

**Eliminating
serious road trauma
by 2050**

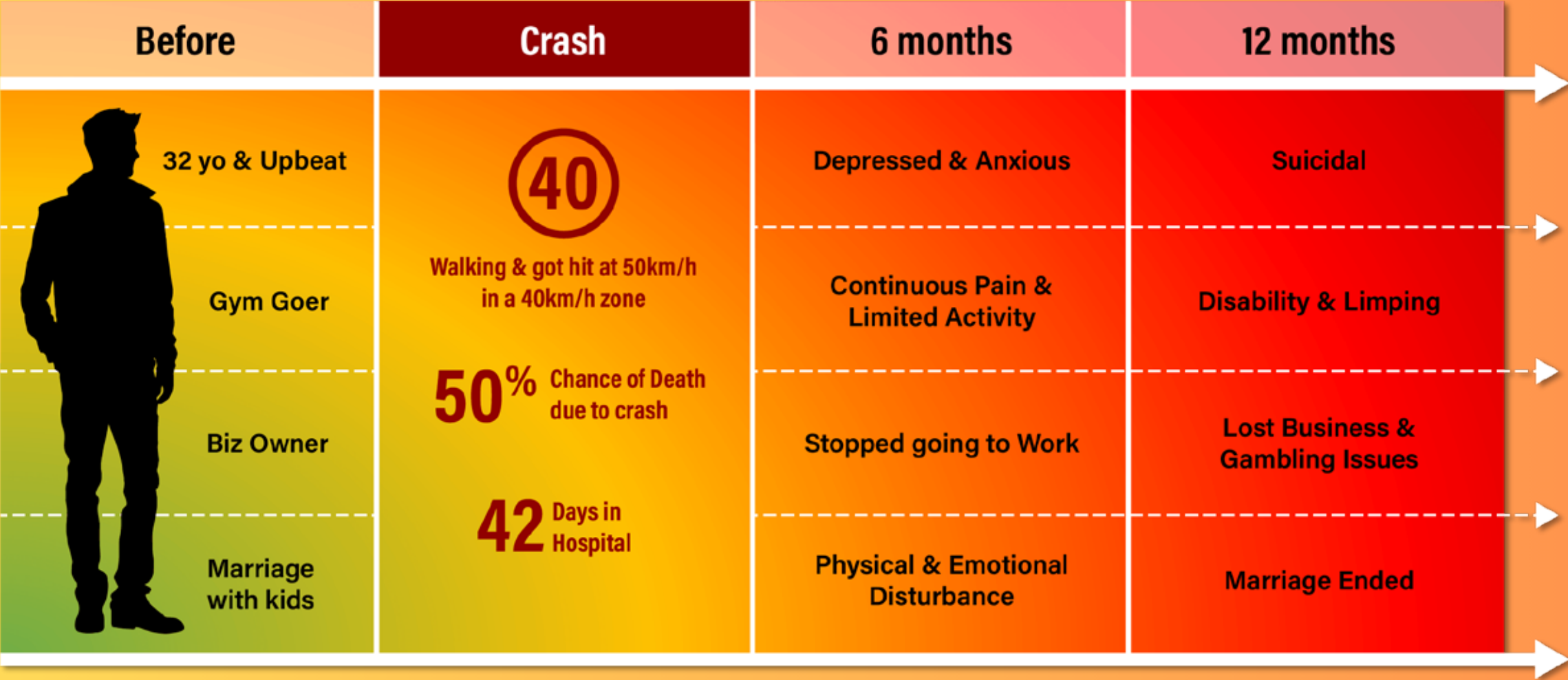
Charting a Path to Zero

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Why we're doing what we're doing





Austroads

- Austroads is owned by, and solves problems for, Australian and New Zealand transport agencies.
- We provide high-quality, practical and impartial advice, information, tools and services to help our members to deliver efficient, reliable and safe mobility to their customers
- We deliver national services to help transport agencies to operate seamlessly across state borders and bring national efficiencies to their operations.





