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| **SPECIAL Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting on:-**   * **Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2017** * **Pilot Initiative – Introduction of GoCar to Galway City**   **Minutes of Meeting held at 10.00am on Friday, 1st September, 2017, in Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Present: Cllr. John Walsh, Chairman**  **Cllr. Mark Lohan**  **Cllr. Colette Connolly**  **Cllr. Pearce Flannery**  **Cllr. Frank Fahy**  **Mr. Derrick Hambleton, Environment Seat**  **Mr. Pat Hardiman, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**    **In attendance: Mr. Tom Connell, Director of Services - Transportation, GCC**  **Mr. Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, GCC**  **Ms. Carmel Kilcoyne, Senior Executive Engineer, GCC**  **Ms. Anne Ruane, Administrative Officer, GCC**  **Ms. Martina Golding, Clerical Officer, GCC**    **Apologies: Cllr. Noel Larkin**  **Cllr. Peter Keane**  **Cllr. Mike Cubbard**  **Mr. Niall Ó’Brolcháin, Community / Voluntary Seat**  **Mr. Chris Coughlan, Business / Commercial Sector** |

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| **Item** |
| The Director welcomed members and staff to this special meeting to hear a presentation by Ms. Carmel Kilcoyne, Senior Executive Engineer on the Special Speed Limit Byelaws. He advised that a number of the proposals being put forward will need no changes, while other would need minor changes and further discussion will be required on others. It was noted that consultations with the Gardaí and Transport Infrastructure Ireland would take place before the Byelaws were put on public display.  **Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2017:-**  Carmel Kilcoyne, Senior Executive Engineer, made a presentation on the Draft Special Speed Limit Byelaws 2017 a copy of which was circulated to members. It was noted that the last review of the Byelaws was in 2009 but going forward they will be reviewed every 5 years.  Following a discussion on the proposed Draft Special Speed Limit Byelaws speed limits the following was agreed. |

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|  | **Proposed Speed Limit** | **Roads** |  |
| 1 | 100km/hr | N6 and R446 | Proposed: Cllr. F. Fahy  Seconded: Cllr. C. Connolly  Agreed |
| 2 | 80km/hr | N6 Bothar na dTreabh from Headford Road to Tuam Road | Install Slow Down Sign at Glenburren Park.  Proposed: Cllr. F. Fahy  Seconded: Mark Lohan  Agreed |
| 3 | 80km/hr | N84 Headford Road | Proposed: Mark Lohan  Seconded: Cllr. F. Fahy  Agreed |
| 4 | 60km/hr | N17 Tuam Road from Castlegar to Roadstone | Proposed: Mark Lohan  Seconded: Cllr. F. Fahy  Agreed |
| 5 | 60km/hr | N6 Bothar na dTreabh,  Tuam Road to Ballybane | Agreed |
| 6 | 60km/hr | N84 Headford Road from Ballinfoyle to existing signs | Proposed: Cllr. Fahy  Seconded: Cllr. C. Connolly  Agreed |
| 7 | 60km/hr | N59 Moycullen Road from Circular Road to Boundary | Agreed |
| 8 | Rural Speed Limits | Rahoon Road, Clybaun Road and Ballymoneen Road | Recommended 50km/hr  Proposed: Cllr. C Connolly  Seconded by Cllr. F. Fahy  Agreed |
| 9 | Rural Speed Limits | Letteragh Road and Ballagh Road | Recommended 50km/hr  Agreed |
| 10 | Rural Speed Limits | Cappagh Road | Recommended 50km/hr  Agreed |
| 11 | Rural Speed Limits | Old Dublin Road Roscam and Stoneleigh | Recommended 50km/hr – Change Stoneleigh name  Agreed |
| 12 | Rural Speed Limits | Ballindooley Rural Roads | Recommended 50km/hr  Agreed |
| The following points were raised by the members during the discussion:-   * The Draft Byelaws were being introduced to bring existing speed limits in line with the speed at which vehicles travelled. * It was recommended that all rural speed limits be 50km/hr. * As this is a Draft document, the next step is to go to full Council and then for public consultation with input from interested parties. * Cllr. C. Connolly asked why Dyke Road, Hidden Valley, Bohermore, Lough Atalia were not included for 40km zoning plus other areas like Shantalla and was informed that these roads come under urban centre areas and enforcement by the Gardai. * Distinction between rural and City areas should be clearly signed. Mr. U. Finn stated that it is difficult to set speed limit in all areas. Go Mall/Slow signs are sufficient and sets onus on drivers to drive at speed limit appropriate for location. * Cllr. C. Connolly requested that increased signage should be put in place as drivers are not aware of speed limits in different locations. * The Committee members asked for national policy and guidelines to be made available. Ms. C. Kilcoyne to forward link for same. * The members were advised that changing the Rural Speed Limit to 50km was dependent on the Planning laws and National Guidelines as the 80km applies to such areas. | | | |
| **Pilot Initiative – Introduction of GoCar to Galway City:**  It was decided not to discuss this project as Committee members had not agreed to having item on agenda. Mr. T. Connell agreed to circulate details of the pilot initiative to SPC members and advised that it is intended to proceed with the pilot. | | | |
| **Next meeting: Monday, 16th October, 2017, at 2pm.** | | | |