Safer Speeds in Lower North Adelaide (East of Brougham Place)

Tell us what you think about the proposed changes.

Consultation closes 11:59pm, Thursday 26 November 2026.

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Project Information

The City of Adelaide is reviewing speed limits in Lower North Adelaide, east of Brougham Place.

We want to hear what you think.

We want our local streets to be safe, welcoming and easy for everyone to use, whether you are walking/wheeling, cycling, driving or moving around your neighbourhood.

Before any changes are made, we would like to understand what matters most to you, your experiences of using local streets and what you think about the proposed speed limit.

Your feedback will help us understand how you feel about speed limits and movements in the Lower North Adelaide.

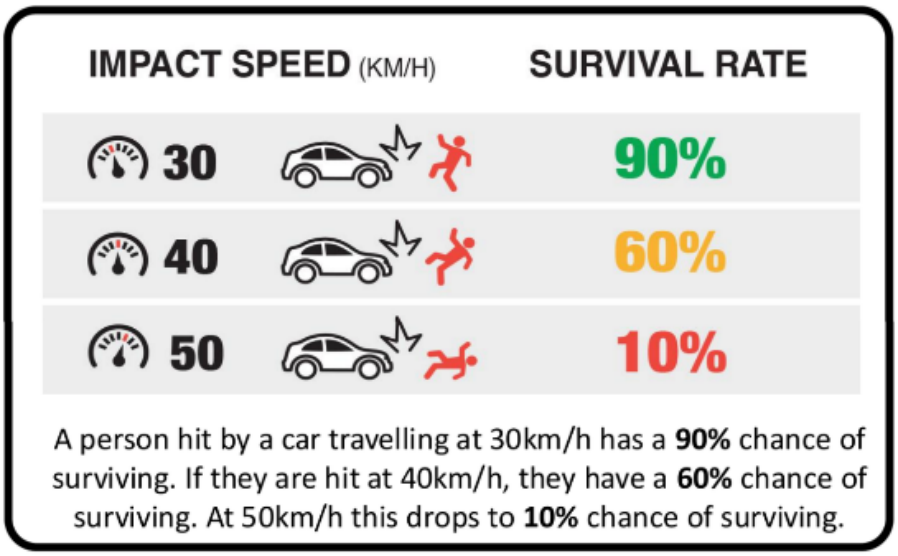
Background

At the Council Meeting Tuesday 13 October 2026, Council voted to consult residents of the streets in lower North Adelaide to gauge their support for reducing the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h.

Your feedback will help Council understand community views on reducing speed limits in Lower North Adelaide. Any changes to speed limits would need to be approved by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, which is responsible for making the final decision.

What is a safe speed?

As shown in the diagrams below, a person hit by a vehicle travelling at 50 km/h has a much higher risk of dying. This risk decreases at 40 km/h, with the likelihood of survival improving significantly at 30 km/h. 30km/h is considered to be the 'safe speed' for crashes between a person and passenger vehicle.



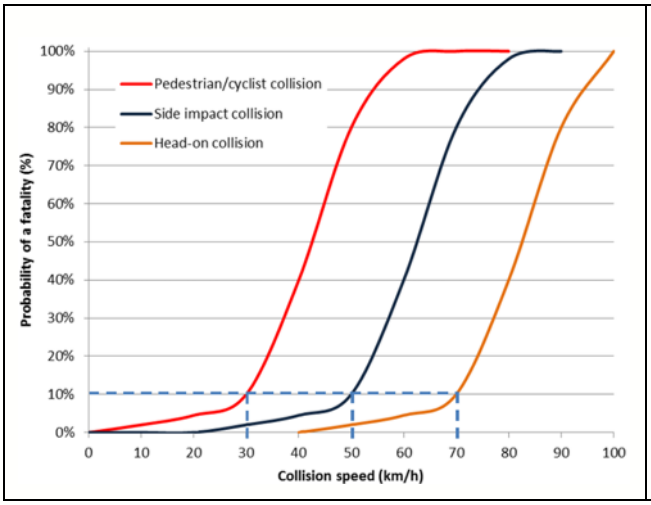
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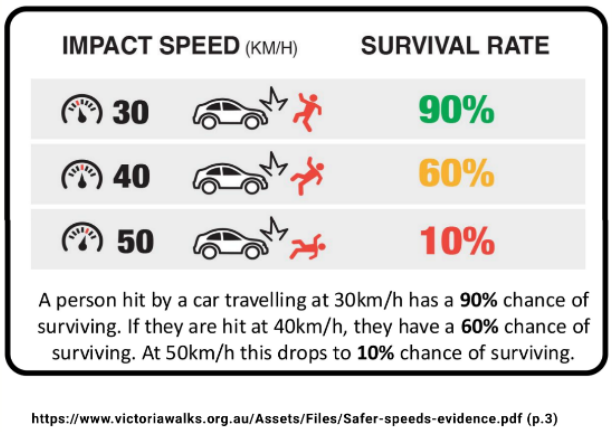
Reference: Victoria Walks (2025) Impact Speeds and Survival Rates

