

School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan

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Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on Tuesday 22 July 2025, Council received the School Travel Safety Review reports and asked Administration to cost and to develop for presentation to Council by the end of the year, a staged implementation plan, including a prioritised list of infrastructure developments within the vicinity of each school that aligns with the recommendations of the reviews.

The purpose of this report is to approve the School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan (Attachment A).

The delivery of the plan will be subject to funding approvals as part of future Business Plan and Budget processes, beginning with the 2026/27 financial year.

The Implementation Plan includes indicative costings and proposed timeframes for funding and implementation, considering the Integrated Transport Strategy measure of success of 30% of children using active travel to school by 2030 ('30 by 30' as referred to in the resolution the City of Adelaide presented at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2025) and 40% using public transport to school by 2030.

Administration continues to actively work with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to implement speed limit changes around each school.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 25 November 2025 for consideration

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee meeting held on 18 November 2025.
2. Notes the delivery of the School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan will be subject to funding approvals as part of future Annual Business Plan and Budget processes, beginning with the 2026/27 financial year.
3. Authorises the Lord Mayor to write to the State Government to request funding for Council to implement the School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan with a specific focus on infrastructure improvements related to West Terrace, Glover Avenue and Currie Street, and Wakefield and Grote Streets transport corridors.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<p>Strategic Alignment – Our Places</p> <p>Community assets are adaptable and responsibly maintained.</p> <p>Create safe, inclusive and healthy places for our community.</p>
Policy	<p>Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS)</p> <p>Goal 1.1: Healthy streets to enable everyone to move</p> <p><i>Enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in city life and move around the city.</i></p> <p>Key Projects and Services: <i>Create healthy, child-friendly streets, with a focus around schools and residential areas to enable active travel to school and local walkability / wheelability:</i></p> <p><i>Develop a prioritised program for schools across City of Adelaide, and for intersections and crossings in 2025 [lead]:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Implement Safe System aligned speeds around schools and in residential areas, with traffic calming as needed.</i> • <i>Implement Safe System compliant crossings and intersections, focussing on active travel routes.</i>
Consultation	Consultation will be required as part of the design and delivery of the interventions.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	As set out in South Australia's Road Safety Strategy to 2031 Council, as a Road Authority, Council has a responsibility for road safety outcomes and to seek Safe System outcomes.
Opportunities	Progress towards achieving road safety targets and other commitments outlined in South Australia's Road Safety Strategy, City of Adelaide's City Plan 2036, City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024-2028 and Integrated Transport Strategy and assist in implementing the School Travel Safety Review recommendations.
25/26 Budget Allocation	\$150,000 supplemented by a funding request as part of a 2025/26 budget reconsideration (savings to be identified).
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	\$805,000 currently allocated in forward estimates subject to budget requests as part of the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget process.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of Asset)	The review and delivery of the interventions will be ongoing.
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Grant and funding opportunities will be sought.

DISCUSSION

Background

1. At its meeting on 22 July 2025 Council ([Link 1](#)) resolved:

'That Council:

1. *Receives the eleven (11) School Travel Safety Review reports prepared by Tonkin contained within Attachments A to K to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Reconvened on 17 July 2025.*
2. *Asks the Administration to cost and to develop for presentation to Council by the end of the year a staged implementation plan, incorporating the details of paragraph 64 of the discussion for the IPW Committee papers of 17 July 2025, and including a prioritised list of infrastructure developments within the vicinity of each school that aligns with the recommendations of the reviews.*
3. *Notes the delivery of the infrastructure improvements will be subject to funding approvals as part of future Business Plan and Budget processes, beginning with the process for the 2026/27 financial year.*
4. *Asks the Administration to identify, and to seek funding for, those improvements for which Australian Government or South Australian Government assistance could be available.*
5. *Approves as a priority measure the implementation of school zone speed limits and / or speed limit changes around each school in consultation with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.*
6. *Requests that administration develop a phased implementation plan for signage and infrastructure improvements, noting the urgency regarding signage in support of speed limit changes.*
7. *Notes that Administration will consult with the schools to investigate additional opportunities to increase student walking and cycling levels.*
8. *Requests that the Lord Mayor writes to each school principal and to each parent group, advising them of the background and the detail of Council's decision in respect of their school.*
9. *Notes that the Administration will provide further updates to Council for review and consideration.'*

