



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 7

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023/24 ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT FUND

Purpose of Report:

To seek Committee approval for the acceptance of the Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund for 2023/24.

Recommendations:

- It is recommended that Committee approves the acceptance of the Transport Scotland grant outlined below:
 - £941,711 of external funding from Transport Scotland for projects that align to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Background

- 1.1 The Scottish Government has committed to a Safe System approach to road safety in alignment with its Road Safety Framework to 2030 (RSF30)

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/scotland-s-road-safety-framework-to-2030/> .

This framework embeds international best practice.

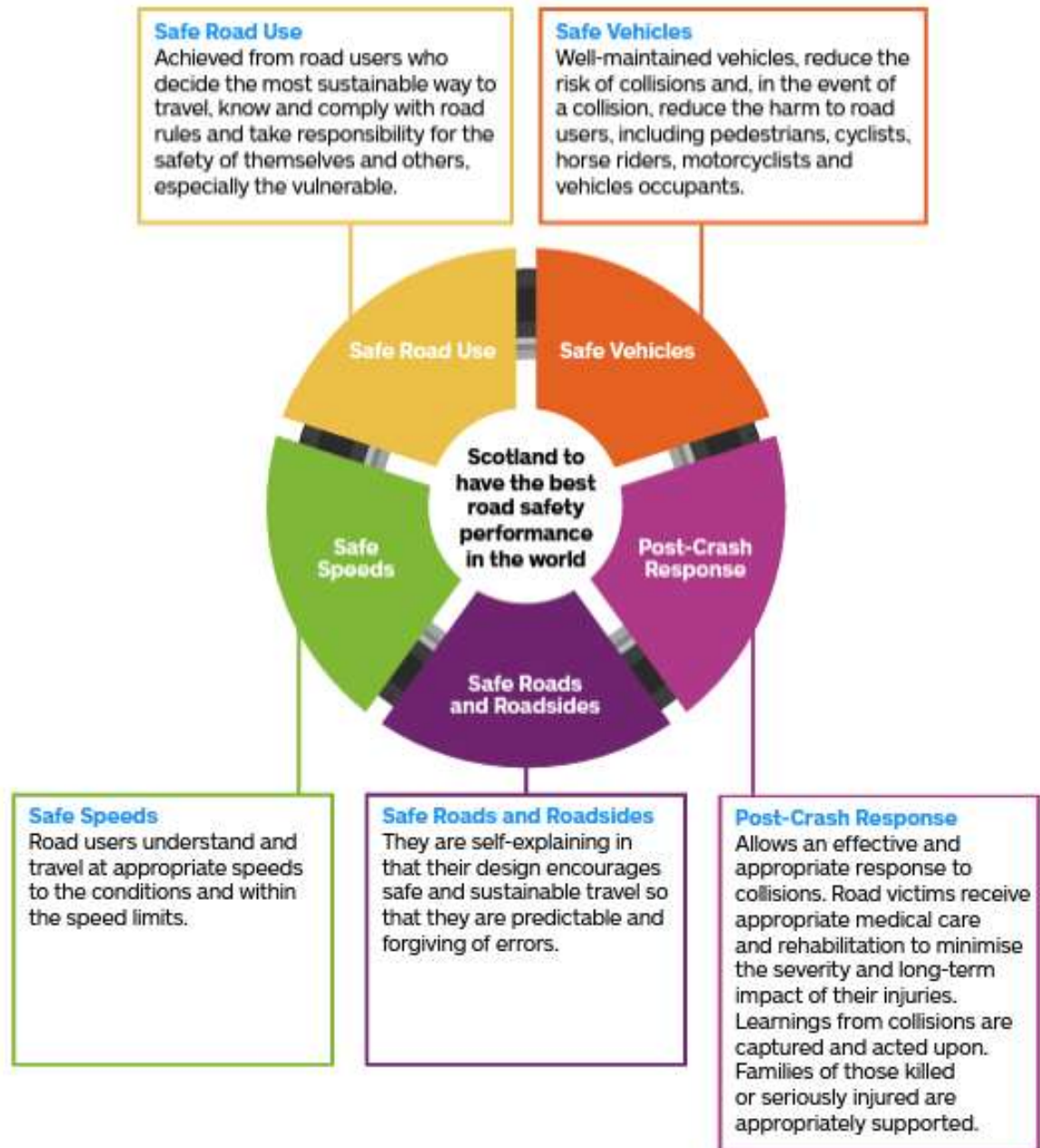
The Safe System approach to road safety management is based on the principle that our life and health should not be compromised by our need to travel. It puts human beings at its centre and stems from the belief that every road death or serious injury is preventable. It recognises that people make mistakes when using our roads, and that they are vulnerable to being killed or seriously injured, if they are involved in a crash.

