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Mount Barker CBD Speed Limit Changes

Urban growth has brought speed limits into question in a number of locations in the district and Council has implemented change in some areas already.

Traffic surveys have indicated that vehicle speeds on roads within the Mount Barker Central Business District (CBD) were below the default urban speed limit of 50km/h with many drivers already travelling at 40km/h or lower. The CBD area speed formalises existing driver behaviour.

A reduction from 50km/h to 40km/h on all roads inside of (and excluding) Adelaide Road, Druids Avenue, Cameron Road and Mann Street complies with the Australian Standard and SA Government guidelines and Council supported changes to the CBD speed zone.

Speed limits are set by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) having regard to factors such as road function, abutting roadside development and road and traffic characteristics. The proposed reduction to the speed zone has been reviewed with DIT who have approved the changes.

“With increased pedestrian activity in the CBD, a need to reduce the risk and severity of potential injury of crashes between vehicles and pedestrians is crucial. Reducing the speed limit forms part of a number of improvements implemented by Council over the years to improve accessibility and walkability for all.” Mayor Ann Ferguson said.

These improvements have included wombat crossings (where 40km/h already applies), landscaping, footpaths and intersection realignments.

“There are also economic benefits of lowering speed limits in the CBD.” Mayor Ferguson added.

“We anticipate that a safer pedestrian experience will encourage and retain foot traffic in our retail precincts supporting the existing traders.”

It is expected that new signs will be installed by the end of 2021. No detours or road closures are forecast at this time.

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