

Media Release

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MAKING LOCAL ROADS SAFER AS 200 PROJECTS APPROVED

The Allan Labor Government is making journeys across Victoria smoother, thanks to a \$210 million investment in the Safe Local Roads and Streets program to help reduce road trauma.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne today announced more than 200 projects will support councils with up to \$2 million to develop, design and deliver safety upgrades on local roads, intersections and precincts.

The funding will allow local councils to deliver a range of upgrades to improve safety on local roads including pedestrian crossings, intersection upgrades and speed-calming measures.

Local governments manage 87 per cent of Victoria's roads and the program supports the development and delivery of road safety infrastructure projects on these roads that many people use every day for travelling to school, work and around the local community.

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program will support councils capacities to plan, fund and deliver road safety improvements on these roads.

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program is boosting safety and support the Labor Government's 2030 Road Safety Strategy which aims to halve deaths by 2030 and put us on a strong path to eliminate all road deaths by 2050.

We delivered record roads funding last year and this Budget delivered even more – our massive \$976 million Better Roads Blitz will fix potholes and upgrade road surfaces right across Victoria.

Further information on the program can be found at transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/projects/safe-local-roads-and-streets-program.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We've funded more than 200 projects to help local councils to deliver safer streets where local communities needs them most."

Quote attributable to TAC Chief Executive Officer Tracey Slatter

"We know local governments are deeply committed to making their local roads safer, and this program is providing the much-needed investment needed to help councils prevent crashes and save lives in their local communities."

Quote attributable to Head of Road Safety Victoria Marcelo Vidales

"We're working alongside every single Victorian council to deliver important road safety infrastructure on local roads."