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**Media release**

## **Wellington CBD speed limits change to 30km/h on Sunday 19 July**

From this Sunday (19 July), the speed limit on most of Wellington's central city streets will change from 50km/h to 30km/h (main roads will remain at 50km/h).

Lowering the speed limit to 30km/h in the central city is one of the early deliverables under the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) programme – aimed at making the central city safer and more pleasant for people walking and on bikes.

Wellington City Councillors unanimously approved the speed limit changes on 11 June. The 30km/h speed limit takes effect when the signs are installed.

More than 200 30km/h speed limit signs have been installed on streets where the speed limits will change. Road markings will be updated from around mid-September when weather improves.

Councillor Jenny Condie, the Council's Associate Transport Portfolio lead, says the 30km/h speed limits are a big change for the city and people should take extra care on their Monday morning commute, and as they go about their daily business in the central city.

"It's going to take a little while for everyone to adjust so we're encouraging drivers to look out for the 30km/h signs, slow down and give people space. Lowering the speed in Wellington's CBD is part of making longer-term changes for people walking, biking and using public transport that are at the heart of other cities around the world."

A two-week radio and online awareness campaign started on Wednesday 15 July to remind people about the speed limit change. Drivers travelling through the city are encouraged to use the main roads, such as the waterfront Quays, Vivian Street, Karo Drive, Taranaki Street and Kent and Cambridge Terraces which remain at 50km/h.

Mayor Andy Foster says, "Extending the existing 30km/h speed limit on the Golden Mile to most of the other streets in the area comes at the same time as Let's Get Wellington Moving is asking for feedback on how the Golden Mile itself could be improved. Our overall aim is to make a safer and more attractive central city, providing better amenity for street-level cafes, restaurants, outdoor public spaces and parks, and encouraging more people to walk, bike, and spend time."

**Chair of Greater Wellington Regional Council's Transport Committee Roger Blakeley** says, "The measure of any modern city is the ease and safety of getting around. Reducing speeds will make smaller streets quieter and safer to move around as traffic shifts to major roads. This will make Wellington's city centre a much more pleasant environment for people walking, cycling and catching public transport."

With a growing population, it's crucial more of us use public transport, walk or bike. Safer central city speeds will help to encourage this.

**Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Senior Manager Robyn Elston** says Let's Get Wellington Moving brings together transport improvements and urban development to create the kind of city people want to live and work in. Reducing speeds in the central city brings us a step closer to that.

"We also need to acknowledge 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," says Ms Elston.

Let's Get Wellington Moving's vision is for Wellington to be a great harbour city, accessible to all, with attractive places, shared streets, and efficient local and regional journeys.

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**The main arterial routes that are staying at 50km/h are:**

Waterloo Quay

Customhouse Quay (north of Panama Street)

Jervois Quay

Cable Street

Wakefield Street (east of Taranaki Street)

Kent Terrace

Cambridge Terrace

Taranaki Street (with no change to the existing 30km/h zone at the Courtenay Place intersection).

Vivian Street and Karo Drive, which are part of SH1.

**The streets that are changing to 30km/h are:**

Abel Smith Street (east of Willis Street)

Allen Street

Alpha Street

Athol Crescent

Ballance Street

Barker Street

Barnett Street

Blair Street

Bond Street

Boulcott Street (east of The Terrace)

Bowen Street (east of The Terrace)

Brandon Street

Bunny Street

Bute Street

Chaffers Street

Chews Lane

Christeson Lane

Church Street

College Street

Cornhill Street

Courage Lane

Cuba Street

Customhouse Quay (south of Panama Street)

Dalmuir Lane

Dixon Street (east of Willis Street)

Dunlop Terrace

Ebor Street

Edward Street

Egmont Street  
Eilers Avenue  
Eva Street  
Farmers Lane  
Featherston Street (south of Bunny Street)  
Feltex Lane  
Fifeshire Avenue  
Flagstaff Lane  
Footscray Avenue  
Forresters Lane  
Francis Place  
Frankville Terrace  
Furness Lane  
Frederick Street  
Garrett Street  
Ghuznee Street (east of Willis Street)  
Gilmer Terrace  
Grey Street  
Haining Street  
Halleys Lane  
Harris Street  
Holland Street  
Hunter Street  
Jessie Street  
Johnston Street  
Kelvin Grove  
Kensington Street  
Knigges Avenue  
Leeds Street  
Lombard Street  
Lorne Street  
Lynn Road  
Maginnity Street  
Maning Lane  
Marion Street  
Market Lane  
Martin Square  
Masons Lane  
Opera House Lane  
O'Reily Avenue

Panama Street  
Post Office Square  
Pringle Avenue  
Railway Station Drive  
Rosina Fell Lane  
Sages Lane  
Shell Lane  
St Hill Street  
Stout Street  
Swan Lane  
Tennyson Street  
The Terrace (north of Boulcott Street)  
Tonks Grove  
Tory Street  
Victoria Street (north of Karo Drive)  
Wakefield Street (west of Taranaki Street)  
Walter Street  
Waring Taylor Street  
Whitmore Street  
Wigan Street  
Willeston Street  
Willis Street (north of Karo Drive)  
Woodward Street  
York Street