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Councillor Noeleen Reilly  
Chairperson of Traffic and Transport SPC  
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Roads and Traffic Department  
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**RE: Dublin City Council's Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee**

Dear Councillor Reilly,

Many thanks for your letter of the 6 January, in which you extended an invitation to the Road Safety Authority to attend the upcoming meeting of the Traffic and Transport SPC on the 8 February, and to present a update on the Road Safety Strategy 2021 to 2030.

While, unfortunately, we are not able to attend the meeting I can provide a quick update on the Road Safety Strategy.

Ireland's fifth government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 aims to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by 50% by 2030. This means that by 2030, we will need to reduce deaths on Ireland's roads by 50% from 144 to 72 or lower and reduce serious injuries on Ireland's roads by 50% from 1,259 to 630 or lower. If Ireland is to remain on track to achieve these goals, we must meet our Phase 1 interim targets as set out in the government Road Safety Strategy i.e. road deaths need to reduce to 122 or lower, and serious injuries to 1,133 or lower by the end of 2024. The target for 2023 is 130 road deaths or fewer.

The strategy is also the first step in achieving the 2020 Programme for Government commitment of bringing Ireland to 'Vision Zero'. This is to eliminate all road deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by the year 2050.

I have attached an appendix to this letter which highlights some of the key achievements delivered as part of the Road Safety Strategy last year.

For your information, as part of the annual review process for the strategy we will be hosting, in collaboration with the Department of Transport a national review of the implementation of the strategy, and it will be attended by senior members of the DCC Executive. By way of background a robust governance structure has been put in place to monitor progress and delivery of actions in the Road Safety Strategy. This is conducted through the Road Safety Transformation Board. The board formally reports to the Minister of State at the Department of Transport Jack Chambers. Key stakeholders responsible for delivery of strategy actions sit on this board including the CCMA. To date, the RSA has partnered effectively with local authorities through the RSTB and the CCMA.



As such, in order for your Committee to receive the most appropriate and relevant briefing on the future of the strategy, I would suggest linking in with the DCC or CCMA representatives on the RSTB to seek an update on the strategy as they will be able to provide that localised perspective and context on the progress of actions.

In your letter, you also asked for an update on the speed limit review which is an action in the strategy. This action is being led by the Department of Transport. I do understand that work on this action is ongoing and when completed the final report of the working group will be submitted to the Minister. The Minister will then choose how to proceed with any policy changes required on foot of the recommendations made by the working group. Until the Minister has communicated his decision in relation to these, the RSA will not in a position to provide an update on its progress. At present, I do not have a timeline in terms of when the Minister's decision will follow but I have no doubt that the CCMA and local authorities will be notified of any decisions by the Department.

The RSA has a strong working relationship with Dublin City Council in working together to promote and raise awareness of road safety issues and we would be delighted to seek ways to further deepen that collaboration and partnership. In particular, we would be very happy to see how this can be achieved through the Road Safety Together Working Group. To that effect I would suggest that our Director of Partnerships and External Affairs, Sarah O'Connor, who has just recently taken up the post recently could meet up with the Chair of the Dublin City Council Working Together Group. I'd suggest this could be an informal meeting and a opportunity to discuss possible collaboration. Sarah can be contacted at [saoconnor@rsa.ie](mailto:saoconnor@rsa.ie)

Yours sincerely,



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