Safer Urban Speed Limits

08/03/2022 Council

Council Member
Councillor Couros

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MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council

Investigates the current speed limits in residential zones and main streets to assess the requirement of reducing the speed to 40km to help support businesses and residents for a safer urban environment.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

- 1. The City of Adelaide Speed Limit Review was presented at a Committee workshop on 1 October 2019. It is noted that, whilst much of the research remains relevant, there have been some changes since 2019, such as the extension of the 30km/h speed limit along Hindley Street.
- 2. The State Government recently released a draft South Australian Road Safety Strategy to 2031, which includes targets for a 50% reduction in lives lost and at least 30% reduction in serious injuries by 2031. The Strategy:
 - 2.1. Identifies the Safe System model, which adopts a holistic view of the road transport system and interactions between road users, as the framework for improving road safety across Australia.
 - 2.2. Recognises local government as having a significant role in improving road safety.
 - 2.3. Notes that pedestrians are at greater risk of death and injury if hit at impact speeds above 30km/h.
 - 2.4. Aims to embed the concept of 'movement and place' in planning and decision making to determine street layouts and speed limits that are appropriate for the context of street.
- 3. Should this motion be carried, we will undertake investigations on the current speed limits in residential zones and main streets and assess the legislative requirements and seek approval from the relevant authority to consider a request for speed limit changes. A report will be brought back to Council advising of the outcomes of the investigations and approvals and identify any associated costs relating to implementing speed limit changes.

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 | As councils are not the delegated authority to modify speeds, consultation and approval will need to occur with DIT. |
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| 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, until the investigation has been undertaken |
| 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. |