

# Media Release

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## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY UPGRADES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Pedestrians will be able to walk to where they want to go more safely thanks to a significant investment from the Andrews Labor Government in road safety infrastructure and upgrades.

This year, 25 pedestrians have tragically been killed on Victorian roads and a \$23 million investment will improve pedestrian safety in areas where those on foot are more at risk.

To improve pedestrian safety, local councils applied for funding to develop and deliver upgrades in areas or on sections of road that pose a risk to pedestrian safety in their community.

This round of funding will support developments at priority sites, including a pedestrian crossing upgrade at the intersection of Gaffney and Camdon Streets in Pascoe Vale, wombat crossings at busy intersections in Ocean Grove and Highton, and other pedestrian upgrades in Benalla, Kangaroo Flat Wangaratta and funding for planning in Williamstown.

Pedestrian safety upgrades such as raised priority crossings, wombat crossings, zebras with speed cushions on the approaches, raised intersections, and pedestrian operated signals will be a priority across local and arterial roads.

The Safe System Pedestrian Infrastructure program aims to improve pedestrian safety across the state by investing in upgrades at locations where pedestrian crashes have been identified, or where there is a high risk.

The package supports *Victoria's Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030* which aims to significantly reduce road trauma and halve road deaths by 2030.

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

*"This investment will go a long way to improve pedestrian safety right across the state – by giving local councils the chance to address the issues and concerns impacting their communities."*

*"We are building safe roads across the state for all road users and making it easier for everyone to get where they need to go, especially pedestrians."*

### Quotes attributable to Road Safety Victoria Executive Director Marcelo Vidales

*"We're supporting communities across the state to protect some of our most vulnerable road users by providing grants to prevent and reduce the number of lives lost and serious injuries on our roads."*

*"We all have a role to play in looking out for each other and sharing the road safely, especially for those who are walking on local roads and streets."*

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

*"Working with local councils is integral to improving safety infrastructure to better protect pedestrians, make the roads safer and more livable for everyone who uses them."*

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