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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Lowering Wellington Speed Limit

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Resubmitting my comments from the Public Works Meeting - not sure if they carry over or not.
Hello everyone or to whoever is reading this. I'm writing this in support of the motion to lower the speed limit on Wellington Crescent to 30km/h from River to Academy. Saying that, this motion should include all of Wellington, including from Academy to Kenaston, and I urge council to make such an amendment. Wellington from Academy to Academy is already limited to 30km/h during the summer all the way to Thanksgiving, so making that year-round should be an easy and cost-effective way to ensure the safety of all commuters. Vehicle accidents from cars travelling at 30km/h are far less likely to kill someone or cause serious harm than vehicles travelling at faster speeds. Additionally, the Transportation Association of Canada suggests a maximum speed of 30km/h for roads in which bikes and vehicles must share.

While I support this motion, I hope this isn't the end of the conversation about safety on Wellington - especially since this motion as is only talks about one part of Wellington (please amend it). I think this is a great start, but there are still other issues. A big problem with Wellington is that the street is very wide. For instance, there are two wide roads with two lanes on each side - a similar setup to parts of Kenaston. The way the road is designed communicates a higher speed than even 50km/h, so I imagine speeding will still be an issue down this road even with the lower speed limit of 30km/h. Now I'm not an expert on road design or anything, but roads that are 50km/h and 30km/h tend to be narrower to encourage a lower speed. Considering Wellington has plenty of residences along it, I think efforts will need to be made to either encourage slower speeds, such as maybe more stop signs or speed bumps, or to narrow the road. Perhaps reducing Wellington to just one lane of traffic on each side and using the other lanes for dedicated bike paths would help with the narrowing.

Anyway, I hope you all consider amending this motion to include the rest of Wellington, but even without that reducing some of Wellington to 30km/h is a great step in the right direction.

I hope y'all have a lovely day :)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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