

Safer Travel Speeds in Shared Urban Spaces Funding Program

Questions and Answer

What are the aims of the program?

- The main objective of the program is to reduce speeds in shared urban spaces.
- As Local Governments are responsible for a large majority of these areas the State Government will provide funding (on a dollar for dollar basis) for Councils to undertake traffic calming treatments aimed at reducing speeds.
- This will help reduce the conflict between motor vehicles and other road users, and increase the safety in shared urban spaces for all road users.

How much funding is available for projects?

- The State Government has allocated \$2 million over the four-year period (2008-2011) for the program.
- Funding for this project has been sourced from the Road Safety Levy with \$500,000 per annum being allocated to fund successful projects.

What types of projects are funding available for?

- Funding under the program is for specific road infrastructure treatments, which can be shown to reduce speed in shared urban spaces.
- Projects should be in areas where there is an appreciable risk of conflict occurring between motor vehicles and other vulnerable road users.
- Only new submissions and additions to existing projects are eligible for funding.

When will funding be received?

- Funding will be made available on the completion of all project works and once a representative of the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) has conducted a completion audit.

How do I make a submission?

- Submissions made by Councils must include a completed application form. A copy of the form is available on the DIER Transport website.
- Submissions for funding should be sent to the address on the application form by no later than Friday, 7 May 2010.

How will projects be prioritised?

- In the event that there are insufficient funds for all projects that meet the selection criteria, funding priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate a high safety return.
- Projects will be assessed and prioritised by a Program Working Group and the Road Safety Strategy Steering Committee.

What are the timeframes for completion of projects?

- Successful projects will be announced in June 2010 with projects to commence work in July 2010. In order to be eligible for funding projects must be completed in the financial year in which they commence.
- Therefore projects, which commence in July 2010, must be completed by the end of the 2010-11 financial year.