

## ONLINE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

*Desire Lines User Behaviour Research: Initial Scoping and Feasibility*  
*Dr Elnaz Irannezhad*

### 1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to investigate factors affecting the street crossing behaviours of public transport users. Since you use public transportation, your answer will assist in determining which policies are most effective to influence a safe crossing behaviour among pedestrians around public transportation stations.

### 2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Dr Elnaz Irannezhad, Dr Milad Haghani, Associate Professor Taha Hossein Rashidi, Maziar Yazdani, Civil and Environmental Engineering - UNSW Sydney.

**Research Funder:** This research is being funded by iMOVE Australia.

### 3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Study participants are pedestrians who switch travel modes in two selected areas and choose desire lines for going from one location to another.
- Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

### 4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary)
- Complete the online questionnaire.

### 5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you decide to take part in the research study, we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire. The questionnaire will ask you questions about factors affecting the street crossing behaviours of public transport users. It should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Upon completion of this survey on-site, the participants will be rewarded with a \$10 coffee voucher. Respondents who complete the survey off-site will be entered into random draws in which 20% of respondents will be rewarded with \$10 coffee voucher.

If you experience discomfort or feelings of distress while participating in the research and you require support, you can stop participating at any time. You can also tell a member of the research team and they will provide you with assistance or alternatively a list of support services and their contact details are provided below.

### 6. What are the possible benefits to participation?

We hope to use information we get from this research study to assist infrastructure designers in providing better designs and safety outcomes for users, with a focus on pedestrian connector routes to PT stations and terminals.

### 7. What will happen to information about me?

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Submission of the online questionnaire is an indication of your consent. By clicking the 'I agree to participate' button you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for:

- A minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results.

The information about you will be stored in an/a

- Non-identifiable format where your identify will be unknown.

You will be asked to provide your consent for the research team the share or use the information collected from you in future research that:

- Will be specific to the aims of this research.

Your information will only be shared in a format that will not identify you.

**8. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?**

The research team intend to publish and/ report the results of the research. Public access to the results and conclusions of this research will be available on the websites of Victoria Department of Transport and iMOVE. As we do not ask for any contact information, If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

**9. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?**

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do this by closing the questionnaire. If you withdraw from the research, we will destroy any information that has already been collected. Once you have submitted the questionnaire however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses as the questionnaire is anonymous.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the **UNSW Privacy Management Plan**.

**10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?**

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

**Research Team Contact**

<b>Name</b>	Dr Elnaz Irannezhad
<b>Position</b>	PhD - Senior Lecturer
<b>Telephone</b>	0432 712 822
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:e.irannezhad@unsw.edu.au">e.irannezhad@unsw.edu.au</a>

**What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?**

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If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

**Complaints Contact**

<b>Position</b>	Human Research Ethics Coordinator
<b>Telephone</b>	+ 61 2 9385 6222
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:humanethics@unsw.edu.au">humanethics@unsw.edu.au</a>
<b>HC Reference Number</b>	HC220725

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## Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

### Declaration by the participant

By checking the I agree/start questionnaire option below:

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
  - I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or it has been provided to me in a language that I understand;
  - I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
  - I understand that if necessary, I can ask questions and the research team will respond to my questions.
  - I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I understand that I can download a copy of this consent form from [https://www.rciti.unsw.edu.au/sites/rciti/files/u48/20221108\\_PISCF.pdf](https://www.rciti.unsw.edu.au/sites/rciti/files/u48/20221108_PISCF.pdf)

**I agree, start questionnaire**

- I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;
- I am providing my contact details to allow the research team to send me reimbursement.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in the research proposal described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales, iMOVE Australia. In withdrawing my consent, I would like any information which I have provided for the purpose of this research study withdrawn.

### Participant Name

Name of Participant (please type)	
Date	

**Submit withdrawal of consent**