Austroads

Local government is a member via ALGA

- Local government in all states are members of Austroads through ALGA.
- As part of this membership, local government staff can access all Austroads publications, technical specifications, tools and services.

What we do



Research and guidance



Conduct pooled research on behalf of members to develop best-practice, evidence-based reports, guidance, and specifications.

National data services



Exchange, manage, analyse and report on vehicle registration, driver licence and road-related data.



Harmonisation of practice



At the request of members and Ministers, coordinate work to improve and harmonise practice across Australia and sometimes between Australia and New Zealand.

Problem definition

A	B	C	D
<div data-bbox="198 521 639 763">+1,500 Road Fatalities</div> <div data-bbox="198 892 639 1135">~42,000 Serious Injuries</div> <p data-bbox="198 1199 639 1278">annually across Australia and New Zealand</p>	<p data-bbox="772 521 1261 892">Traditional incremental improvements insufficient to reach Vision Zero</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 521 1832 656">Growing complexity:</p> <ul data-bbox="1396 678 1832 1178" style="list-style-type: none">• Aging population• New vehicle technologies• Rising active travel• Micromobility (e-mobility)• Other emerging issues	<p data-bbox="1913 521 2367 656">Effective road safety planning:</p> <ul data-bbox="1956 678 2298 1120" style="list-style-type: none">• Road Safety Strategies• Action Plans• Programs and Investments• Ambitious targets.



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Vision:

To provide practical guidance to help progress the all-government-levels leadership needed to fully implement the necessary actions to reduce fatalities and serious injuries to zero by 2050.

Project outline

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STREAM 1



Planning for Zero Framework

Key Definitions

Road Safety Assessments

Planning for Zero Framework
(Blueprint)

STREAM 2



Zero Pathways

Turning the PfZF Blueprint
into tailored Zero Pathways

Communication
and Engagement Plans

Change Management Approach

Training Concepts
to Guide Practitioners

STREAM 3



Further Research Gaps

Collate Research Gaps
Identified in the Project and
Similar Projects

Develop a Pipeline of
Research Projects for the
Next 5-10 years

Planning for Zero Framework

A new way of developing road safety strategies

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TECHNICAL ASPECTS (Guides)

Step 1
Define
Safe System End
State (SSES)

Step 2
Validate
SSES & Analyse
Residual Risk

Step 3
Analyse
Systemic Risks &
Safety Gaps

Step 4
Develop
a Strategic
Response

Step 5
Monitor Your
Performance

PLANNING for ZERO FRAMEWORK (PfZF)

Road Safety Management

A

Identify Pathway
Enablers & Blockers

B

Monitoring for Success

C

ENABLING ASPECTS (Supports)

