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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Engineers  
District Construction Engineers  
District Maintenance Engineers  
Construction Division  
Roadway Design Division  
Bridge Division  
Maintenance Division

FROM: State Traffic Engineer  
Edward A. Bailey *EAB*

SUBJECT: Speed Zones for Construction and Maintenance Projects  
On Four-Lane Divided Highways

ROADWAY DESIGN

Attached is a copy of the speed zone for construction and maintenance operations on all four-lane divided roadways. This speed zone is for almost all types of construction and maintenance operations, but is intended to be used only in the vicinity of active work, and not to stretch from the beginning to the end of the project. Please ensure that this order is not abused.

If this office can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us.

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pc: Mr. James H. Kopf, Chief Engineer  
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COMMISSION ORDER FOR SPEED ZONING HIGHWAYS

There came on for consideration by the Commission the matter of setting up restricted speed zones in the interest and safety of the traveling public based upon engineering and traffic investigation thereof, and the Commission being of the opinion that the following sections of the State's Highway System should be restricted as to the permissible speed of motor vehicles traveling along said sections of highways at the limitations recommended and set out in each case stated below in accordance with the provision of Section 63-3-503, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The Commission Order on Pages 853 and 854 of Minute Book 5 dated October 28, 1997 is rescinded and the following is adopted:

Four Lane Divided highways (non-controlled access/partial-controlled access)

The speed limit on Four Lane Divided highways where the speed limit is 65 MPH shall be lowered to 55 MPH throughout any area of a lane closure required by a construction or maintenance operation. This speed limit of 55 MPH shall begin at a point 2000 feet in advance of the lane closure taper. The speed limit of 65 MPH shall resume at a point 500 feet past the lane closure.

Reduced Speed Ahead signs (R2-5a) shall be placed at a point 1100 feet in advance of the Speed Limit 55 (R2-1) signs. The Speed Limit 55 signs (R2-1) and the Reduced Speed Ahead signs (R2-5a) shall be mounted on both sides of the travel lanes. A Speed Limit 65 (R2-1) shall be placed on the right side of the travel lanes at the end of the speed zone. All signs shall be 36" x 48".

Any existing Speed Limit 65 signs that are mounted within this 55 MPH zone shall be covered as directed. This 55 MPH speed zone shall be removed or signs covered when the lanes are free of traffic control devices.

Four Lane Divided highways (non-controlled access/partial-controlled access)

Active Construction Projects

The speed limit on newly opened Four Lane Divided highways where the speed limit is 65 MPH may be, at the discretion of the project engineer and concurred in by the Traffic Engineering staff, lowered to 55 MPH throughout any active construction zone. This speed limit of 55 MPH shall begin at a point 2000 feet in advance of the active construction zone. The speed limit of 65 MPH shall resume at a point 500 feet past the active construction zone.

The contractor shall place Reduced Speed Ahead signs (R2-5a) at a point 1100 feet in advance of the Speed Limit 55 (R2-1) signs. The contractor shall place Speed Limit 55 signs (R2-1) and Reduced Speed Ahead signs (R2-5a) on both sides of the travel lanes. The contractor shall place a Speed Limit 65 (R2-1) sign on the right side of the travel lanes at the end of the speed zone. All signs shall be 36" x 48".

Any existing Speed Limit 65 signs that are mounted within this 55 zone shall be covered as directed. This 55 MPH speed zone shall be removed or signs covered during any time that the work zone is inactive.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, and Commissioners Wayne H. Brown, Zack Stewart and Dick Hall each voting yes, it is ordered by the Commission that the speed zones described above with the speed limitations set forth therein, be and the same are hereby approved and ratified in accordance with the recommendations of the State Traffic Engineer and the provisions of the foregoing statute effective this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2001.

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Certified a true and correct copy of the document on file in the offices of the Mississippi Department of Transportation this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001  
Linda O. Ferrell  
LINDA O. FERRELL, SECRETARY

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The speed limit on interstate and other four lane divided highways where the speed limit is 70 MPH shall be lowered to 60 MPH through any area where there is an active construction or maintenance project. This speed limit shall begin at a point 2000 feet in advance of any lane closure taper, restriction, detour, lane shift, or shoulder closure and extend throughout the length of that specific operation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and Commissioners Wayne H. Brown, Zack Stewart and Dick Hall each voting yes, it is ordered by the Commission that the speed zones described above with the speed limitations set forth therein, be and the same are hereby approved and ratified in accordance with the recommendations of the State Traffic Engineer and the provisions of the foregoing statute effective this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2001.

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