



HAVE YOUR SAY

Draft Road Safety Strategy – Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why is this strategy important?
 - a. A road safety strategy provides a coordinated plan to reduce the high number of road fatalities and injuries across the metro.
2. How does this strategy affect me?
 - a. It makes our roads safer for you and your family by reducing accidents and improving how people drive, walk, cycle and travel with public transport.
3. How and when will the RSS be implemented? How will areas be prioritised?
 - a. The RSS will be implemented through a phased Implementation Plan with clear responsibilities, timelines and budgets across relevant City and partner departments. Areas will be prioritised using crash data, risk profiling and equity considerations, focusing on high-risk roads, land uses and communities with the most vulnerable road users.
Delivery will occur through short-, medium- and long-term programmes. Examples of these programmes are outlined in Chapter 7 of the draft RSS.
4. How will this improve road safety within my area?
 - a. This Strategy improves road safety by proactively reducing risk across the whole transport system through safer road design, safer speeds, targeted enforcement, and data-led decision-making. By prioritising vulnerable road users and designing the system to better protect people, it aims to reduce serious injuries and fatalities over time in all communities across the city.
5. What does the strategy say about driver behaviour?
 - a. The Strategy recognises that while drivers must take responsibility, human error is inevitable, so the road system must reduce harm when mistakes occur. It targets high-risk behaviours such as speeding and impaired driving through smarter enforcement, education, and road design that encourages safer behaviour and protects others.

6. How is the City protecting pedestrians and cyclists?
 - a. The Strategy prioritises pedestrians and cyclists through safer road design, traffic calming, speed management, and dedicated walking and cycling infrastructure in high-risk areas.

7. What level of government is responsible for road safety in Cape Town?
 - a. Road safety is a shared responsibility across all spheres of government. National and provincial government set legislation and policy, while the City of Cape Town is responsible for planning, designing and managing most local roads, as well as enforcement, education and day-to-day safety interventions at city level, working in coordination with other authorities.

8. How can residents, businesses and civil society organisations support road safety in Cape Town?
 - a. Communities, businesses and organisations can partner with the City, support local safety initiatives, and take part in public engagement processes to help create safer streets.

9. How will progress be measured?
 - a. Progress will be tracked using clear indicators such as reductions in road fatalities and serious injuries, supported by crash data, enforcement performance, and safety programme monitoring.

10. What type of feedback is the City looking for in this Public Participation process?
 - a. The City is seeking feedback on the Strategy's overall direction, priorities, and proposed approach to improving road safety. This includes comments on the vision, guiding principles, strategic focus areas, and whether the Strategy responds effectively to road safety challenges experienced in Cape Town

11. Can I submit comments on general or specific concerns within my neighbourhood, or should my comments relate only to the strategy?
 - a. Residents are welcome to raise general or local road safety concerns, but feedback should focus on how these experiences relate to the Strategy's overall approach, priorities, and principles

12. What is the difference between a service request and a policy comment?
- a. A service request relates to a specific issue on the ground and is handled through the City's service channels. A policy comment provides feedback on the Road Safety Strategy
13. Can I suggest new ideas or only comment on what is already in the Draft Strategy?
- a. Residents and stakeholders may comment on the proposals in the Draft Strategy and suggest new ideas, provided the feedback relates to the overall road safety approach, priorities, and direction the City should take at a strategic level.
14. Can I submit photos, evidence, or examples with my comments?
- a. Uploading of attachments is platform dependant. If the resident is using the Have Your Say page to submit their comment, they won't be able to upload any attachment.
15. Will my comment be individually acknowledged and directly responded?
- a. All the individuals who commented on the process will receive an outcome email which will include a responses document.