



Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Policies

Category: HIGHWAYS
Subcategory: Traffic Control
Sub-Subcategory: Speed Limits

SPEED LIMITS

Related Statute: RSMo 2000, Section 304.010 – Definitions – maximum speed limits – cities, towns, villages, certain counties, may set speed limit, how set – slower speeds set, when – violations, penalty.
RSMo 2000, Section 304.130 – Regulation of vehicular traffic – notice, hearings – approval – publication of notice (first class counties).
RSMO 2000. Section 304.351.7 – Commission may fix speed limit in areas near intersections by posting signs.

Authority to Approve Speed Limits

The Chief Engineer or his designee is authorized to approve speed limits on the state highway system. The Chief Engineer shall develop policies and processes regarding the establishment of speed limits. This delegated authority is applicable to all speed limits, which includes permanent, temporary, and work zone speed limit postings.

Effective Date: November 7, 2013
Supersedes Policy Dated: April 3, 1996 and August 9, 1996
Last Reaffirmed:
Date of Origin: April 3, 1996 – Speed Limits
August 9, 1996 – Speed Limits in Work Zones

Related Commission Actions: July 15, 1957; December 12, 1961; June 5, 1987; May 1, 1992; April 3, 1996. Speed Limits in Work Zones. September 17, 1970; February 5, 1988; June 3, 1988; January 5, 1994; Chief Engineer to implement future revisions in speed limits in work zones - August 9, 1996; November 7, 2013 – Comprehensive Policy Review.

Authority to Execute Speed Limit Agreements

Documents related to speed limit changes may be executed by the Director, Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Chief Engineer, the State Traffic and Highway Safety Engineer, or respective District Engineer.

Effective Date: November 7, 2013
Supersedes Policy Dated: April 3, 1996 and August 9, 1996 – Approve Speed Limits
Supersedes Policy Dated: April 3, 2012 – EOD, Paragraph G13a
Last Reaffirmed:
Date of Origin: April 3, 1996 – Speed Limits
August 9, 1996 – Speed Limits in Work Zones
Date of Origin: May 1, 1992 - EOD

Related Commission Actions:
Authority to Approve Speed Limits: July 15, 1957; December 12, 1961; June 5, 1987; May 1, 1992; April 3, 1996. Speed Limits in Work Zones. September 17, 1970; February 5, 1988; June 3, 1988; January 5, 1994; Chief Engineer to implement future revisions in speed limits in work zones - August 9, 1996.

Execute Agreements: May 1, 1992; June 2, 1995; _____ January 12, 2011-EOD; April 3, 2012-EOD.
Combined Policies: November 7, 2013 – Comprehensive Policy Review.