



RURAL INTERSTATE SPEED LIMITS:

THE DOWNSIDES OF 75 MPH



SPEED KILLS

Speed is the number one contributing factor to fatal crashes in Missouri. Crashes at faster speeds are more severe, meaning a higher likelihood of death or lifelong injury.



INFRASTRUCTURE FACTS

Highways and their safety countermeasures were not built for speeds this high. Increasing speed limits reduces safety margins and leaves less time to react.



WORKERS AT RISK

High speeds endanger road workers. With so much infrastructure construction underway, drivers are urged to slow down. This is the worst possible time to encourage faster driving.



OUR NEIGHBORS' WARNING

Some of Missouri's neighboring states have raised their speed limit to 75 mph, and their experiences are a clear warning.



THE MOST VULNERABLE

Highways aren't exclusive to experienced or highly skilled drivers. Teens and older adults are often uncomfortable navigating 70 mph traffic. Raising the speeds heightens their risk of a crash.



SAFETY FEATURE LIMITS

Even the most advanced safety technologies become less effective as speeds increase. The systems designed to protect drivers work less effectively when they're needed most.



SB 1408 would increase the speed limit along rural stretches of Missouri interstates to 75 mph.

Doing so would result in more serious injuries and fatal crashes.

ARKANSAS

Fatalities on rural interstates increased 27% when the speed limit increased to 75 mph

**SPEED
LIMIT
27%**

KANSAS

Fatalities increased 22% on highways where the speed limit was raised to 75 mph

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5 minutes
saved on a 100-mile trip 

**Is such a small savings
worth an 8% increase in
fatalities?**

Missouri is on a winning streak: three years in a row of declining fatalities.
**Keep Missouri moving forward - at safe speeds.
Oppose the rural interstate speed limit increases.**