Frequently Asked Questions

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Austroads Guide for Road Safety Part 3 (2026) Figure 2.10: Probability of fatal injury by collision speed for different motor vehicle collision types [left] and Victoria Walks (2025) Impact Speeds and Survival Rates [right]

The severity of injuries also depends on the size and weight of the vehicle, as well as the age, size and health of the person involved. Larger and heavier vehicles can cause more serious injuries, while children and older people are particularly vulnerable.

Based on international research, many national and international organisations have adopted 30 km/h as a maximum safe speed for local streets where there are people walking/wheeling or cycling.

Many cities around the world have introduced 30 km/h speed limits, and these are becoming increasingly common in Australia, with evidence showing benefits for road safety and neighbourhood liveability.

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What are the benefits of lower speed limits?

Keeping our community safe is one of the City of Adelaide's key responsibilities, as outlined in our Strategic Plan. Lower speed limits can help make our streets safer and more welcoming for everyone, whether you are walking/wheeling, cycling or driving.

Reducing vehicle speeds lowers the risk of crashes and reduces the severity of injuries if a crash occurs. Slower speeds can also make it easier and safer for people to cross streets, particularly children, older people and people with disability.

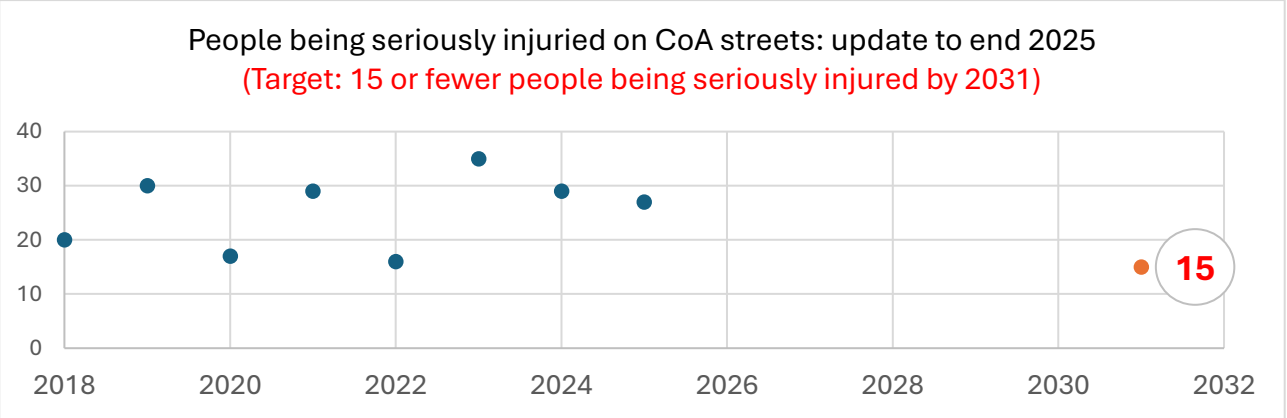
Lower speed limits can help create quieter, more comfortable neighbourhoods and encourage more people, including children travelling to school, to walk/wheel and cycle.

By making our streets safer and easier to use, we can support healthier, more connected and welcoming neighbourhoods for everyone.

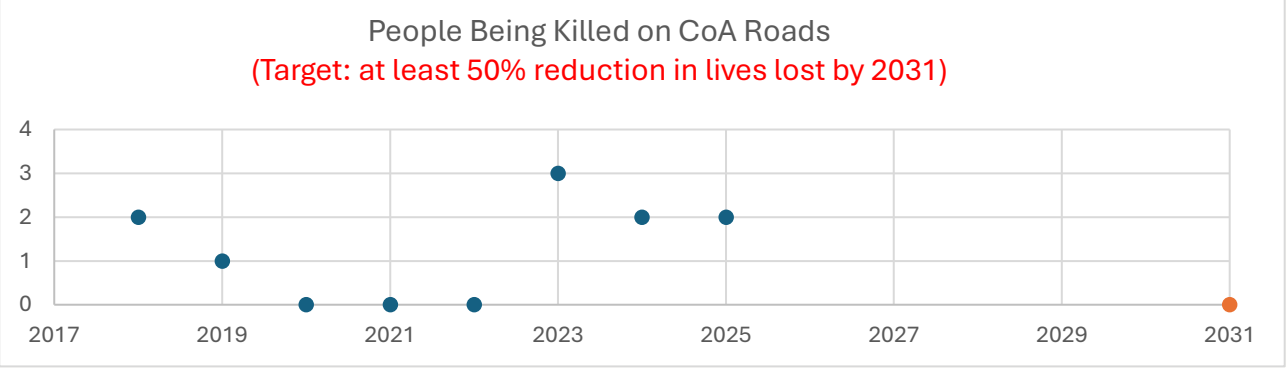
What is Council doing to improve road safety?

