



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

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Item 3

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2024/25 ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT FUND

Purpose of Report:

To seek Committee approval for the acceptance of the Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund for 2024/25.

Recommendations:

- It is recommended that Committee approves the acceptance of the Transport Scotland grant outlined below:
 - £1,014,284 of external funding from Transport Scotland for projects that align to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030.

Ward No(s):

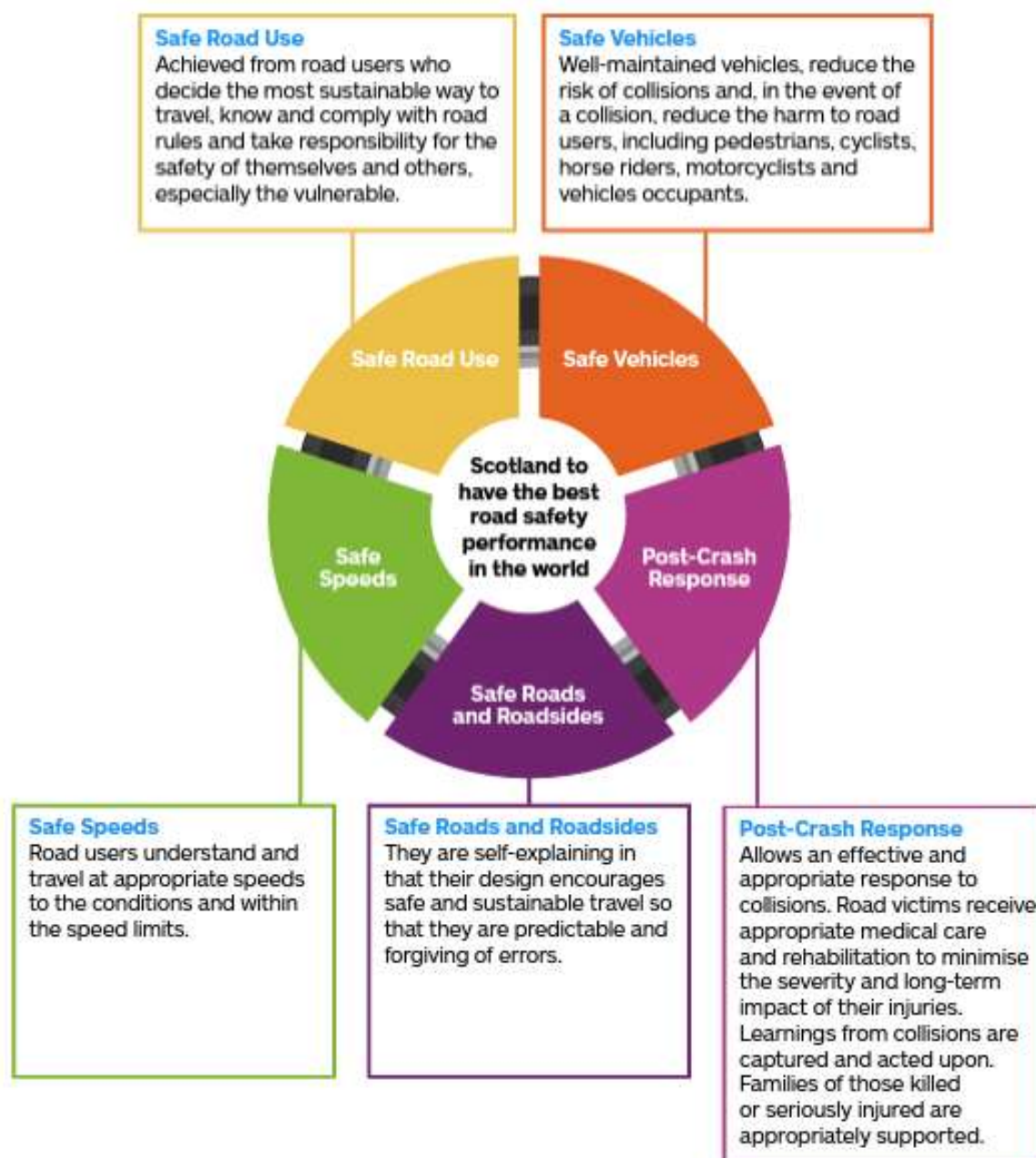
Citywide: ✓

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 \(RSF30\)](#). 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.
- 1.4 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



- 1.5 Projects may include improved safety aspects of the road, its surrounding environment, vehicle technology and education of all road users.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 This is the second year Transport Scotland have provided this specific fund.

2 GCC Road Safety Proposals

2.1 NRS traffic staff have identified a priority list of projects which align with the condition requirements stipulated by Transport Scotland and will contribute to the Council's safety objectives. Projects were selected through analysis of injury accidents and recorded vehicle speeds. Traffic signal locations were identified as being heavily used crossings which will benefit pedestrians as a result of the proposed upgrades. These projects are detailed in Table 1 for information.

2.2 Table 1: 2024/25 Road Safety Improvement Fund Projects

Ward	Location	Nature of Works	Approximate Cost of Works
16	Balmore Road	High Friction Surfacing and solar powered road studs	£30,000
16	Balmore Road	Gateway Feature and illumination of speed limit signs	£25,000
6	Shields Road	Traffic Calming	£40,000
15	Arrochar Street	Traffic Calming – Pedestrian refuge islands and speed cushions	£30,000
15	Roths Drive	Traffic Calming – Pedestrian refuge islands and speed cushions	£35,000
14	Bearsden Road @ Ilay Avenue / Ilay Road	High Friction Surfacing	£40,000
7	Langside Avenue @ Camphill Avenue / Mansionhouse Road	Footway extension / pedestrian refuge island	£20,000
21	Lochend Road	Traffic Calming – Speed cushions	£50,000
18	Smithycroft Road at Cumbernauld Road	Footway extension	£10,000
21	Gartloch Road @ Elibank Street / Gartraig Road	Pedestrian refuge islands	£20,000
Various	Installation of Smart Cross Units	Installation of smart cross units at traffic signals to improve access for all users by introducing a touchless pushbutton system to help pedestrians with a visual impairment or mobility issue cross the road.	£20,000

16	Balmore Road / Ashgill Road	Upgrade existing traffic signal junction to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£230,000
2	Ashtree Road / Shawbridge Street	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000
6	Pollokshaws Road / Maxwell Road / Eglington Toll	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000
9	Gallowgate / Sword Street	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000
13	Dumbarton Road / Hawick Street	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000

8 & 6	Pollokshaws Road / Titwood Road	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000
4	Paisley Road West / Lourdes Avenue (dual puffin)	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000
9	Dalmarnock Road / Summerfield Street	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000
19	Old Shettleston Road / McNair Street	Upgrade existing crossing to improve active travel journeys and road safety in areas of deprivation. Improving access by bringing the site up to the current standard and installing tactile cones, tactile paving and improving safety and pedestrian waiting times by introducing puffin detection.	£58,000

£1,014,000

2.3 It should be noted that this grant funding is time limited and must be spent this financial year.

3 Summary

This funding allocation will promote road safety projects focused on safer speeds and safer roads and roadsides. Committee is requested to accept the grant funding to allow these projects to proceed this financial year.

4 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	This will provide additional funding of £1,014,284.
<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 measures and enabling 20 minute neighborhoods through the livable neighborhoods plan.
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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:
 - £1,014,284 of external funding from Transport Scotland for road safety projects.