

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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FUNDING FOR ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

Council has successfully secured funding of \$295,000 for a range of high priority projects to improve road safety and increase active transport within the Camden Local Government Area (LGA).

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said that she is delighted that Council has been successful in receiving the funding and is proud to lead a Council that is committed to proactively addressing road safety and transport options.

“Camden is experiencing rapid growth and Council is constantly investigating options to ensure that we are addressing issues in regards to our roads, footpaths and cycling networks,”

“Council is committed to working with other levels of government to find ways to improve the safety of residents and visitors now and into the future.”

“A Narellan CBD Public Domain Plan will identify further pedestrian and transport improvements in response to current and future growth in Narellan, while a Bike Plan will provide a formal strategy which identifies priorities for improving cycle access and pathway networks across the LGA.”

“I would like to thank the Federal Member for Macarthur, Mr Russell Matheson and the State Member for Camden, Mr Chris Patterson for their assistance with the funding, which will be of great benefit for our community.” Cr Symkowiak said.

State Government Funding

State Government funding of \$90,000 has been received under the Active Transport and Safer Roads Programs coordinated by Roads and Maritime Services, to go towards improving safety on our roads and creating better walking and cycling connections.

Five successful projects will be delivered under these programs, with Council also committing \$90,000 towards the projects as there is a dollar for dollar requirement of acceptance of the funding.

Funding under the Active Transport Program will be used to provide pedestrian refuges at Paddy Miller Avenue (Currans Hill) and Hartley Road (Smeaton Grange), along with the Narellan CBD Public Domain Plan and Camden Council Bike Plan.

Improving safety for school children is a very high priority and funding received through the Safer Roads program will be used to upgrade the pedestrian crossing on Stenhouse Drive outside Mount Annan Public School.

Federal Government Funding

To receive Federal Government Black Spot funding, eligibility is based on a history of recorded accidents and their severity. Identified areas now funded to address these issues include a roundabout at the intersection of Elizabeth and Mitchell Streets (Camden) and shoulder improvements, enhanced signage and line marking at Allenby Road (Rossmore). A total of \$205,000 has been allocated to Council under this funding program. Council is not required to provide dollar for dollar funding for this program.

Council will continue to work towards implementing and improving safety in the Camden Local Government Area to deliver these much needed projects.

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