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ITEM 4 - REPORT – STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS – NOVEMBER 29, 2024 - SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON WELLINGTON CRESCENT

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Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Public Works report on speed reduction on WEllington.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation
Via zoom

Comments
There are better means of protecting vulnerable road users.
Planning and funding for these should not be delayed. A useless virtue signal like this speed limit change will delay the completion of real solutions. Paths can be built in months; we have been waiting for a safe path along Wellington for many years.

PW-4 Wellington I am in support of the path that EPC took. Acting, but carefully. We should do all we can to improve the safety of cyclists, while respecting other users. We should consider all options. Requiring every adult rider to wear a bold number-vest is the only way to enforce the most dangerous riding. The Vancouver - Stanley Park model, with bikes and peds sharing the same path, but cyclists dismounting to pass peds works where there are few bikes or few peds. Properly done, we expect that each segment of this road will have a different solution.

As I ride my bike, I do not want to be overtaken by a car going 160kph, as happened in June. A 30 sign offers zero protection.
As was explained to the WPS and their Board last week, the dependence of WPS on photo enforcement income has made our roads much less safe for all. Until every speeding ticket includes a conviction and demerits, we will be enabling our worst drivers to get even worse. If handing a speeding ticket to a driver costs a bit more, realize that they are still profitable, and part of making our roads safer. Simply having radar or laser in use on most traffic patrol cars would mean catching those choosing to drive at crazy speeds, before that craziness kills someone.

Public engagement (optional)
I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes