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DESIGN DIVISION
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Regarding Regulatory Speed Limit Signs on Traffic Control Plans

In order to enhance safety for both the motoring public and construction personnel, the Department has established guidelines and procedures for the reduction of work zone speed limits as warranted by the Guidelines for Establishing Work Zone Speed Limits. The intent is to allow a reduction of the legal speed limit for the shortest period warranted in the area of active construction work. These procedures include an evaluation of the work zone in question, a review of the guidelines to determine if the reduction in speed is warranted, a written request, and approval by the State Traffic Engineer. Additional detail can be found in the Construction Division Circular Letter 712.04.01.

In order to comply with the above approved Departmental guidelines and procedures, **regulatory speed limit reduction signs shall not be placed in the Traffic Control Plans.** Any exception shall comply with the Guidelines for Establishing Work Zone Speed Limits, Construction Division Circular Letter 712.04.01, and be approved by both the Design Division Director and the State Traffic Engineer. Requests for the inclusion of regulatory speed limit signs in the Traffic Control Plans solely based on requests or comments made at field reviews will not be accepted as justification for placement of signs in the plans.

The use of advisory speed plates used in conjunction with construction signs is allowable on Traffic Control Plans provided the advisory speed is appropriate for the roadway geometry.

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