- 1.2 The key objectives of the Road Safety Improvement Fund (RSIF) fund are to help road authorities meet the 2030 road casualty reduction targets and to implement the Safe System approach across their road networks through a targeted approach. This will deliver on the 5 outcomes and 12 strategic actions of the RSF30. Transport Scotland has provided this grant to local authorities for projects that deliver road safety in line with the Safe Systems approach.
- 1.3 This approach reflects the council's policy framework for road safety set out in Glasgow's Road Safety Plan 2020-2030 and will support Glasgow's commitment to reduce road fatalities and serious injuries by tackling barriers to road safety.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedDocument.asp?c=P62AFQDNZLDNZ3UTDN#:~:text=Safe%20speeds,from%2039%25%20to%2044%25%20> ,

The explicit, longer-term goal of the Safe System is for a road traffic system which becomes free from death and serious injury through incremental, targeted improvements within a specified safety performance framework – in Scotland this is the RSF30. It is backed up by interim and quantitative targets to reduce numbers of deaths and serious injuries – usually measured over a ten-year period. It aims for a more forgiving road system that takes human vulnerability and fallibility into account; people are fragile and make mistakes that can lead to collisions. A safe (road) system mitigates that problem with its five pillars which effectively act as layers of protection all working in harmony to prevent deaths and serious injuries.

Five Pillars of the Safe System



- 1.4 Projects may include improved safety aspects of the road, its surrounding environment, vehicle technology and education of all road users.
- 1.5 RSIF is not a replacement for local authorities' annual road safety budgets. It will support local authorities' commitment to reducing risk and casualty reduction on their roads through the implementation of further Framework-compliant Safe System measures. It should be noted that projects will not be accepted if one or more of the following points are applicable to the proposal:
 - (i) The benefit to road users is unclear i.e. if the forecasted road casualty reduction cannot be provided or the benefits of risk reduction provided.

- (ii) The project is for funding towards services or activities previously funded in whole or in part by the applicant's organisation(s) or a statutory body.
- (iii) The request is for core funding rather than Programme/Project(s) funding.
- (iv) Programme/Projects are of a party-political nature or likely to be in breach of laws relating to equality and opportunity.
- (v) A requirement of projects is that the council provides details of their local authorities' road safety budget for the last 5 years. We are also required to confirm our road safety budget for the current financial year 2023/24.

1.6 This is the first year Transport Scotland have provided this specific fund.

2 Proposals

Road Safety Improvement Fund Proposals

Ward	Location	Nature of Works	Approximate Cost of Works
15	Cowal Road	Traffic Calming - Speed cushions	£40,000
3	Hurlet Road	High friction surfacing, road signs and road markings	£70,000
19	Woodend Road	Cushions and priority measures	£45,000
2	Kilmarnock Road	Footway build outs	£15,000
2	Ferleigh Road	Traffic Calming - Speed cushions	£32,000
16	Leeside Road	Road Closures (Except for Cyclists)	£18,000
2	Laggan Road	Road Closure (Except for Cyclists)	£10,000
	Various	Upgrade existing Variable Message Signs	£200,000
	Various	Supply and installation of smart cross technology	£50,000
18	Carntyne Road / St Andrews Secondary School	Upgrade existing pedestrian crossing to a toucan crossing	£70,000
9	Dalmarnock Road / Springfield Road	Upgrade existing traffic signal junction	£160,000
22	Royston Road / Blochairn Road	Upgrade existing traffic signal junction	£115,000
18 / 20	Edinburgh Road / Dunan Place	Upgrade existing pedestrian crossing to a toucan crossing	£80,000
	Contingency funds		£36,711
			£941,711

3 Summary

This funding allocation will allow road safety projects focused on safer speeds and safer roads and roadsides.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	This will provide additional funding of £941,711.
<i>Legal:</i>	GCC Legal Services to conduct due diligence
<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct personnel issues
<i>Procurement:</i>	

Council Strategic Plan: Grand Challenge 3: Fight the Climate Emergency in a Just Transition to a Net Zero Glasgow and Mission 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.</i>	Yes, the proposal supports the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25
<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	Positive impact.
<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.</i>	This funding will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

Climate Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:</i>	The proposal supports the Climate Plan through actions: No 51 – “Deliver a comprehensive active travel network, incorporating the Spaces for People
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measures and enabling 20 minute neighborhoods through the livable neighborhoods plan.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

There are a number of potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal including a reduction in road safety casualties, contributing to a healthy City.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Yes.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report
Y/N

No

5 Recommendations

- It is recommended that Committee approves the acceptance of the Transport Scotland funding stream as outlined below:
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