

# Councillor Davis - MoN - Citywide Speed Limit Review

Tuesday, 28 January 2025  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Henry Davis

Public

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

1. That the council notes the public condemnation of the proposal to reduce the speed limit in the City of Adelaide to 30km/h.
2. That the council abandons any further investigation into a 30km/h speed limit in the city.
3. That the council abandons any further investigation into a 40km/h speed limit in the city.
4. Requests the administration to prepare a report that will:
  - a. Identify black spot areas for vehicle-vehicle collisions and vehicle-pedestrian collisions; and
  - b. Determine whether reducing the speed limit in these areas would improve safety, or whether alternative measures such as traffic calming, improved traffic signage, or pedestrian crossings would significantly improve safety.

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. A Citywide Speed Limit Review was presented at the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee (IPW) as a Workshop on 19 November 2024 in response to a Council Resolution on 8 March 2022:

*“Investigate the current speed limits to assess the requirement of reducing the speed to 40km/h or less (in alignment with speed zones that are already below 40 km/h) to help support businesses and residents for a safer urban environment in residential zones.”*
2. Through the workshop, Council Administration was seeking feedback and input from Council Members on the information provided by an experienced transport consultancy (Stantec). No decisions relating to speed limit reductions were sought or made at the IPW Workshop.
3. The purpose of the workshop was to provide data and insights to Council Members on actual crash data and identified research that demonstrated that reducing speed limits improves safety, noting that safer speeds and safer roads (and roadsides) are required to improve road safety.
4. The City of Adelaide has a significant role and responsibility as the road authority responsible for the care, control and management of roads within the Council area. These include but are not limited to a myriad of transport related matters, i.e. road and pedestrian safety, road conditions, traffic movement, traffic signalling, parking and appropriate speed limits.

5. Council administration would not recommend abandoning investigations into speed limits and any other transport related matters that create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. As the city grows, the need for safer speeds becomes more acute, for both safety and liveability. Crash data shows we need to do more if we are to achieve road safety targets (as outlined in the Strategic Plan and presented at the November workshop). Transport initiatives and reviews (including speed related matters) should be an ongoing matter for consideration.
6. Council continues to work closely with the State Government in progressing improvements to key areas that qualify as Black Spot locations and road lengths (as per the Black Spot criteria for grant applications). The data collected is a record of previous crashes but does not identify all locations where safer speeds and safer roads (and roadsides) would reduce risk to road users and improve comfort and place quality.
7. Council will be presented with the draft Integrated Transport Strategy and School Safety Travel Review Project report in March / April 2025. Both include investigations and consideration of speed limits and will assist Council in determining speed limit reductions and other measures to improve road safety. We would therefore not recommend actioning an additional report which would see additional resource allocation and potential duplication.

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	To be determined based on required levels of activity to bring together a report.
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	Should a separate report be required as an outcome of this motion, it is estimated that it would take 3 months to prepare a response.  <i>Note: A draft Integrated Transport Strategy and School Safety Travel Review Project report in March / April 2025. Both include investigations and consideration of speed limits and will assist Council in determining speed limit reductions and other measures to improve road safety.</i>
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 5.5 hours.