REPORT TO SUB-COUNCIL 16:

1. **ITEM NUMBER**: 16 SUB 32/05/2023

2. SUBJECT

RESPONSE FROM TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES: QUEENS PARK AVENUE, SALT RIVER

3. PURPOSE

To consider the recommendations from the Transport Planning & Network Management Department as to a request for traffic calming measures at Queens Park Avenue, Salt River.

4. STRATEGIC INTENT

Safety and Security

5. FOR DECISION BY

Delegation: Part 25 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 Planning & Network Management Department.

6. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application for implementing traffic calming measures at Queens Park Avenue, Salt River was referred by Mr Mzuxolile Kwele directly to the Transport Planning & Network Management Department for a technical assessment in terms of Council's Traffic Calming policy.

The attached email dated 12 April 2023 to the Subcouncil (Annexure A) reflects the recommendations of the Director: Transport.

7. RECOMMENDATION

Having considered the City of Cape Town Traffic Calming Policy, Transport Planning & Network Management Department

- a) **Does not believe** that circumstances exist to justify the implementation of traffic calming measures within Queens Park Avenue.
- b) Therefore, recommend NO remedial measures in Queens Park Avenue.
- c) Furthermore, roads adjacent to and leading to schools are the primary focus of attention.

8 DISCUSSION/CONTENTS

The Subcouncil received a response from transport about a request for traffic calming measures in Queens Park sent directly to the transport department by a resident. 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 Planning & Network Management Department will assess the application and make a recommendation to the Subcouncil for decision.

8.2 **Environmental implications**

Does your report have any	No 🖂	Yes
environmental implications:		

8.3 Staff implications

Does your report impact on staff	No 🖂	Yes
resources or result in any		
additional staffing resources		
being required?		

8.4 Other Services Consulted

Transport Planning & Network Management Department – Deon Manuel/Thulani Makibi

ANNEXURES:

An email from Transport Planning & Network Management dated 12 April 2023.

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Annexure A

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Subject: RE: Request for New Speed Hump @ Queens Park Av: Salt River

Dear Cllr. Mohamed

Thank you very for bringing this matter to our attention.

We refer to your request for traffic calming in Queens Park Avenue, Salt River. 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 Urban Management (UM) to investigate and implement calming measures at other locations.

The assessment incorporated a range of factors including speed, accident history, traffic volumes, pedestrian facilities, property access and population density, parking activity, pedestrian/cyclist activity and public amenities. These factors were combined to determine the overall potential for conflict. Consideration for traffic calming would be given preference where there are high concentrations of vulnerable road users exiting directly onto a Class 4 and Class 5 public residential road from a public facility, such as learners at primary school, developed play parks or where the potential for vehicles/pedestrian conflict may be high.

Queens Park Avenue, Salt River is a Class 5 Local Street with a total road length of approximately 560m and a varying road width of between 7.0m- 9.3m. There is a play park and sports field located at the top of Queens Park Avenue within the section of the cul-de-sac as well as an existing speed hump in the vicinity of these amenities. At the intersection of Queens Park Avenue and Upper Balfour Street there is a three-way stop street intersection and the intersection of Queens Park Avenue and Victoria Road is a signalised intersection. The bottom of Queens Park Avenue contains a number of businesses within this residential road. Furthermore, there are no public amenities/ schools located in Queens Park Avenue.

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Given the above assessment and having considered the CoCT traffic calming policy, we do not believe that circumstances exist to justify the implementation of traffic calming measures within Queens Park Avenue. Roads adjacent to and leading to schools are the primary focus of attention. We therefore recommend NO remedial measures in Queens Park Avenue.

Should you require further information in this regard, a link to the City of Cape Town's Traffic Calming Policy is provided below:

Traffic Calming Policy Link

It should be noted that the Traffic Calming Policy also make provision for certain <u>exceptional circumstances</u>. The Policy therefore makes allowance for traffic calming at public facilities other than schools, and/or sites where there is evidence of **recent serious incidents** (note: as the exception, rather than the norm) and subject to compliance with other provisions of the Policy. The funding for such facilities would however also need to be provided by parties other than the Transport Department, which could include funding via private parties. Should your request fall into either category, <u>please provide the necessary supporting information</u> to facilitate further investigation accordingly.

Regards

Thulani Makibi

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Subject: RE: Request for New Speed Hump @ Queens Park Av: Salt River

Good afternoon Cllr.

I'm having a second request for another speed hump, please follow up with community engagement.

Customer Request Number: 9114147582 Speed bumps need to be installed on Milton Road, Observatory. Station Road runs parallel to this road and has speed bumps. Yet Mil n Road is as long of a straight run, and unlike Station Road, it runs downhill, and has none, which is a major oversight, as will on be apparent. Since there are no speedbumps cars and minibus taxis frequently speed through the stop streets. This has two main nsequences. First, it is dangerous. There are frequent collisions between cars/taxis, and other cars/taxis, pedestrians, motorcycl, bicycles at the intersection between Milton and Wesley. Second, it is a source of noise pollution, because drivers who choose to peed through the stop streets often hoot to alert possible oncomers that they are approaching and do not intend to stop. Third, pe le go so far as to use Milton road as a drag stretch, and the revving of their engines is loud. These sources of danger and noise llution are most unwelcome in a residential area, and I believe that they would largely be addressed by installing a series of spe bumps between the stop streets on Milton Road.

Regards,

Mzuxolile Kwele

Superintendent, Ebenezer Roads Depot, Area Central Roads Infrastructure Management **Urban Mobility Directorate**