

## Notice Motion: Lambton Quay

### Purpose

1. This motion requests that GWRC work with Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) to investigate making Lambton Quay, or parts thereof, dedicated to walking, cycling and public transport.

### Background

2. For the most part Lambton Quay is currently an all vehicle thoroughfare. Mixing of buses and light vehicles slows bus traffic through Lambton Quay, especially at intersections and where bus priority lane shifts from the left to the right-hand side of the road. This is particularly acute in the peak period.
3. Restricting private vehicles and keeping public transport at current low speeds has the potential to remove as many as four sets of traffic lights (or allow for re-phasing of these lights) and intersections with as many as five side streets. This initiative is aimed providing for buses to move more freely down Lambton Quay, and enable them to manoeuvre past each other.
4. Taxis, delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles will need to be accommodated in any design work. There are only two driveways or service entrances to Lambton Quay, these being otherwise provided from the Terrace (South side) or side streets (North side Lambton Quay).
5. There are other parts of the Golden Mile where the roadway is dedicated to public transport only, either full time, or during specific periods. The Wellington City Council have previously locked-off roads along the Golden Mile, with good effect for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport and apparent minimal impact on private vehicles.

### Comment

6. The focus of this motion is on the benefits to public transport from removing private and commercial vehicles from Lambton Quay. There is the potential for side streets to be made into mini parks or pedestrian areas, as has already occurred in a number of other areas of Wellington, including Grey St, but this will largely be a matter for the LGWM WCC to determine. Past studies have been undertaken on this issue and I would expect them to inform this initiative.
7. I anticipate that the Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council will write the Programme Director (or LGWM Chair) to ensure the request is included in current modelling and design scenario work.

### Motion

8. ***THAT*** the Greater Wellington Regional Council request LGWM investigate options, approaches and costs for providing for Lambton Quay, or parts thereof, to be for walking, cycling and public transport only, for potential introduction as part of the roll-out of the new bus network in 2018.

**Communication**

9. This Motion is considered to be a matter of low significance in terms of the Council's decision-making guidelines.



Mover: Cr Daran Ponter  
Seconder: Cr Chris Laidlaw

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