

Media Release

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SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL SAFETY UPGRADES ON VICTORIAN ROADS

The Allan Labor Government is backing pedestrians and cyclists, with more than \$2 million worth of grants for local councils to improve road safety for vulnerable road users.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne today announced the 40 Victorian councils that will receive funding under the annual Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) Local Government Grant Program.

Projects funded through the grant program must use Safe System principles with a focus on reducing crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists, those most vulnerable to trauma on our roads.

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.

Merri-bek City Council's \$100,000 grant will help deliver five wombat crossings between City Link and Melville Road, with matching funding from the council. Wombat crossings are raised pedestrian crossings that increase visibility in high-traffic areas.

Surf Coast Shire Council's \$30,000 grant will be used to explore options for a safe cycling link between Torquay and Geelong, focusing on high-risk routes on the Surf Coast Highway and Horseshoe Bend Road.

A full list of successful recipients is available here tac.vic.gov.au/local-government-grants.

The 2024 TAC Local Government Grant Program will open for applications mid-June 2024. For more information on the program, visit tac.vic.gov.au/local-government-grants.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne:

"Any life lost on our roads is a tragedy, that's why we're working with councils across the state to implement projects that keep Victorians safe."

Quote attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter:

"Protecting vulnerable road users is a key part of improving road safety in Victoria and this grant program supports local governments to find solutions to specific road safety concerns in their region."