

Project Cost Estimation Template High Pedestrian Activity Area Sub- Program

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Frequently asked questions

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What is the cost estimate template?

The cost estimate template has been developed by Transport for NSW (Transport) to support councils in developing a risk-based 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 not mandatory to use the template developed by Transport however it is a mandatory requirement of the High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) Sub-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 template provided by Transport?

No, you do not need to use the template developed by Transport however its use helps ensure the development of an accurate, risk-based project cost estimate which accounts for all costs and contingencies are accounted for to the best available knowledge at the time of submission.

How do I populate the template?

You can enter your cost estimate figures into the template and upload it plus additional supporting documents in the 'Notes and Attachments' section as part of the application in the Safer Roads Portal. Contact your local Transport liaison person 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 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.

Are there instructions for using the template?

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

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

The template includes P50 and P90 Current and Outturn cost estimates. The difference is that the outturn estimate includes escalation based on the project's construction duration. All project proposals must provide a breakdown of the cost estimate (base cost, P50 Current/Outturn cost and P90 Current/Outturn cost) in the relevant fields on the Project Details tab within the Safer Roads Portal.

The total cost estimate included in the project application on the Safety Benefit Options tab within the Safer Roads Portal must be either the P90 Current or P90 Outturn cost estimate (refer to table in Program Guidelines).

What is a P90 and a P50 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 will be provided to successful applicants regarding accessing P90 contingency and for funding requests above the project P90 cost via a variation submission to be evaluated and approved by Transport.

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

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