The City of Adelaide is committed to making our streets safer and reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured in road crashes. Our Integrated Transport Strategy – Our Streets: Full of Life sets the following road safety targets:

-Reduce the number of lives lost on city streets by at least 50% by 2031, with a goal of zero lives lost by 2050.



-Reduce the number of people seriously injured on city streets by at least 30% by 2031.



The graphs above show current road safety trends and highlight the importance of continued action to achieve these targets.

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How do I provide my feedback?

There are a number of ways in which you can provide feedback:

Feedback Form (attached to this information pack)

Online
ouradelaide.sa.gov.au
Contribute your feedback via the **Online Survey**

Email your comments to ouradelaide@cityofadelaide.com.au.

Written Submissions
Written submissions can be delivered to the Customer Centre, 25 Pirie Street Adelaide during business hours before 5pm on 26 November 2026, or addressed to:

Community Consultation
Safer speed limits in Lower North Adelaide
GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

What happens next?

We will acknowledge your feedback by email or in writing.

Once consultation closes, we will review the feedback and report the findings to Council for consideration.

Council will then determine whether to proceed with a request to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), which is responsible for approving any changes to speed limits.

For enquires please contact:

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Or visit ouradelaide.sa.gov.au

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Feedback Form

This form can also be completed online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au.

Your Details [Required]

Name:

Property address (where you live):

Email:

Business/Organisation Name (if applicable)**:**

Gender:

Year of birth:

Please tell us how you participate in city life (select all that apply):

☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Business Owner/Operator
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Property Owner	☐ Play *(e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)*

Q1. What matters most to you about the streets in Lower North Adelaide? (select all that apply)

a) ☐ Feeling safe when using local streets

b) ☐ Being able to walk/wheel and cycle comfortably

c) ☐ Easy access to homes, shops and services

d) ☐ Quiet and peaceful streets

e) ☐ Convenient travel times

f) ☐ Making streets accessible for everyone

g) ☐ Other (please specify)

Q2. Do you think that people drive too quickly on your street? Select one only [Required]

a) ☐ No

b) ☐ Only a few hoons

c) ☐ Yes, some drivers

d) ☐ Yes, most drivers

e) ☐ No opinion

Q3. Do you think that people drive too quickly on other streets in Lower North Adelaide? Select one only [Required]

a) ☐ No

b) ☐ Only a few hoons

c) ☐ Yes, some drivers

d) ☐ Yes, most drivers

e) ☐ No opinion

Q4. Do speed limits impact you or somebody in your household when you are walking/wheeling or cycling in Lower North Adelaide? Tick all that apply [Optional]

a) ☐ Noise from vehicles means I/we do not walk/wheel on some streets

b) ☐ Vehicles make it hard to cross

c) ☐ Vehicles mean I do not let my child(ren) walk/wheel or cycle on their own

d) ☐ Motorised vehicle speeds and/or volumes mean I/we avoid some streets or don't cycle

e) ☐ Motorised vehicle speeds and/or volumes make it harder to walk/wheel to Melbourne Street businesses

