

# Councillor Martin - MoN - 40 KPH Consultation

Tuesday, 13 October 2026  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'That Council;

Asks the Administration to conduct, during November and present to Council in December, a consultation of residents of the streets in lower North Adelaide listed below to gauge their support for a reduction in the speed limit on these residential streets from 50 kph to 40 kph, with a view to requesting the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to support the introduction of the reduced speed limit;

MacKinnon Parade, Finnis Street, Kingston Terrace, Kingston Terrace East, Stanley Street, Old Street, New Street, Jerningham Street, Colley Street, Dunn Street, Arthur Street, Fuller Street. Francis Street East, Francis Street West, Mann Terrace, Sussex Street, East Pallant Street and West Pallant Street. '

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) is the responsible authority for approving speed limit changes in South Australia, with DIT approval required prior to the implementation of any change to the speed limit.
2. Any consideration of a change to the speed limit is required to be undertaken in accordance with the *Speed Limit Guideline for South Australia* (the Guideline).
3. The Guideline provides for local streets within a defined area to be considered for a 40 km/h 'area' speed limit when the relevant criteria are satisfied.
4. It is considered appropriate that the feasibility of introducing a 40 km/h area speed limit be assessed against the requirements of the Guideline prior to undertaking consultation with local residents and businesses. The Guideline indicates that 40 km/h area speed limits are generally appropriate in precincts where existing speeds are not excessively high. This may include areas where higher-speed streets have been treated with local area traffic management measures, or where speeds are naturally low due to existing road and traffic characteristics.
5. The Guideline also indicates that low mean vehicle speeds prior to implementation of an area speed limit suggest that the speed environment is already self-regulating, with the area speed limit reinforcing the existing speed environment. Conversely, where existing speeds are high, the introduction of an area speed limit alone may not achieve a sufficient reduction in motorist speeds and physical speed management treatments may be required to establish a speed environment consistent with the lower speed limit.

6. A 40 km/h area should also have a clearly defined boundary. Such areas would generally be bounded by arterial roads, other major traffic routes retaining a higher speed limit, or physical or geographic features that restrict the movement of traffic, such as rail corridors, parks or waterways.
7. In the context of lower North Adelaide, the area identified in the proposed motion does not include all streets that would potentially form part of a logical 40 km/h area. A preliminary assessment indicates that consideration would need to be given to all streets within the broader area bounded by Kingston Terrace (inclusive), Mann Terrace (inclusive), MacKinnon Parade (inclusive) and Brougham Place/Frome Road (excluding Brougham Place and Frome Road).
8. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Administration will prepare a report for consideration by Council assessing the feasibility of a 40 km/h area speed limit in lower North Adelaide against the requirements of the Guideline. This assessment would also include preliminary feedback from DIT as to whether, in principle, DIT would be prepared to consider a proposal for a 40 km/h area speed limit, subject to the proposal satisfying the Guideline requirements and the outcome of community consultation.
9. Due to competing priorities and the need to engage with DIT, the Administration will not be able to meet the timelines suggested in the proposed motion and will respond to Council in Q3 of the 2026/27 financial year.
10. If the assessment identifies that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Guideline, subject to Council approval, the Administration will undertake consultation with residents and businesses within the proposed area.
11. The outcomes of that consultation will subsequently be reported to Council for consideration, prior to any request being made to DIT for approval of a change to the speed limit.

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| Should the proposed motion be supported by Council, 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                                                                                                                                                                                      | Consultation with all residents and businesses within the lower North Adelaide area would commence subject to future Council approval.                                                         |
| External consultant advice                                                                                                                                                                               | Collection of speed and volume data in relevant streets to assess the suitability of a 40km/h speed limit.                                                                                     |
| Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)                                                                                                                                                           | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Impacts on existing projects                                                                                                                                                                             | Reallocation of Traffic and Transport staff time to procure the traffic data collection, undertake data review, prepare report and undertake consultation (if applicable).                     |
| Budget reallocation                                                                                                                                                                                      | New budget request: \$10,000 operational/strategic project funding for collection of speed and volume data.<br>Implementation of signage, consultation and promotion (costs to be determined). |
| Capital investment                                                                                                                                                                                       | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion                                                                                                                                    | 40 hours                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 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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