



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications

Office of Road Safety: Special update – Road safety funded through Federal Budget

Significant road safety funding has been announced as part of the 2020-21 Federal Budget.

\$2b Road Safety program announced

A \$2 billion Road Safety program has been announced as part of the 2020-21 Budget.

The program will apply lifesaving treatments predominantly to rural and regional roads, as well as to protect those most vulnerable in urban areas, including cyclists and pedestrians. Upgrades to regional roads are expected to include shoulder sealing and audio tactile line marking, centre line treatments, and barriers to protect against roadside hazards. In urban areas, projects will focus on greater protection and separation for vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists. This program will provide an estimated 35% reduction in fatal and serious injuries across approximately 3,000 kilometres of roads.

This funding will see road safety treatments roll out quickly, saving lives and reducing the number and severity of road crash injuries. The funding will be delivered in three, six-month tranches. Subject to states and territories applying for projects, work on the first tranche of road safety projects is due to start in January 2021.

All states and territories will receive a notional allocation of funding. States and territories will be required to use their allocated funding within each tranche. Jurisdictions that do not spend their allocation in the timeframe will have their future notional allocation reduced. The resulting unallocated funds will be placed in a pool through which jurisdictions that spend their allocation can seek additional road safety funds. States and territories will be required to report against road safety metrics to assess the effectiveness of the treatments chosen.

This additional investment builds on the [\\$500 million Targeted Road Safety Works](#), announced in June.

National Road Safety Data Hub

A new National Road Safety Data Hub has also been announced, with \$5.5 million over four years to ensure transparent monitoring and evaluation of policies and investments in road safety. The Data Hub will support our commitment to deliver the new National Road Safety Strategy over the next decade, putting Australia on a path to achieve vision zero by 2050.

The National Road Safety Data Hub will generate analytical products for public access, building on the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Research Economics road safety statistics and dashboards. Data required to be provided under the \$2 billion Road Safety Program will be analysed and reported on through the Data Hub.

As the Data Hub is developed, a working group is expected to work through the current challenges of receiving data from other agencies to support collection of serious injury data.

More information

- [Media release – Infrastructure investment laying the foundations for Australia's economic recovery](#)
- [Media release – Budget 2020: Federal Budget prioritises life-saving road safety investments](#)
- [Infrastructure Investment website – Road Safety program](#)

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