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REPORT TO SUB-COUNCIL 16:

1. **ITEM NUMBER:** 16 SUB 43/01/20

2. **SUBJECT**

RESPONSE FROM TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES: UPPER MILL STREET, VREDEHOEK,

3. **PURPOSE**

To consider the recommendations from the Transport Department as to a request for traffic calming measures at Upper Mill Street, Vredehoek.

4. **STRATEGIC INTENT**

- *Safety and Security*

5. **FOR DECISION BY**

Delegation: Part 24 9(1) To decide within its area of jurisdiction where traffic calming measures are to be applied within the relevant legislation and policy and after considering a report from the Transport and Urban Development Authority.

6. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

An application for implementing traffic calming measures at Upper Mill Street, Vredehoek, was referred to the Transport Department for a technical assessment and report to Subcouncil 16 in terms of Council's Traffic Calming policy.

Upper Mill Street is a local Class 5 residential road serving a low density residential area, where pedestrian and traffic volumes are considered low. No notable schools or such facilities were identified along the length of Upper Mill Street and is therefore considered non-compliant with the Traffic Calming Policy Directives Section 7(3).

The attached letter dated 19 November 2019 to the Subcouncil (Annexure A) reflects the recommendations of the Director: Transport.

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7. RECOMMENDATION

Having considered the City of Cape Town Traffic Calming Policy, Transport Department assessment, circumstances does not exist to justify the implementation of traffic calming measures along Upper Mill Street, Vredehoek.

8 DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

The Ward Councillor, B Golding, Ward 77, received a request for traffic calming measures. The application was dealt with in terms of Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

8.1 Constitutional and Policy Implications

In terms of Council's traffic calming policy, the Transport and Urban Development Authority will assess the application and make a recommendation to the Subcouncil for decision.

8.2 Environmental implications

Does your report have any environmental implications:

No ☒

Yes ☐

8.3 Staff implications

Does your report impact on staff resources or result in any additional staffing resources being required?

No ☒

Yes ☐

8.4 Other Services Consulted

Transport and Urban Development Authority– Deon Manuel/Thulani Makibi

ANNEXURES:**A: Memo from Transport Urban Development Authority dated 19 November 2019.****FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:**

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Internal Memorandum

To : Subcouncil 16

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Subject: Traffic Calming Request: Upper Mill Street, Vredehoek

Date : 19 November 2019

The City of Cape Town Traffic Calming Policy (CoCT) aims to protect the most vulnerable road users, where they occur in the largest numbers on a **Class 4 Collector Street** and/or **Class 5 Local Street** in a residential area in the **vicinity of public facilities**, with roads adjacent to and leading to schools **being the primary focus of attention**. This being the case, a systematic program is in place for the treatment of all educational facilities over the next few years as a priority, which will not permit Transport and Urban Development Authority (TDA) to investigate and implement calming measures at other locations.

Speeding is a universal issue throughout the Cape Town metropolitan area and therefore cannot be used in its entirety to justify the need for traffic calming. The CoCT currently uses land use activity and crash history as a quantifiable objective in determining risk potential over the numerous traffic calming applications, which are currently being received on a daily basis. The desired outcome of this approach is to ensure a sustainable programme for the provision of traffic calming measures that is more responsive to critical road safety problems that arise from time to time on residential roads.

Upper Mill Street is a local Class 5 residential road serving a low density residential area, where pedestrian and traffic volumes are considered low. Secondly, No notable schools or such facilities were identified along the length of Upper Mill Street and, therefore, the road is considered non-compliant with the Traffic Calming Policy Directives Section 7(3). As the City of Cape Town, Traffic Calming policy addresses schools, recorded hazardous locations and public facilities,

Furthermore, the road in question is located at a grade which is believed to be exceeding the maximum required grade of 5, 5% slope as indicated on South Africa Road Traffic Signs Manual (SARTSM).

Therefore considering the road alignment grade and traffic calming policy we therefore do not believe that circumstances exist to justify the implementation of traffic calming measures are along Upper Mill Street.

Yours faithfully

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