Speed Signs

08/03/2022 Council

Council Member Councillor Moran

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Moran will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

Requests the administration to seek approval from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to allow speed signs to be stencilled on the road as is done in all other capital cities in locations where there is a high occurrence of speed changes.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

- 1. Previous requests to the Minister for Transport to install speed limit pavement markings have been declined for the following reasons:
 - 1.1 Pavement markings can present problems to some road users, particularly motorcyclists due to the differences in the degree of grip between the road markings and the general road surface especially in wet conditions.
 - 1.2 Visibility of the road markings is significantly reduced at night, particularly during wet weather.
 - 1.3 Providing important information at pavement level can result in drivers shifting their attention away from other road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists.
 - 1.4 As many pavement markings must be placed in the vehicle's path they are subject to deterioration, necessitating a high frequency of maintenance that results in higher road maintenance costs.
 - 1.5 It is difficult to effectively conceal the markings when a temporary message, of another nature, such as either roadworks or community event is required.
 - 1.6 Safety concern for workers and traffic flow disruption while maintenance is being carried out.
- 2. Should the Motion be carried, a request will be presented to the Minister for Transport for consideration in relation to amending the current legislation to allow for speed signs to be stencilled on road (roads to be determined).
- 3. Should the Minister grant approval, a report including locations and costs of installing speed limit pavement markings will be presented to Council for consideration.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.