

vehicles, safe attitudes and when an accident happens the response to the Collision.

The main objective will see us working towards eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy and equitable transport for all partly through the leadership of the new Vision Zero Strategic board and by delivering an effective Vision Zero approach across all the districts. The first meeting of the Vision Zero board took place in December 2021.

- West Yorkshire Combined Authority Safer roads work - The Mayor's Transport Strategy prioritises work through our Safer Roads Partnership to reduce casualty numbers on our roads. During the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen increased take-up of cycling and walking. This mode shift is welcomed and has been sustained by interventions supported by Active Travel funding, but injuries to pedestrians and cyclists have increased and a business-as-usual approach with existing levels of funding will not be adequate. We will embed road safety into our design and interventions (alongside education, training and publicity programmes) and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders such as West Yorkshire Police.
- Part of the solution to reducing road deaths is encouraging more people onto public transport, with the Bus Safety Feedback Tool helping the Mayor understand what some of those barriers look like.
- Safety of Women and Girls: Bus Safety Feedback Tool campaign– June 2022 - In November 2021, the Combined Authority was successful in a bid to the Home Office for the Safety of Women at Night Fund. This is funding a project to support women and girls' safety on the West Yorkshire transport system, with a particular focus on the night-time economy. The first project is a web-based safety feedback tool on the MCard Mobile App, to allow customers to feedback their bus journey experiences and for us to use this insight to inform future investments and interventions. We will also launch a new mini site for passengers to access sources of information such as bus tracking and other travel tools to help reduce the need for unnecessary waiting at West Yorkshire bus stops, which is a known concern for people travelling alone in the evening.
- Commissioned services to support victims are available to all victims of road traffic collisions where a crime may have been committed, including those who do not report to the police. This includes the core referral and local support service and the restorative justice service.
www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/supporting-victims
- The Mayor has supported the road safety charity Brake which provides a specialist national service to victims of road traffic collisions resulting in death

or serious injury. We have provided funding to road safety charity BRAKE via the Police Property Act Fund.

- As part of the Mayor's leadership on the road safety agenda, the Combined Authority has recruited a Vision Zero Policy Manager and a Vision Zero Policy Assistant who are due to start on 6 Feb 2023 to significantly bolster the resource available to develop and deliver a West Yorkshire Vision Zero Strategy in the next 12 months.
- These two posts are funded through the West Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership, and underline the new momentum that all partners are bringing to this agenda to achieve the ambition of on one killed or seriously injured on West Yorkshire's roads by 2040.

6. Mayor's Safer Communities Fund

During the Mayor's first year the former PCC Safer Communities Fund continued to deliver projects to support Road Safety in accordance with the former police and crime plan under grant rounds 19 (completed 31 Jan 2022) and 20 (completed on 31 March 2022). Details of projects funded can be found here ([Mayor's Safer Communities Fund - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mayors-safer-communities-fund))

To date, the Mayor's Safer Communities Fund has awarded 3 projects tackling Road Safety a total of £17,595.52, these projects have impacted a total of 160 people.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

The Mayor has representation on the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Executive which is a partnership of all 5 districts working together to tackle road safety. Please see Appendix A for more detail.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

There are significant equality, diversity, and inclusion aspects to the road safety agenda. Some communities, including those impacted by multiple deprivation, are much more affected by the issues than others. Younger people are deterred from taking out insurance by the high costs involved.

ATTACHMENT

[Chief Constables report – Road Safety](#) (PDF 567KB)

Appendix A

SAFER ROADS STRUCTURES

Policy

STRATEGIC

TACTICAL

OPERATIONAL