Our approach to road safety

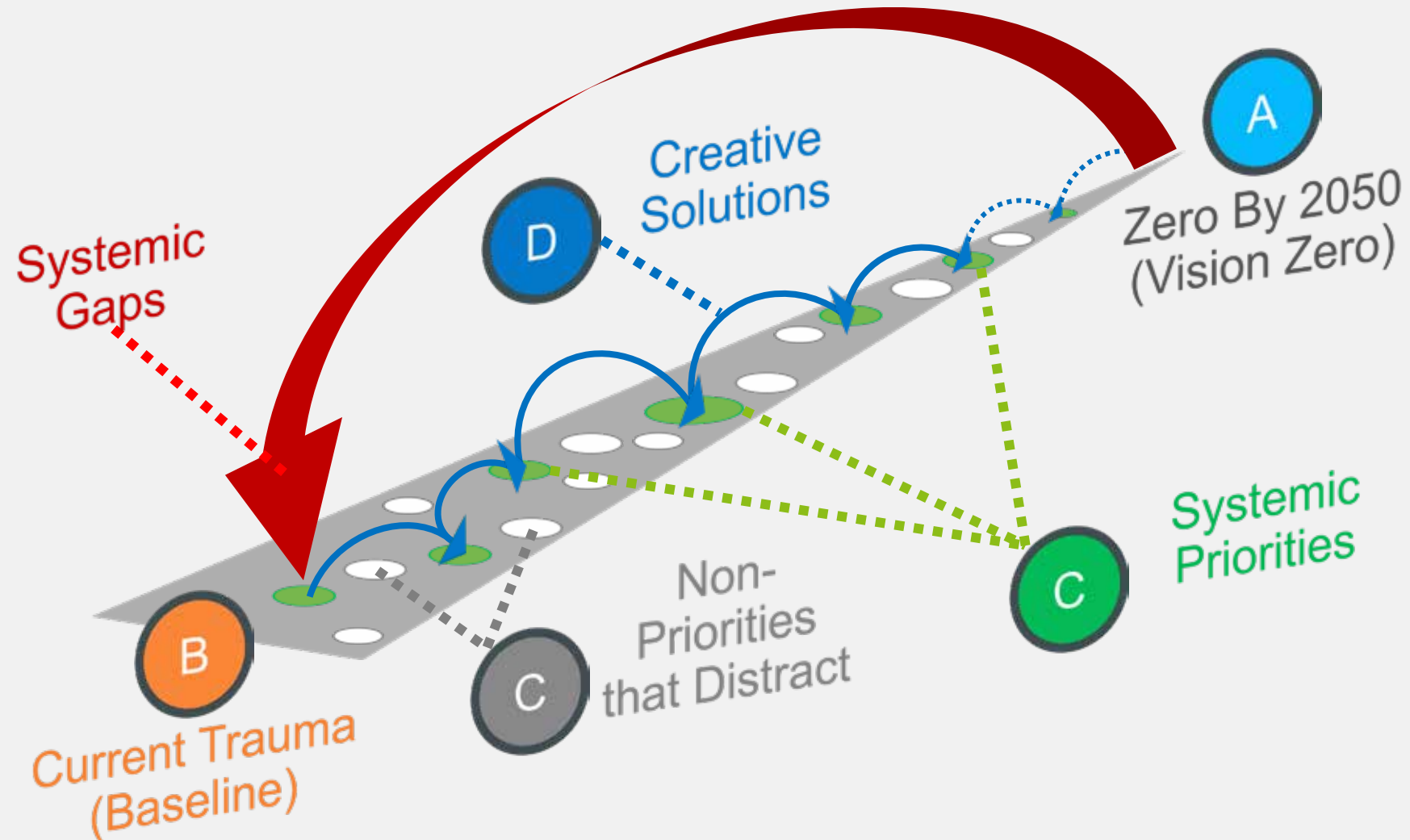


- **Human Vulnerability:** We can tolerate only so much force before breaking
- **Human Fallibility:** We all make mistakes
- **Ethical Imperative:** No one should be killed or seriously injured
- **Accountability & Responsibility:** Road authorities are accountable; users are responsible
- **Redundancy:** Multiple protective layers are required to stop harm.

Zero Harm:

Our ambition is for a land transport system where no one is killed or seriously injured (*near Zero*)!

