



Safe Local Roads and Streets Program

Factsheet

The \$200 million Safe Local Roads and Streets Program will support councils to plan for, and invest in, strategic infrastructure improvements that will make our local roads safer.

About the Program

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program recognises the barriers councils face when delivering road safety improvements. That's why the Program is supporting councils to build capacity and capability to deliver safer local roads.

From **July 2023 to June 2027**, we'll work with all Victorian councils to plan, design and deliver safety improvements on the highest risk local roads, intersections and precincts. Each council will be allocated up to \$2 million to deliver prioritised road safety projects, through a non-competitive process.

An additional \$10 million will be invested in developing the frameworks, tools and local capacity to support councils to sustainably implement Safe System aligned improvements.

What we're doing

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program will be delivered over seven rounds of engagement with councils.

The first round began in mid-2023 and saw us work with eleven councils to understand their needs and begin planning and project development.

From early 2024 to mid-2025 we will start to work with all remaining Victorian councils. A full timeline of these engagement rounds is provided on the following page.

We've established the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program Reference Group to help develop the planning framework, investment guidelines, tools and resources that will support councils throughout the Program.

Members of the Reference Group were selected via an expression of interest process in 2023 and include representatives from 15 councils and the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Why we're improving safety on local roads

The Victorian Government is committed to reducing road trauma, with a target to halve deaths on our roads by 2030 and put us on a strong path to eliminate all road deaths by 2050.

We all have a part to play in achieving these targets.

Councils manage 87 per cent of Victoria's road network. A significant proportion of road trauma occurs on these roads, accounting for some 40 per cent of serious injury, and 41 per cent of claims of life costs made to the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program acknowledges that councils have different capabilities and capacities to plan and deliver road safety improvements, with access to funding a particular barrier to implementing change.

By working with councils to build their capacity to plan, fund and deliver their priority projects, the Program takes a collaborative approach to reducing road trauma and improving road safety outcomes for all Victorians.



Safe Local Roads and Streets Program timeline

| FY | Round | No. of Lots | 2023-24 | | | | 2024-25 | | | | 2025-26 | | | | 2026-27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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*Round 1 has already commenced.

Key

- Workshop:** Initial workshops to be hosted over a two-month period
- Project Development:** Up to Six-month project development period
- Project Delivery:** Up to 18-month project delivery period

What's involved for Local Government

Councils will be advised of which round they will be invited to participate in.

The rounds begin with a kick-off period of approximately two months, during which a risk workshop will be held with each council. Councils will learn about road safety programs available in Victoria, discuss local road safety priorities, assess and analyse road safety risk on their network and begin to prioritise projects for potential funding.

Six-months of project development will see councils refine and finalise a project or pipeline of projects to be funded through the Program.

This is followed by an 18-month period for project delivery.

A Safe System approach

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program is designed to integrate local priorities with a Safe System approach.

A Safe System approach requires roads to be designed and managed so that death and serious injury are avoidable. It acknowledges that the road environment plays a vital role in preventing serious crashes and to reduce the severity of crashes when they happen.

The Safe System recognises that humans make mistakes and our bodies are vulnerable in the event of a crash. That's why we need to build more forgiving roads so that when a mistake does happen, it doesn't cost a life.

Which treatments are eligible

All treatments funded through the Program must take a Safe System approach and will be considered according to their suitability for the road environment.

The Safe Local Roads and Street Program will target improving safety at low speed and mixed-use roads and streets, intersections and high speed local roads.

Further questions

For any further enquiries about the Program, get in touch with Road Safety Victoria at the Department of Transport and Planning via roadsafetyvictoria@roads.vic.gov.au.

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