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Committee Economic Wellbeing

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Submission on the Wellington City Council proposal to lower the speed limit for part of the Golden Mile

1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's agreement to a submission being made to Wellington City Council on Wellington City Council's proposal to lower the speed limit from 30km/h to 20km/h along the Golden Mile between Panama Street and Taranaki Street.

2. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

2.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance as the decision relates to feedback from the Committee to another organisation (Wellington City Council) who will make the final decisions in relation to the subject proposal.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

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3. Background

The proposal to lower the speed limit from 30km/h to 20km/h on part of the Golden Mile was released for public feedback on 25 September 2012 by Wellington City Council (WCC).

The WCC website includes details about the proposal, including supporting evidence:

http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/publicinput/2012-09-goldenmile.html

It also provides background information about the wider Pedestrian Safety Review and links to the two independent reports completed as part of the review.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 26 October 2012.

4. Comment

The proposed submission on behalf of the Council is included as **Attachment** 1 to this report. The submission confirms Greater Wellington's support for the proposed reduction in the speed limit along the Golden Mile.

5. Communication

The approved submission will be sent to Wellington City Council for its consideration.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes* the content of the report.
- 3. Approves the submission set out in Attachment 1 to this report.
- 4. **Authorises** the General Manager, Public Transport to sign the approved submission on the Council's behalf.

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Attachment 1: Draft Submission on the Proposed Golden Mile Speed Limit Change

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