FAQs Road Safety Strategy

Mornington Peninsula Shire

Why are you refreshing the Road Safety Strategy

In 2016, we became Victoria's first Towards Zero municipality with the vision for zero deaths and serious injuries. At its heart, Towards Zero is about protecting and improving human health and wellbeing.

The draft updated Strategy responds to current and emerging challenges and data, guiding how we plan, prioritise and deliver road safety initiatives over the coming years, while working collaboratively with the community and other government agencies.

Why is this important? 107 lives lost is 107 too many

Despite significant progress in road safety over many years, the Mornington Peninsula has unacceptably high levels of road trauma and has historically been among the worst of Victoria's 79 municipalities. In the past 15 years, 107 people were killed and over 2,300 seriously injured on roads within the Mornington Peninsula.

What does the draft Strategy focus on?

The draft Strategy identifies and prioritises the six crash types responsible for approximately 90% of deaths and serious injuries on the Peninsula: **lane-departure, intersection, rear-end, motorcyclist, cyclist and pedestrian crashes.**

The draft Strategy has actions and initiatives that will help:

- Reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads
- Improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users
- Address known high-risk locations through infrastructure improvements
- Advocate for road safety improvements on State-managed roads
- Implement appropriate speed limits on our road network in line with our new Safe Speeds Action Plan
- Reduce the high level of wildlife road strike on the Peninsula with a Wildlife Road Strike Action Plan
- Strengthen partnerships with government agencies, emergency services, schools and community organisations
- Continue to maintain the Shire's road network in line with our published Road Management Plan

What is the Safe System Approach and why are we using it?

The draft Strategy is built on the best-practice Safe System approach, which recognises that **people make mistakes and that the transport system should be designed so those mistakes do not result in death or serious injury.**

The Safe System has five interconnected pillars:

- Safe Roads and Roadsides
  Designing and improving roads, intersections, crossings and roadsides to reduce the likelihood and severity of crashes.

- Safe Speeds
  Supporting vehicle speeds to be within safe limits for all of us on the road.
- Safe Road Users
  Encouraging safe, responsible and compliant road behaviour through education, engagement, partnerships and community awareness initiatives.
- Safer Vehicles
  Developing and promoting safer vehicle technologies, and safe vehicle purchase choices.
- Post-Crash Care
  Responsive and high-quality care for injured road users to maximise their opportunity for survival and recovery.

What are the Wildlife Road Strike Action Plan and the Safe Speeds Action Plan?

Two key initiatives included in our draft Road Safety Strategy are our Wildlife Road Strike Action Plan and Safe Speeds Action Plan.

Wildlife Road Strike Action Plan:
The overlap between Mornington Peninsula wildlife habitat and transport infrastructure results in an inherent conflict, with frequent wildlife–vehicle collisions.

The Wildlife Road Strike Action Plan identifies opportunities to better understand wildlife collision hotspots and explore infrastructure, signage, education and partnership initiatives that can help reduce wildlife road strikes and create safer outcomes for both people and wildlife.

Further information and the Action Plan can be found in the Strategy documents in the Document Library.

Safer Speeds Action Plan:
This Action Plan has been developed based on where existing speed limits on Shire-managed roads warrant a change to a more appropriate speed limit based on the criteria in the Department of Transport & Planning's Speed Zoning Policy.

The proposed speed limit changes will be prioritised each year, with batches of change applications submitted to the Department. This will result in more thorough and consistent implementation of appropriate speed limits than the traditional approach of changing speed limits on one road at a time, resulting in a safer road network.

You can view and provide comment on the proposed speed limit changes on the Interactive Safe Speeds Map below.

Further information about speed limits in Victoria, including the Department of Transport & Planning's Speed Zoning Policy, is available on this Transport Victoria website: **Speed limits | Road rules and safety - Transport Victoria**.

The Safe Speeds Action Plan applies to Shire-managed roads only. Some roads are managed by the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning. Learn more at **mornpen.vic.gov.au/TransportVictoriaRoads**.

Can I give feedback on Potholes?

We understand concerns about road conditions and potholes. While this page is about the *Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy 2026-2031*, more information about potholes and reporting potholes can be found here: ***Potholes - Mornington Peninsula Shire***.