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| ITEM 7.5 | MAYORAL MINUTE NO 26/2019 - INSTALLATION OF REDUCED SPEED ZONES ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES |
| TRIM FILE REF | 2019/724379 |
| ATTACHMENTS | NIL |

BACKGROUND

The reduction in speed is critical in protecting our community from serious injury or death when involved in an accident.

In local streets where the current speed limit is 50km/h a pedestrian has a 55% risk of dying if hit by a car, compared to only a 15% risk of dying if the car is traveling at 30km/h. Whilst not all roads are suitable for the lower speed limit as they perform different functions within the overall road network, local residential streets and areas where the number of pedestrians warrant a safer environment for people to walk on the road the reduction in deaths and serious injuries would far outweigh the additional travel time.

The aim is to have the 30 km/h speed zones for the selected Coast Walk sections approved and where necessary install the required traffic calming prior to completion of the overall Coast Walk project to further enhance the potential of this part of the overall Bondi to Palm Beach walk.

I proposed to ask staff to investigate this proposal identifying areas where there is potential to reduce the speed limit and the issues for the community. I ask that this be provided firstly in a report to be presented to Councillors at a councillor briefing so consideration can be given to the final proposal before proceeding to the Northern Beaches Traffic Committee and Transport for NSW.

I understand this investigation can be undertaken within existing operational budgets.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Investigate the potential for the installation of 30 KM/H speed zones in selected residential streets on the Northern Beaches, especially along the Manly to Palm Beach Coast Walk, in partnership with Transport for NSW.
2. Provide a report back to a councillor briefing in March 2020 on the matter prior to consulting with the community and before proceeding to the Northern Beaches Traffic Committee and Transport for NSW for approval of any potential 30 km/h speed zones.



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