

Media Release

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MORE SAFETY UPGRADES FOR LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

More safety upgrades will soon roll out on local roads and streets across Victoria.

Another 100 projects have now been announced under the Safe Local Roads and Streets Program.

Labor is investing a further \$28.7 million in the program, with \$17.2 million directed to regional Victoria.

The funding will help councils deliver projects including pedestrian crossings, intersection upgrades and traffic calming measures.

More than 430 projects have now been approved across Victoria, with all 79 councils participating in the program.

Projects funded in this round include a \$482,000 upgrade in Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, which will deliver raised priority crossings to improve pedestrian safety on busy local roads.

A \$442,000 investment in Wallan's growing Wallara Waters Estate will deliver speed limit reductions, raised crossings and traffic calming measures to improve safety for local residents.

In Port Melbourne, \$374,000 will fund bicycle safety upgrades and a raised crossing on Beacon Road to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians along the busy corridor.

Local roads make up 87 per cent of Victoria's road network and are used by communities every day to get to school, work and local shops.

The program is helping councils deliver practical upgrades that reduce the risk of crashes and improve safety for all road users.

The Safe Local Roads and Streets Program is part of Victoria's Road Safety Strategy.

The strategy aims to halve road deaths by 2030 and eliminate road deaths by 2050.

The program was developed by the Transport Accident Commission in partnership with the Department of Transport and Planning.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Ros Spence MP

"We're partnering with councils to deliver practical safety upgrades on the local roads Victorians use every single day."

"These projects will make local streets safer for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists right across the state."

Quotes attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter

"Pedestrians and cyclists are over-represented in serious injuries on local roads and this program is aimed at reducing risk where it's needed most, making everyday trips safer for all road users – particularly those that are more vulnerable."

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