

Safer Cities: Her Way Program

Frequently asked questions

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What is the Safer Cities: Her Way program?

Safer Cities: Her Way program is a collaborative partnership between Transport for NSW and 10 pilot councils to trial and test temporary and permanent interventions within our cities and towns across NSW.

The Safer Cities: Her Way program is delivering on-the-ground interventions that help improve perceptions of safety in our public spaces and transport hub precincts, creating inclusive and welcoming connections.

Each council's Safer Cities: Her Way project is shaped by co-design and engagement with women, girls and gender diverse people. This helps ensure that interventions respond to the immediate needs of local community and the site context. This will also create an evidence base to build the case for longer term change and will be shared in the Great Places Toolkit.

Safer Cities: Her Way is one part of the Safer Cities program. The Safer Cities program is investing \$30 million in projects across NSW to help improve the perception of safety, particularly for women, girls and gender diverse people when moving in and through parks, streets, and centres, around transport hubs.

The aims for the Safer Cities program, based on the United Nations Safer Cities for Girls program, are:

- Increase women, girls' and gender diverse people's safety and access to public spaces.

- Enable women, girls and gender diverse people to move freely and alone in their community.
- Increase women, girls', and gender diverse people's engagement with how the spaces around them are designed and managed.

Why is Transport for NSW funding the Safer Cities: Her Way program?

Transport for NSW recognises that transport helps people gain access to education, employment, services, and their community. We also know every journey begins and ends with active transport. The recent NSW Safer Cities Survey report revealed that many women and girls feel unsafe in public spaces after dark and prioritise safety over convenience when choosing travel routes. By funding councils through the Safer Cities: Her Way program, we aim to enhance the feeling of safety and create a more enjoyable journey experience for the community when walking or cycling.

Safer Cities: Her Way projects will assist in building a case for long-term change and will be evaluated for their impact on improving the perception of safety for women, girls and gender diverse people. Transport for NSW will distil insights and learnings into case studies to support the planning, management, and creation of inclusive public spaces and transport hub precincts. These resources will be made available to the public as part of the Great Places Toolkit.

Where are the Safer Cities: Her Way program projects?

Safer Cities: Her Way projects are located across Sydney and regional NSW within the local government areas of:

- Bayside Council
- Blacktown City Council
- Central Coast Council
- City of Canterbury Bankstown
- City of Sydney
- Cumberland City Council
- Fairfield City Council
- Griffith City Council
- Lismore City Council
- Wollongong City Council

As a part of the project site selection process, councils conducted engagement such as co-design workshops with local women, girls and gender diverse people to define project location and what interventions will be trialled.

How did Transport for NSW select which councils to partner with?

Councils were selected based on criteria focussed on improving the perceptions of safety for women, girls and gender diverse people in public spaces, and centred around the following themes:

- Planning and Economy
- Safety
- Active Transport
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities
- Environment

Selected councils were also assessed to ensure strategic alignment with the Safer Cities program. Review was undertaken to confirm councils' strategic priorities aligned to the program's outcomes and themes of safety, walkability, and access to public space.

As a result, the selected councils span across the six cities and regional areas of NSW each with differing demographics and sociocultural environments, and therefore, provide unique opportunities to improve mobility and access for women, girls and gender diverse people.

How much funding is Transport for NSW contributing to each council?

Council partners develop temporary demonstration projects that use short-term, scalable, lower cost methods to test concepts for future permanent change, in line with a 'lighter, quicker, cheaper' approach. Trial interventions will help make public spaces and transport hub precincts feel safer and more walkable and cyclable for women, girls, and gender diverse people.

Transport for NSW is contributing up to \$1 million to each for the listed participating councils, with project deliverables defined in the funding deeds with each council.

When will the Her Way projects start and finish?

Project milestones are unique to each of the projects and the unique place-based approach for each council. In general, project planning for round one projects began in November 2022, with projects to be completed by end of 2024. This includes planning, design, construction, installation, engagement and codesign activities, activation/programming and case study development.

Each council follows its internal procedures to consult the community and stakeholders so that residents, businesses and other stakeholders are informed of the project planning, launch, activation and completion.

Find out more

To find out more about the projects, visit the [Safer Cities website](#)