Planning for Zero Backcasting & End States

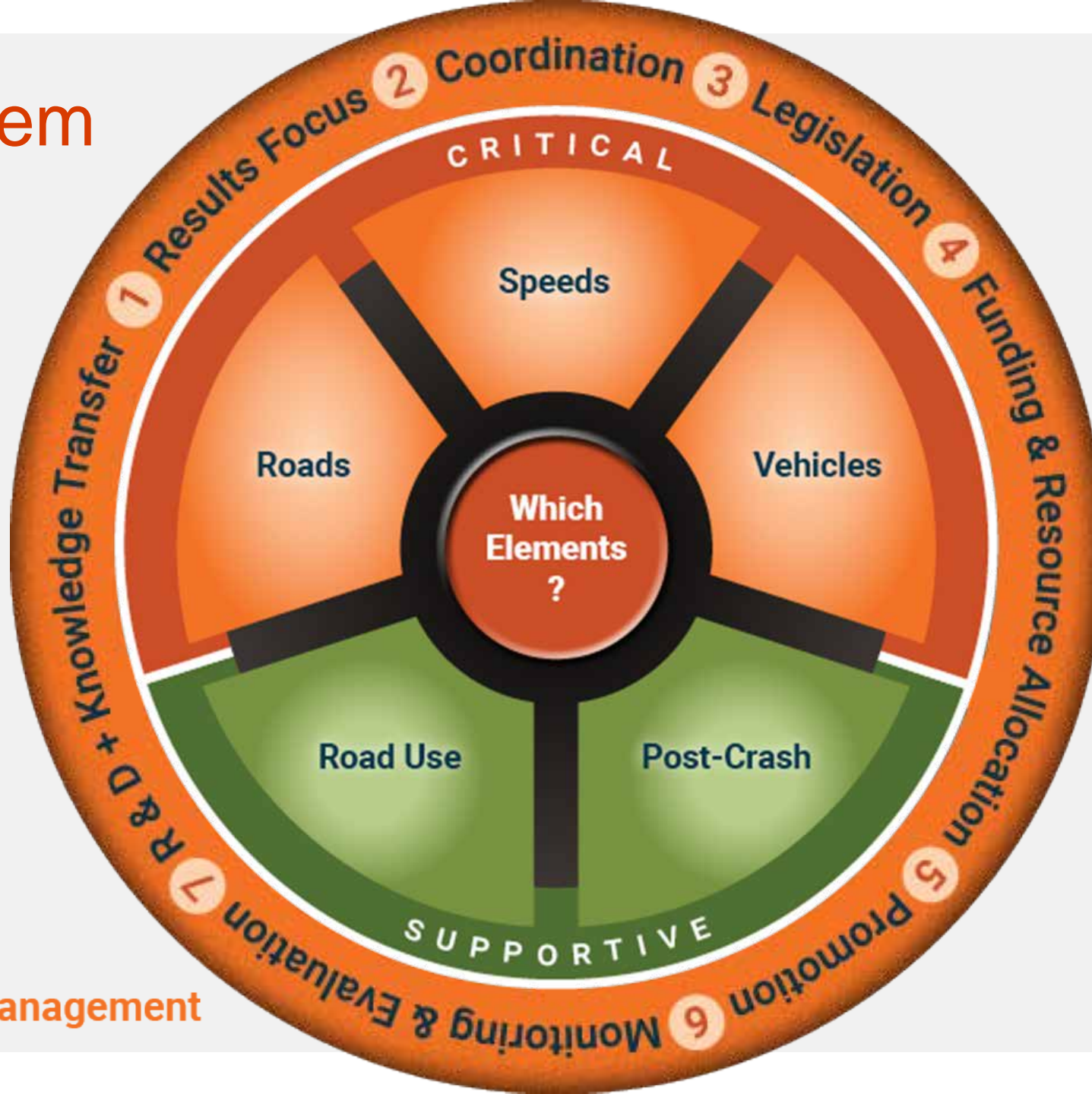


What is a Safe System End State?



A Safe System End State (SSES) is the desired **future state (LOS)** designed to achieve a **zero or near-zero** outcome for road fatalities and serious injuries. It includes the specification of a combination of **vehicle** and compatible **road** infrastructure features along with maximum allowable travel **speeds** to ensure any crash forces generated will not exceed **human biomechanical tolerances** for fatal and serious injuries, while supporting the **desired movement function** of the road network.

Safe System End State



Safe System



Road Safety Management

Safe System End State Through Movement & Place



One Network Framework (ONF) Factsheet 2025
(New Zealand Transport Agency)