f) ☐ No, they do not impact me

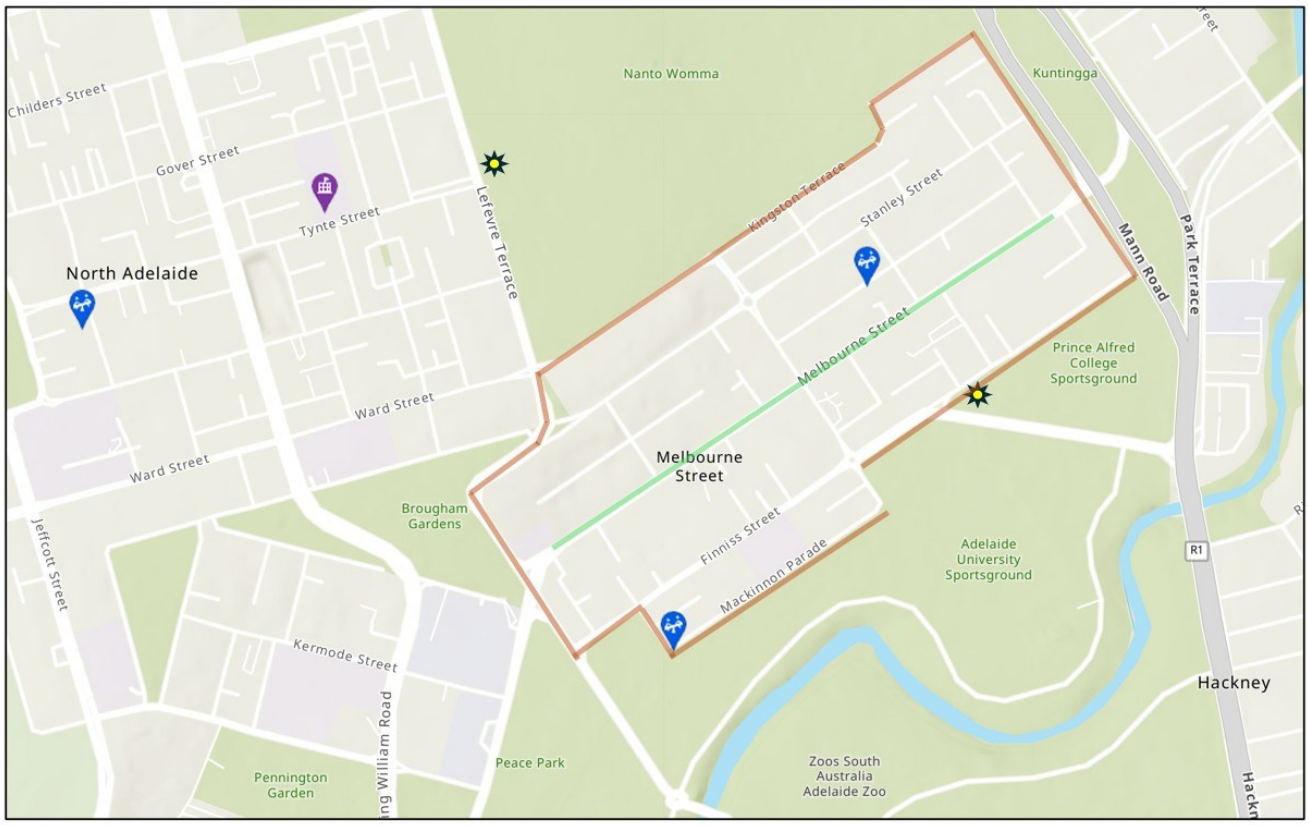
g) ☐ No opinion

h) ☐ Other, please specify:

Please help us understand your responses by leaving a comment.

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The City of Adelaide is reviewing speed limits for the area of Lower North Adelaide shown on the map below.



Q5. Do you support lowering the speed limit in Lower North Adelaide for the area shown? (Required)

a) ☐ Yes, I want to reduce speed limits

b) ☐ No, I would like the speed limit to remain at 50 km/h

c) ☐ Neutral

Please help us understand your response by leaving a comment.

Q6. If you support lower speed limits, please provide your reasons below? (Please tick all that apply)

a) ☐ Reduces the likelihood of crashes

b) ☐ Reduces the severity of crashes, especially the chance of death and serious injury

c) ☐ Creates a safer speed, improving safety for everyone, especially older adults, children, people with disability, and for people cycling and people walking/wheeling

d) ☐ Discourages through motorised vehicle traffic

e) ☐ Makes streets quieter

f) ☐ Reduces emissions from motorised vehicles

g) ☐ Encourages people to walk/wheel and cycle

h) ☐ Improves health and wellbeing

j) ☐ Other (please specify)

Q7. If you do think speed limits should be reduced, what do you think the speed limit should be reduced to? (Select one)

a) ☐ 30km/h

b) ☐ 40km/h

c) ☐ Other (please specify)

Q8. If you <u>don't</u> support lower speed limits, please provide your reasons below?

Q9. Is there anything else Council should consider before making a decision?

Thank you for your feedback.

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Contact Details (required)

We ask for this information because we want to know a little more about who you are and how you use the city to ensure we get a higher quality of data to go along with your feedback. The data will help us analyse feedback from specific groups (e.g. age, gender, City users), which in-turn will provide a richer and more valuable response to help Council make decisions. For this consultation, street location is also important to carefully understanding local issues and addressing concerns accordingly.

First Name:		**Last Name:**	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable)**:**			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity	**Year of Birth:**	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		☐ Yes ☐ No	

Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Business Owner/Operator
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Play *(e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)*	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
☐ Our Community	☐ Our Economy	☐ Our Environment	☐ Our Places
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
☐ East End	☐ North Adelaide	☐ South East	
☐ South West	☐ West End		

OurAdelaide.sa.gov.au is Council's online consultation website. It is your chance to be kept up-to-date and provide feedback on areas of the city that interest you. Would you like to sign up to Our Adelaide to receive the monthly newsletter and be notified of new projects that match your interests?

☐ Yes* ☐ No **Please provide your email address above*