



Active Transport

2026-27 Budget



Connecting Australians | Enriching Communities | Empowering Regions
Supporting Priority Land Transport Infrastructure Projects

Key Messages

- This Budget builds on the initial success of the Active Transport Fund by providing ongoing funding for the program, with **\$500 million** in new funding. \$50 million will be available every year.
- This investment is in addition to the \$100 million already committed towards delivery of more than 80 projects nationally.

New Initiative

- The Active Transport Fund aims to improve road safety outcomes for cyclists and pedestrians by funding the upgrade of existing, and construction of new, cycling and walking pathways, which separate vulnerable road users from high-speed traffic and encourage the shift to active transport.
- This competitive, merit-based program will see increased investment to protect vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians, delivering better road safety and health outcomes and giving people more options for how they choose to move around their cities and towns. The program will open for applications from local, state and territory governments on 1 July 2026.

Key statistics

- In 2025, we saw a 4.7 per cent increase in deaths of vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians and cyclists), the highest in over five years.
- Projects in the fund support emissions reductions: every 7 km travelled by bicycle avoids approximately 1 kg of carbon dioxide emissions compared to car travel over the same distance