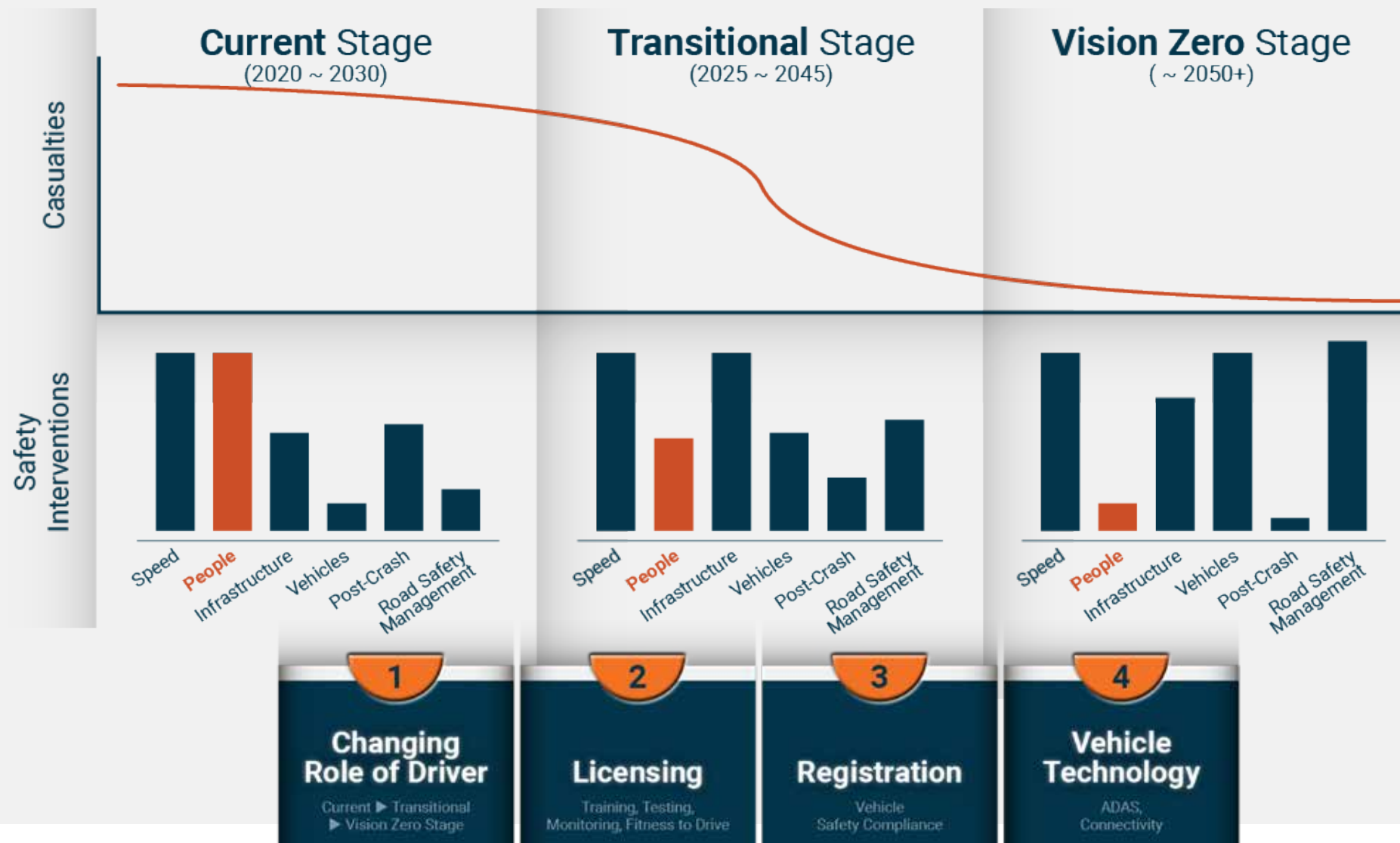
SSES through Movement & Place

Example: Activity Streets



Requirements	Vehicles	Infrastructure	Maximum Travel Speed
<p>Mix of road users</p> <p>No motorcycles or heavy vehicles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ AEB bicyclist ✓ AEB pedestrian ✓ AEB rear-end ✓ AEB intersection ✓ AEB head-on ✓ ISA limiting or geofencing ✓ Seatbelt interlock ✓ Front, side and rear underrun protection for heavy vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Off road separated lanes not in pedestrian areas for bicycles and micro-mobility devices ✓ Pedestrian crossing with 10km/h speed zone ✓ Frangible narrow roadside objects/and or removal of hazardous narrow roadside objects ✓ 5 m distance from sidewalk to road lane/ or pedestrian fencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 40 km/h BUT ✓ 10 km/h at pedestrian crossings ✓ 20 km/h at intersections

Role of 'People' in Vision Zero?

