FAQ – Safe Speed Zone Project

The City of Nedlands is participating in the Inner City Safe Speed Zone Project, a collaborative road safety initiative led by the Perth Inner City Group (PICG). The project will introduce 40km/h speed limits on local roads across Perth's inner suburbs, creating a more consistent approach to speed management across local government boundaries.

Why is the speed limit changing?

The speed limit is changing to improve safety on local roads and reduce the likelihood of death or serious injury when crashes occur.

The Hollywood precinct contains residential streets that are used by a wide range of people, including residents, patients, visitors, hospital staff, students, pedestrians and cyclists. Lower vehicle speeds can improve safety for all road users and help create more comfortable local streets.

Research shows that a person walking or riding has a significantly higher chance of surviving a collision with a vehicle travelling at 40km/h compared with 50km/h.

Which roads are included?

The project applies to approximately 34 local streets within the Hollywood precinct.

The final list of roads and a project area map will be published before implementation.

Major roads are not included in the project. Stirling Highway and Smyth Road will remain at their existing speed limits.

Will this increase travel times?

Research and experience from other local governments indicate that reducing speeds on local roads has minimal impact on overall travel times. Most trips involve stopping at intersections, traffic signals, pedestrian crossings and other delays. On relatively short local road journeys, the difference in travel time is often negligible.

Why was the Hollywood precinct selected?

The Hollywood precinct was endorsed for inclusion in the project in 2025 following an assessment process coordinated through the Inner City Safe Speed Zone Project.

The area was selected because it:

- Connects with proposed 40km/h zones in the City of Perth and City of Subiaco.
- Includes major hospitals, schools and activity areas.
- Experiences high levels of pedestrian and cyclist activity.
- Contains residential streets that support local access and movement.
- Aligns with the City's Road Safety Management Plan.

Between 2021 and 2025, there were 14 reported crashes within the project area that resulted in a person requiring medical treatment or hospital admission.

Who is funding the project?

The Inner City Safe Speed Zone Project is supported through a combined investment from State, Federal and participating local governments.

Funding supports the planning, design and implementation of safer speed zones across Perth's inner suburbs.

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Will there be changes to parking, road layouts or traffic access?

The project is primarily focused on implementing a lower speed limit through signage and supporting road safety treatments where required.

Any additional changes to road infrastructure will be communicated to the community ahead of implementation.

Residents, visitors and businesses will continue to be able to access properties and destinations within the project area.

How will the new speed limit be enforced?

Once implemented, the 40km/h speed limit will become a legally enforceable speed limit, similar to any other posted speed zone.

Enforcement of speed limits is the responsibility of WA Police.

Has the project been approved?

Yes. The project has been approved by Main Roads WA, endorsed by the Road Safety Commission and was endorsed by the City's Commissioners in 2025.

No further approvals are required before implementation.

Will other parts of Nedlands be included?

The current project only applies to the approved Hollywood precinct area.

The City has no current plans to extend the project to other areas of Nedlands as part of this initiative.

Any future proposals for speed limit changes elsewhere in the City would be considered separately.

When will the new speed limit be introduced?

Implementation within the City of Nedlands is expected in late 2027.

The community will be advised of key milestones and implementation dates as the project progresses.

How will I be kept informed?

Project updates will be provided through:

- The City of Nedlands website
- News articles and project updates
- Social media channels
- Direct communications where appropriate

Information about implementation timing, project maps and any planned works will be published as details become available.

Where can I find more information?

You can follow project updates on the City's website or contact the City of Nedlands if you have any questions about the project.

Additional information will be provided as planning and implementation activities progress.