

SAFER CENTRAL CITY SPEED LIMIT PROPOSED



SAFER SPEED LIMIT – TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

The Council is proposing a safer speed limit of 30km/h for Wellington's central city – extending the limit that already applies along the Golden Mile to a wider area.

We'd like to hear your views on our plan to introduce a safer inner city speed limit of 30km/h.

You can tell us what you think online by visiting Wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay

If you prefer to make a written submission, Freepost forms are available at all Council libraries, our Service Centre at 101 Wakefield Street or by phoning 499 4444.

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In Wellington City, there's a perception that many crashes occur along the Golden Mile and mainly involve buses. The reality is that crashes happen throughout the central city and involve cars, pedestrians and cyclists. From 2008–2012, there were 766 crashes in the central city.

We expect that lowering the speed limit will reduce the number and severity of crashes in Wellington, making the city centre safer, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. It will also make it a more pleasant place to shop and do business.

Introducing a safer speed limit is in line with the Government's focus on safer speed areas and is consistent with changes being made in other cities in New Zealand and overseas.

AREA FOR PROPOSED 30KM/H SAFER SPEED LIMIT

A detailed map and list of streets proposed for the 30km/h safer speed limit is available at Wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Road safety experts agree that a 50km/h speed limit is too high for busy city centres where a lot of people walk and cycle.

In a crash, the damage to people and vehicles is a lot less when the speed is lower. Small reductions in speed improve your chances of survival. Pedestrians hit by a vehicle travelling at 30km/h have a 90 percent chance of surviving. At 45km/h the survival rate is only 50 percent.

Another factor affecting the severity of crashes is how long it takes a vehicle to stop. A car travelling at 50km/h

takes approximately 28m to stop. A car moving at 30km/h will only need 13m to stop – in a busy city street with pedestrians and cyclists that 15m can be vital.

To make the city safer for everyone, we're proposing a 30km/h speed limit for most central city streets – including parts of Te Aro, the Cuba and Courtenay precincts and part of The Terrace.

The speed limit would stay at 50km/h along the main roads – the waterfront route, part of Wakefield Street, Cable Street, Kent and Cambridge terraces and Vivian Street.

Safer speed zones have been established in 10 suburban areas around the city and the Golden Mile. There have been fewer crashes in these areas.