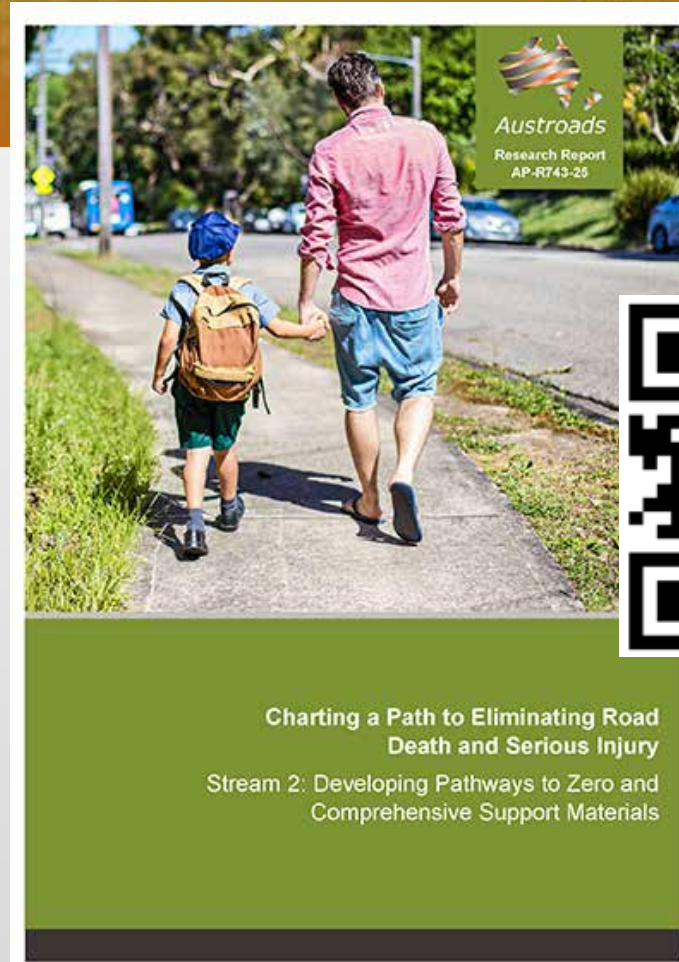


Project report

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Objective:

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Knowledge transfer initiative

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Project artefacts coming soon

