/10/2020 12:22 AM

First, more information is required to make a decision: if the goal is to "eliminate major injury and fatal collisions", the City needs to collect data (and present it to us survey-takers) about how many major injuries and fatal collisions attributable to speed have occurred in the downtown area over the last few years. Personally I know of none, however I'm aware this may not be the case. Second, as a resident I feel that regardless of what the limit is set at, people will still choose to ignore it: all it takes is one Friday or Saturday night sitting on the corner of 3 Ave and 5 St to see that we have plenty of street racers who have no regard for the existing limits, much less a lower one. Enforcement is practically non-existent. Third, until 3 Ave is no longer seen as the major thoroughfare that it is (until the sidewalk widening project takes place, and until traffic flow on it can be restricted), it will continue to act as the secondmost popular way of "cutting across the city" from Scenic Dr to Mayor Magrath Dr after 6 Ave. One way of doing this would be to cut off vehicle traffic entirely between 5 St and 7 St: this would force traffic to go around on 1 Ave to Stafford Dr or take 6 Ave all the way east. This option would, however, be detrimental to the businesses along that section of roadway, although perhaps it could be turned into a "limited access street" with bollards or some other traffic flow-limitation devices.

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As a driver I don't feel like lowering the speed limit would feel like anything other than a tax. Prolific speeders happen because individuals don't seem to grasp the connection to speeding and safety, rather they see it as an attack on the wallet (slow is not always safe, people loose focus). Also we already have an issue of needing to be in a rush it seems. I find more people will speed (greater than 60kph in a lane that ends, by the university where it is 3 lanes southbound as one lane becomes a turning lane) just to jump ahead so they can sit ahead of you at a stop. Ticket that behaviour, not speeding. Also people are too inattentive behind the wheel, this is equally as bad. As it gets compounded by drivers (those like me who have lost faith in enforcement, and actions of those in charge by not taking action on minor infractions) seeing repeated bad behaviour not getting stopped.

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If PMVC's are occurring on these roads then the speed reduction makes

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sense, health and safety is always the most important factor. If not, then I do not support the reduction. There will be an increase in jaywalking, which means increased honking and bird flipping. Assumption is based upon experience in zipper merge lanes in Lethbridge.

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6/10/2020 07:19 AM

Reducing the speed limit would be a further deterrent to spend time downtown. Eliminate the cost for parking instead.

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6/10/2020 08:29 AM

I believe I will frequent down town less if the speed limits are reduced. Down town has already become less appealing, and this is one more reason to not frequent there

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Are there current pedestrian issues in downtown?

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What is the current rate of pedestrian injury/fatality due to a motor vehicle in the proposed zone? If most people are already going below the posted 50km/hr then how does an "official" reduction in speed help? Are there any plans to deal with the jay-walking in this area? Downtown is also a tourist-area, how are you going to communicate the sudden speed decrease in these areas properly so that non-locals would understand and not be fined for speeding?

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You could CLOSE all the streets downtown & I wouldn't care. It's been years since I moved my office, banking, & business professional relationships out of downtown. During last month's 45-minute medical visit, we were panhandled FIVE times, including twice while sitting in a locked parked car. you need to put a light at 3rd avenue and 4th street i have had many scary experiences walking across crosswalk to go to courthouse

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Lowering the speed limit isn't going to revitalize downtown. I have worked downtown for years, and it has gotten considerably worse in recent memory. A speed limit reduction is a great idea (despite people's protest) because it is data-driven, evidence-based policy. A reduced speed limit will not make downtown a nicer place to be. I'm not averse to walking around downtown because of speeding traffic. I am averse to downtown because there is a seemingly endless sea of people who clearly need help, but nonetheless make the downtown core unpleasant. Dodging people using drugs on the sidewalk, and being harassed for change, are bigger concerns to me than lowering speed limits.

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Unless you are reducing the number of lanes and creating more space for cyclists, pedestrians, and patio's I don't really see any benefit to changing the speed limit downtown. Feels a bit like an easy cop-out.

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6/10/2020 03:13 PM

Changing the speed limit is just stupid

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6/12/2020 06:34 AM

I would like to see statistics on vehicle vs pedestrian or bicycle collisions in the area marked prior to making a decision on the speed limit. I honestly don't think the 50km/h speed limit is the problem why people do not feel safe downtown. It's more the panhandling, drugs and street people population. Which is probably another reason why people would choose to drive downtown rather than walk or cycle.

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6/12/2020 01:02 PM

I think many more aspects need to be addressed before speed in order to make downtown attractive to people to visit.

Optional question (16 response(s), 2189 skipped)

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