
REPORT 4

**CENTRAL CITY SAFER SPEED LIMIT HEARINGS
SUBCOMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. Purpose of report

To request the Committee consider the proposal to create a subcommittee of the Transport & Urban Development Committee for the purpose of hearing the oral submissions on the Central City Safer Speed Limit Proposal, currently out for formal consultation.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the committee:

1. *Note the information.*
2. *Agree the attached Terms of Reference contained in Appendix 1 of this report.*
3. *Agree the appointment of the Subcommittee's membership which will consist of the Chair of the Transport and Urban Development Committee and three Councillors from the Transport and Urban Development Committee. The Mayor is an ex officio member.*

4. Background

In December 2012, the Strategy and Policy Committee agreed the Council would conduct formal consultation on a proposal to introduce a safer speed limit in the central city – extending the limit that already applies along the Golden Mile to a wider area.

A speed limit of 30km/h speed has been proposed for most central city streets including parts of Te Aro, Cuba and Courtenay Precincts and part of The Terrace. The speed limit would remain at 50km/h along the main arterial routes including the waterfront, part of Wakefield Street, Cable Street, Kent and Cambridge Terraces and Vivian Street. The proposal aims to make the city centre safer, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as make it a more pleasant place to shop and do business.

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A consultation brochure was distributed to every Wellington City rate payer via the January 31 rates mail out, as well as a targeted mail delivery to every directly affected resident and/or business within the proposed area.

The consultation officially opened Tuesday 4 February 2014 and runs for 34 days, closing Sunday 9 March 2014.

5. Discussion

As of Sunday 2 March 2014 there have been 630 submissions, of which 23 have indicated they wish to formally present their submissions orally and there are still seven days of the formal consultation period to run (formal consultation closes Sunday 9 March 2014).

As per Council policy, each member of the public wishing to present to the appropriate Committee is entitled to have five minutes to speak to their submission. This is without any additional question time from the Councillors. As such, it is expected to take in excess of 2.5 hours to hear the oral submissions on this proposal.

6. Conclusion

In order to make the most efficient and effective use of the Transport and Urban Development Committees time, we propose a Subcommittee of the Transport and Urban Development Committee be established with the purpose of hearing these oral submissions. The Terms of Reference for the proposed Subcommittee is attached.

Officers at the hearings would take notes of all the oral submissions and include the feedback into the final report, which is scheduled to be presented to the full Committee at the May 20 2014 Meeting.

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APPENDIX 1

Central City Safer Speed Limit Hearings Subcommittee

Membership:

The Subcommittee's membership will consist of the Chair of the Transport and Urban Development Committee and three Councillors from the Transport and Urban Development Committee. The Mayor is an ex officio member.

Quorum:

3

Chair:

The Chair will be the Chair of the Transport and Urban Development Committee.

Frequency of meetings

The Subcommittee will meet on an as required basis to hear submissions and to discuss any recommendations to the Transport and Urban Development Committee.

Sunset clause:

The Subcommittee will discontinue once hearings have been conducted and recommendations made back the Transport and Urban Development Committee.

Parent Body:

The Subcommittee reports to the Transport and Urban Development Committee.

General Purpose:

The Subcommittee has responsibility to consider written and hear oral submissions on the proposed Central City Safer Speed Limit and make recommend final changes to the Transport and Urban Development Committee.

Terms of Reference:

The Subcommittee will have responsibility and authority to:

- 1.0 Accept and hear submissions on the review of the proposed Central City Safer Speed Limit and make recommend final changes to the Transport and Urban Development Committee.*

Delegated Authority

The Subcommittee will have delegated authority to carry out activities within its terms of reference.

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