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Ms Katie Hodson-Thomas  
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Dear Ms Hodson-Thomas

**Road Trauma Trust Account Funding for Safer Local Streets at 40km/h Project**

I write in support of the proposal from the Perth Inner City Group (PICG) seeking Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) funding, as the State's financial contribution to the project to reduce speed limits on local roads in the inner-city areas to 40km/h.

I strongly support and commend this project to the Road Safety Council, based on the initiative shown by the PICG to pursue proven-effective methods to make local streets safer, and the leadership they have demonstrated within the sector to work collaboratively with neighbouring Local Governments and State Government agencies.

Importantly, this project is an excellent example of a partnership approach between the Western Australian Government and Local Governments to achieve common objectives for WA communities. Recognising the State Government is responsible for the regulatory, policy and procedural aspects of speed zoning and signage, Local Governments in their role as road managers contribute the local technical knowledge and community engagement which will enable the effective implementation of this project.

Ultimately, by working together, this project will directly contribute to the targets (50 – 70% less KSIs by 2030), and the long-term vision (zero KSIs by 2050) of the State's Driving Change road safety strategy. It implements Action 7 (Create Safe and Healthy Local Streets, Town Centres and Schools) and contributes to Action 1 (Speed Zoning Policy and Speed Management) detailed in the State's Road Safety Action Plan 2024 – 2026.

Yours sincerely



**Cr Karen Chappel AM JP**  
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