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**Media release**

**Consultation opens on 30km/h speed limit proposal for central city streets**

Consultation is now open on a proposal to lower speed limits on most central city streets to 30km/h. The project is part of the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) programme.

LGWM programme director Andrew Body says it's clear that people want to see change in how we move to and through the central city. The proposed changes are part of a balanced approach.

"There are more people walking and biking and, as the city grows, more people living, working and shopping in the central city. Setting lower speed limits on most central city streets reflects the multiple needs of everyone who uses the central city.

"We also know the important role the road network plays in moving people and goods to and through the city. Retaining a 50km/h speed limit on the main roads gives a strong direction on where the through traffic should go.

"Our early projects will make a start on moving more people with fewer vehicles. To do this, we need to create a better environment for people walking and on bikes. Setting safer speeds in the central city is an important first step," says Mr Body.

From this week, inner-city residents, business operators and property owners will receive letters from Wellington City Council advising of the proposed change and inviting submissions. On 2 March, a public awareness campaign will start so that all of those who use the central city can have their say, prior to Wellington City Council making a final decision.

"Submissions made as part of this public consultation will inform the final Council decision on the change in mid-2020," says Mr Body.

Consultation is open until 31 March. Go to [lgwm.nz/saferspeeds](http://lgwm.nz/saferspeeds) for more information and to have your say.

Feedback on an initial proposal was sought from the public in November and December last year. This feedback helped inform the proposal that the Council agreed, on 5 February, to take to formal consultation.

LGWM is a partnership between Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. LGWM's vision is to build a great harbour city, accessible to all, with attractive places, shared streets, and efficient local and regional journeys. To realise this vision, the programme is focused on moving more people with fewer vehicles.

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