



## What is the Project Cost Estimation Template?

The Project Cost Estimation Template has been developed by Transport for NSW (Transport) to support councils in developing a mandatory project cost estimate. It is a template for applicants to populate with itemised data to ensure all costs, including contingencies to P50 and P90 are accounted for to the best available knowledge at the time of submission.

It is a mandatory requirement of the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program for project submissions to provide a cost estimate which includes P50 and P90 contingency. This is to ensure that successful projects have multiple layers of contingency to enable good financial management at the project level and to reduce the likelihood of projects requesting additional funding from the Program.

## Our council will get a cost estimate through a contractor. Do we still need to use the estimation template mandated by Transport?

You can move your figures into the template and upload additional documents in the 'Notes and Attachments' section as part of the application in the Safer Roads Portal. Contact your local Transport liaison if you're having problems using the template.

## What if I have problems using the template?

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## **Where do we upload the cost estimate template?**

Once completed, the template will need to be uploaded in the 'Notes and Attachments' section as part of the application in the Safer Roads Portal.

## **What cost estimate value should be included in my project application in the Safer Roads Portal?**

The mandatory cost estimate template includes P50 and P90 Current and Outturn cost estimates. The difference is that the outturn estimate includes escalation based on the projects construction duration.

All project proposals must provide a breakdown of the cost estimate (base cost, P50 Outturn cost and P90 Outturn cost) in the relevant fields on the Project Details tab within the Safer Roads Portal. The total cost of the project application included on the Safety Benefits tab within the Safer Roads Portal must be the project's P90 Outturn cost estimate.

## **What is a P50 and a P90 contingency?**

A P90 cost is the project cost estimate with sufficient contingency to provide 90 per cent likelihood that this cost would not be exceeded to deliver the proposed project. A P50 cost is the project cost estimate with sufficient contingency to provide 50 per cent likelihood that the cost would not be exceeded to deliver the proposed project.

## **What happens if my project exceeds the P50 contingency?**

If the P50 contingency is exhausted, the applicant must submit a cost variation requesting to access the project P90 contingency funding. Further details around accessing P90 contingency and for funding requests above the project P90 cost via a variation submission to be evaluated and approved by Transport will be provided to successful applicants.

## **What happens if my project exceeds the P90 contingency?**

If the P90 contingency is exhausted, the applicant must submit a cost variation requesting additional funding although there are no guarantees this funding will be provided. Council should not plan to access additional funding when making a submission to the Program. Further details around accessing P90 contingency and for funding requests above the project P90 cost via a variation submission will be provided to successful applicants.

## **Are there instructions for using the Project Cost Estimate Template?**

Yes. There are detailed step-by-step instructions in the 'Information for users' tab of the template.