

# Media Release

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## GRANTS TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY ON VICTORIA'S LOCAL ROADS

The Andrews Labor Government is backing local governments to improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Labor Government has today launched this year's TAC Local Government Grant Program, with applications now open to local government authorities for grants to fund road safety projects.

Analysis grants of up to \$30,000 and infrastructure grants of up to \$100,000, with a matched 1:1 contribution from the LGA, are available for projects that adopt Safe System principles to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists.

The Safe System is a holistic approach to road safety that recognises different elements of the road environment must work together to keep everyone safe - these elements include roads and roadsides, vehicles, travel speeds, and road users.

The program now also includes grants of up to \$30,000 for developing Road Safety Strategies and Action Plans, and a further \$30,000 for purchasing Variable Message Signs.

Previous projects funded through the program include a raised pedestrian crossing (wombat crossing) in Warrnambool City Council and the development of concept plans for a cycling corridor in the City of Greater Dandenong.

The program is now open and will close at 3 pm on Wednesday, 9 August.

For more information on funding guidelines and further details on past projects, visit [www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants](http://www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

*"Creating a safe road network is crucial to reducing the number of lives lost on Victoria's roads, and local governments are an important part of that."*

*"These grants empower local governments to proactively work to improve road safety for their communities and address local road issues."*

### Quotes attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter

*"Victoria's local councils are responsible for roads that are often used by cyclists and pedestrians and they are best-placed to identify what infrastructure is needed to keep them safe."*

*"Improving road safety in Victoria is everyone's responsibility and these grants will ensure we're supporting local councils to improve in the overall health and mobility of their communities."*