Knowledge Hub



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Key
Definitions

Planning for
Zero
Framework

Zero Pathway
Development

Comms &
Engagement
Development

Change
Management

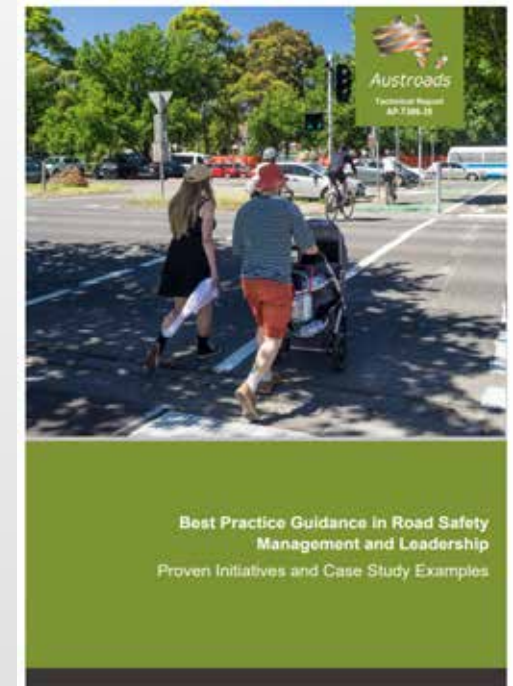
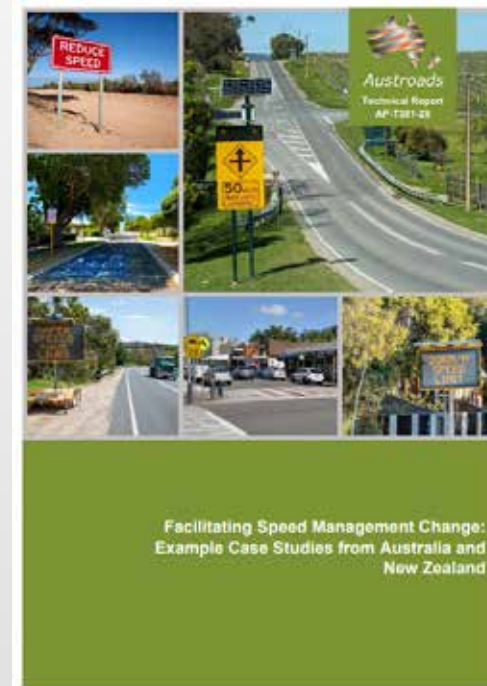
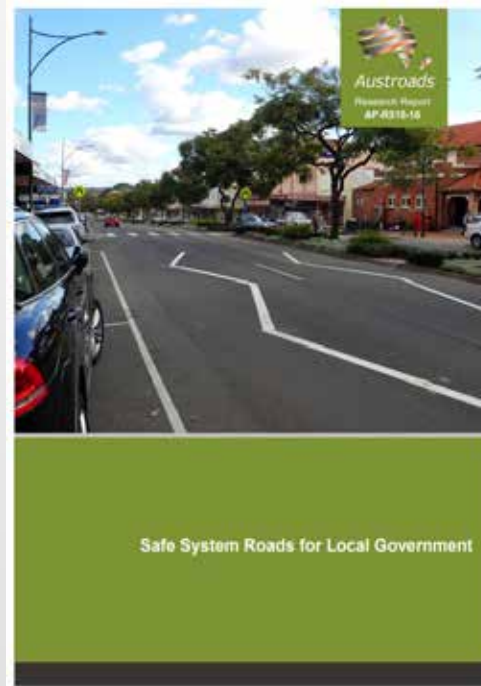
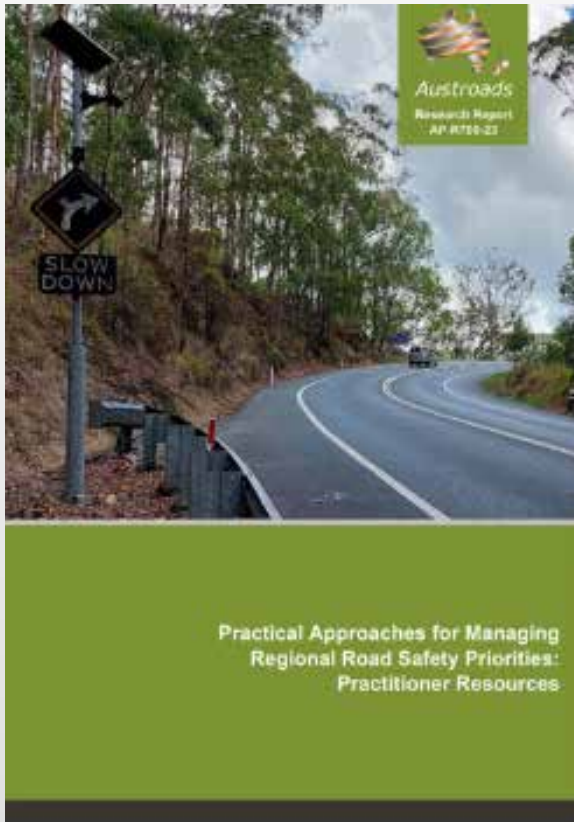
Training &
Capability
Building

FAQs

Reports

Vision Zero
Research

Other resources for local government



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Thank you!

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