

# 2026 Road Safety Action Plan

## Gosford community forum



Thank you for attending the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan community forum in Gosford. There were a lot of interesting discussions during the session, which are summarised below as well as the results of the in-person polls.

We are in the process of drafting the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan, which will be available at the end of the year. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Transport for NSW is eager to continue these road safety conversations, stay up to date on campaigns at [towardszero.nsw.gov.au](https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au) or follow us on [social media](#).

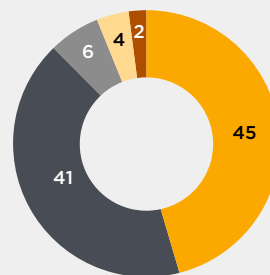
Stay safe and drive responsibly – let's make sure everyone arrives home safely.

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*Executive Director*  
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### Participant Feedback

*What are the priority areas for road safety in the Gosford community?*

Number of mentions



Area of investigation

- Reducing unsafe road user behaviours
- Creating safer country and outer urban roads
- Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment
- Pedestrians, cyclists and 'at risk' road users
- Creating safer urban spaces

**Below is a summary of the suggestions and feedback we received during the Gosford consultation.**

#### 1. Creating safer urban spaces

- Fines that are generated within the Central Coast should go back to improving safety infrastructure within the Central Coast.
- There needs to be a greater police presence on the roads, particularly in school zones where most people ignore the speed signs.
- There is a lack of active transport options such as footpaths, and many roads have unfinished kerb and gutters throughout the Central Coast area.

#### 2. Creating safer country and outer urban roads

- There should be greater community consultation to help identify priority issues with the road network.
- Signage along outer urban roads and motorways needs to be improved.
- Local councils should include the safe system as part of their town planning and design policy.

### 3. Increasing the safety of vehicles and protective equipment

- Enforce speed limiting technology on all vehicles, particularly as we move towards autonomous driving.
- The government should strengthen the criteria for obtaining a pink slip to lower the NSW fleet age.
- There needs to be funding or incentives for young people to buy newer cars that have better safety features.

### 4. Pedestrians, cyclists and 'at risk' road users

- Needs to be greater education of bicycle riders and pedestrians and the laws that are applicable to them.
- Motorcycle riders should have a minimum safety clothing requirement (e.g. not wear shorts, singlets and thongs).
- Drivers need to be educated to be more aware of their surroundings, particularly in school zones and high pedestrian areas.

### 5. Reducing unsafe road user behaviours

- There needs to be more education of young people - before they get to driving age.
- Tailgating has increased as a road behaviour issue in the Central Coast, particularly in low-speed areas. There should be an educational campaign focusing on tailgating and the dangers that come with it.
- More education on driving etiquette is required for those who use regional roads, particularly so people stay to the left and know when to overtake.
- Without transport alternatives people are going to choose to drive when they have been drinking.



"We would love to cycle more and cycle into town, but it's too dangerous, there are not enough paths."

#### Poll Results

This information was collected from forum attendees who participated in the polls at the Gosford community forum held in April 2021.

*Were the trends and statistics presented a surprise to you?*

No 74%

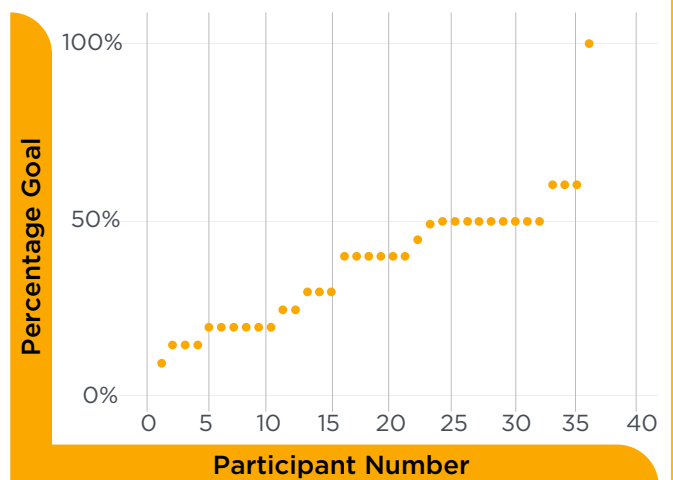
Yes 26%

*Do you think we are on the right path to meet our targets of zero deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads by 2056?*

No 62%

Yes 38%

*What should our goal for 2030 be?*



"Driving conditions in the city are different to the country, car technology and education needs to suit the location of the driving."