2. The eleven (11) School Travel Safety Review reports presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 17 July 2025 ([Link 2](#)) related to the following schools:
 - 2.1. Adelaide Botanic High School.
 - 2.2. Adelaide High School.
 - 2.3. Christian Brothers College Junior Campus.
 - 2.4. Christian Brothers College.
 - 2.5. Gilles Street Primary School.
 - 2.6. North Adelaide Primary School.
 - 2.7. Pulteney Grammar School.
 - 2.8. St Dominic's Priory School.
 - 2.9. St Mary's College.
 - 2.10. Sturt Street Community School.
 - 2.11. University Senior College.
3. The School Travel Safety Review report related to St Aloysius College was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 19 March 2024 ([Link 3](#)) and received by Council at its Meeting on Tuesday, 26 March 2024 ([Link 4](#)).
4. Consultation and correspondence between the Administration and school communities has been on-going, with most recently an invitation sent to each of the school principals on 12 August 2025 to meet and discuss the concept plans.

School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan

5. The School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan (the Implementation Plan) (**Attachment A**) has been prepared with consideration of:

- 5.1. The School Travel Safety Review reports completed for each school and infrastructure works recently undertaken around St Aloysius College.
- 5.2. Safe System Assessments undertaken by the external consultant Safe System Solutions for the remaining 11 schools and the road safety improvement score related to the proposed interventions. ([Link 5](#)).
- 5.3. Updated concept plans including improvements and additional interventions identified in the Safe System Assessments ([Link 6](#)).
- 5.4. Prioritisation of zone speed limits and / or speed limit changes around each school in consultation with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and additional signage, noting the urgency regarding signage in support of speed limit changes.
- 5.5. Feedback received from 6 out of 11 schools on the infrastructure improvements following the Council meeting on 22 July 2025 ([Link 7](#)).
- 5.6. Additional investigations and designs are required, including related to traffic and parking impacts and associated consultation.
6. The Implementation Plan includes school travel safety related infrastructure project opportunities within proximity of each school.
7. Projects seek to increase levels of comfort and convenience for increased use of active travel by students whilst acknowledging the need for a level of pick-up and drop-off provision for those students who need to be driven, through review of parking controls and the design of pick up and drop off facilities.
8. The indicative cost of the infrastructure project opportunities identified in the Implementation Plan across the schools is \$36 million which exceeds available funding within the long-term financial plan.

Traffic and Parking Impacts

9. The concept plans have been developed with a focus on road safety improvements and opportunities. Additional investigations and consultation will be undertaken including traffic and parking impacts through the project planning and design processes.

School Travel Safety Review – Speed Limit/School Zone Implementation Progress Update

10. The Administration is currently prioritising the implementation of additional and expanded school zone speed reductions around schools within the City of Adelaide, with an initial focus on school zones adjacent to existing Pedestrian Actuated Crossings.
11. These changes require the approval of DIT as a non-standard traffic control device treatment which the City of Adelaide does not have delegation under the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure dated 22 August 2013.
12. The additional and expanded school zone speed reductions around schools within the City of Adelaide are included in the Implementation Plan and Concept Plans. Current status can be found in ([Link 8](#)).

Next Steps

13. The delivery of the School Travel Safety Review Implementation Plan will be subject to funding approvals as part of future Annual Business Plan and Budget processes, beginning with the 2026/27 financial year.
14. Administration will continue to engage with schools and DIT about potential interventions for improved school travel safety.
15. Administration will continue to complete Traffic Impact Statements for DIT approvals for speed limit changes around schools.
16. Administration will continue to apply for applicable grants, to seek additional funding for interventions.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Minutes, Council, 22 July 2025

Link 2 – Agenda, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, 17 July 2025

Link 3 – Agenda, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, 19 March 2024

Link 4 – Minutes, Council, 26 March 2024

Link 5 – Safe System Assessment Reports prepared by Safe System Solutions

Link 6 – Updated concept plans including improvements and additional interventions identified in the Safe System Assessments

Link 7 – Summary of feedback from schools on draft Concept Plans

Link 8 - School Travel Safety Review - Implementation Plan Summary - School Zones and Speed Limits - October 2025

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – School Travel Safety Implementation Plan

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