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MASS comment on the DfT's new Road Safety Strategy

Commenting on the launch of the Department for Transport's new [Road Safety strategy](#), MASS said:

"This overdue road safety strategy is a decisive and welcome step that puts saving lives back at the heart of transport policy. After a decade with only limited action, the government is rightly treating road deaths and injuries as preventable tragedies rather than inevitable risks.

MASS welcomes all the strategy's proposals, particularly improving training for young drivers, protecting older road users and tackling uninsured vehicles. Its embrace of the Safe System approach is particularly powerful, shifting the focus away from blaming individuals and towards building a transport system that anticipates human error and protects life at every stage.

If implemented with urgency and backed by strong partnerships between government, industry, employers and local authorities, this strategy has the potential to save thousands of lives, prevent tens of thousands of injuries and reduce inequalities for vulnerable road users. The new policies should be effectively communicated to the driving public to ensure that they are aware of their individual responsibilities and how government and others are supporting them. The strategy should ensure that far fewer families receive the devastating news that a loved one will never make it home."