The City of Port Phillip wants to make sure that everyone is included, and an Accessibility Action Plan (AAP) helps us do this. This AAP is the fourth plan we’ve developed and builds on the work we have already done with and for people with disability and their carers.

To make sure we heard from as many people as possible, these are some of the steps we took:

* We gave people two months to provide us feedback on the plan
* We gave information on the draft AAP to all Council Advisory Committees
* Staff went to all eight Neighbourhood Engagement Program events to talk about the AAP with the community. One of the questions we asked was people was How many people in the City of Port Phillip do you think live with Disability? The options were 1 in 5, 1 in 10, or 1 in 15. A lot of people chose the wrong answer as you can see below:

**Question 1: How many people in the City of Port Phillip do you think live with Disability?** (The answer is 1 in 5)

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| **1 in 5** | **1 in 10** | **1 in 15** |
| 48 dots in total | 46 dots in total | 13 dots in total |

**Question 2: The draft Accessibility Action Plan aims to improve outcomes across five key areas (see below). We aim to achieve all these outcomes.**

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| **The outcome areas are:** | **Please place a dot against the outcome you think will have the biggest impact for people who live with disability** |
| A welcoming and inclusive community where people with disability are socially connected and feel they belong | 30 dots in total |
| A safe and accessible city that enables participation | 38 dots in total |
| An engaged and empowered disability community | 13 dots in total |
| A community where people with disability can pursue opportunities for personal growth | 21 dots in total |
| A proud disability confident organisation with inclusive practices and culture | 10 dots in total |

* Training was given to the ASSIST team members, to make sure they knew about the AAP and could answer questions about it from the community.
* Information sessions were held for staff, allowing them to ask questions about the AAP and give their views on it.
* Members from Voices of the South Side (VOSS) talked with staff about the AAP and let staff know what they thought of the plan.
* A session held at St Kilda Library with an AUSLAN interpreter

# Engagement Findings

* There was a lot of support for the AAP with only small changes needed.
* People really liked the ideas of intersectionality, co-design, and universal design.
* Some people didn’t understand some of the words, like intersectionality, so the new version will describe these better.
* People were happy to see that developing a Disability Advisory Committee will be considered

| **What we heard** |
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| Focus Area 1   * Clearer wording should be added * The idea of co-design is great and should be part of planning events like International Day of People with Disability |
| Focus Area 2   * Council should look at better transport options for people with disability * Local businesses can play a big part in helping people with disability feel included |
| Focus Area 3   * People were happy to see that developing a Disability Advisory Committee will be investigated |
| Focus Area 4   * Some people did not understand the word ‘intersectionality’ |
| Focus Area 5   * Most people thought the idea of universal design was good, and should be in the plan |