40 km/h Investigation

Tuesday, 12 April 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:

'Notes that Council has asked Administration to investigate 40 kph zones in residential streets and asks Administration to:

1. Immediately investigate and consult with residents and businesses on Curtis Street North Adelaide and Walter Street North Adelaide on reducing the speed to 40 kph and to include greening of the two streets.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

- 1. As reflected by the 8th of March 2022 Council decision, we are reviewing existing speed limits and the requirements to reduce the speed to 40 km/h or less in residential zones.
- 2. The <u>Speed Limit Guideline for South Australia</u> allows for the application of 30 *km/h* and 40 *km/h* on lengths of streets or areas, in recreational areas, car parks, residential streets or areas, and commercial streets or areas. The Guideline notes that excessive variations in speed limits should be avoided. It is noted that any street-based approach will be developed based on a prioritisation framework and any associated works to potentially be linked with other capital or renewal works for efficiency.
- 3. As Greening our City is a focus in our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, we are working towards a list of streets with details and priority, noting that locations for greening are subject to above and below ground services, on-street parking, vehicle crossovers and footpath widths.
- 4. New greening in areas of the City that currently have the lowest levels of canopy cover and highest urban heat temperatures will be a priority and it is acknowledged that Walter Street is identified as having canopy cover less than 5%.
- 5. Should this motion be carried, we will prepare a report for Council consideration in Quarter 2 of 2022/23 which will include outcomes of the review, consultation with key stakeholders and engagement with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, if required.

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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	(Required to support applications to DIT for changed speed limit.)
External consultant advice	(Speed and other surveys/assessments for Traffic Impact Statement)
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	\$40,000
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	(Liaison and preparation of application to DIT to change speed limits, including assessment of required speed calming changes, signage, etc.)
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.

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