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Dear Mr Talbot

Thank you for the City of Monash letter of 10 December 2021 regarding Council's review of its role in the funding of the School Crossing Supervisor Program.

I note that similar letters were sent to other key contacts within the Department of Transport (DoT) and State government, including the Department of Education and Training

I understand that the Department of Education and Training will also provide a response to your letter.

Road safety, especially the safety of our school children who are one of our most vulnerable road users, is paramount.

As stated in the Department of Transport's Secretary, Mr Paul Younis' response to City of Monash's Mayor, Cr Stuart James dated 11 February 2022, Road safety is a joint accountability of state and local government under the *Road Management Act 2004*. Under the *Road Management Act 2004*, and the *Transport Integration Act 2010*, state and local government must provide for the safe use of roads, ensuring these meet the needs and priorities of our communities. This includes taking reasonable precautions in response to foreseeable road safety risks.

The *Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2019* also notes that school crossing supervisor is a person who is employed by a Council to supervise school crossings.

Since the introduction of the School Crossing Supervisor Program in 1975, School Crossing Supervisors have played an important role in minimising road safety risks for school children supporting them with safe journeys to and from school. This is in addition to other measures, such as school speed zones, school education programs and infrastructure improvements.

The School Crossing Supervisor Program is visible in local communities and highly valued by parents, grandparents, carers and guardians of children and young people travelling to and from school, contributing positively to local community behaviours and perceptions of road safety.

The Victorian Government remains committed to the continued delivery of School Crossing Supervisor Program with \$41.1 allocated in the 2021 and 2022 State budgets.

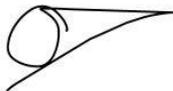
We value the partnership with City of Monash on the School Crossing Supervisor Program to support the 94 eligible School Crossing sites in your municipality and are committed to exploring resourcing options to support delivery of this important community road safety program.

In late December 2021, members of my team met with you and your colleagues to discuss this matter and the work the Department of Transport is doing in this space.

We are keen to continue working with the City of Monash to deliver this important program for the local community and look forward to meeting with you to further explore options and opportunities.

Should you have any questions, please contact Marcelo Vidales, Director Partnerships and Programs, Road Safety Victoria, Department of Transport on mobile 0439 209 377 or email marcelo.vidales@transport.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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