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### Annexure A

### Internal Memorandum

**To** : Sub council 16

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**Subject** : Traffic Calming Request: Hofmeyer Street & Welgemeed Street Intersection, Oranjezicht-Gardens

**Date** : 23 May 2022

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 Mobility 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.

The roads in question are both classified as Class 5 residential roads. There are an existing measures at the intersection of Hofmeyer Street & Welgemeend Street in the form of 3-Ways Stop with clear sight distances on all approaches. These existing measures are effective and were warranted if ignored the this case become a traffic services issue to enforce. Therefore, this request will be forwarded to traffic services for an enforcement.

All stops are blatantly disobeyed by most drivers as this behaviour is unacceptable which can only be addressed through education and enforcement, and existing measures are proven to effective as we had managed to obtain an accidents statistics of a five year period. There are existing made sidewalks on all sides for pedestrian to cross safely. Pedestrian and traffic volumes were observed to be in keeping with road environment.

The accidents statistics of the last five years indicated nill accidents at the intersection in question, this proves that the existing measures in the form 3- Way Stop control is effective. As the City of Cape Town, Traffic Calming policy addresses schools, recorded hazardous locations and public facilities, where significant volumes of pedestrians cross the road at a given point, No notable schools or such facilities were identified

Given the above assessment and having considered the CoCT traffic calming policy, Hofmeyer Street & Welgemeend Street is considered non - compliant with the Traffic Calming Policy Directives Section 7(3) and **does not** warrant the implementation of traffic calming measures.

Thulani Makibi

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