

TRAFFIC NEWSLETTER

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DISABLED VETERAN MOTORCYCLE/MOPED PLATES • DMV has added a disabled motorcycle and moped plate to our inventory. Previously, qualifying disabled veterans who wanted a plate for their motorcycle or moped only had the large passenger size plate as an option. We now issue a small, motorcycle size plate for disabled veterans. Passenger disabled veteran plates have a plate configuration of "D" followed by six numbers (D000000). Motorcycle and moped disabled veteran plates have a plate configuration of "MV" followed by four numbers (MV0000). Both types of plates include the words VETERAN and PERMANENT (expiration)

If you have any questions, you may contact DMV Vehicle Programs at (503) 945-5243.



INTERSTATE SPEED RULE • The 2003 Oregon Legislature enacted revisions to the statutes governing maximum speed limits on interstate highways in Oregon (HB 2661). The legislature authorized a maximum speed of 70 mph for passenger vehicles and 65 mph for heavy commercial vehicles on interstate highways. The law required that if the speed is raised to 70 mph for passenger vehicles, trucks must also be raised to 65 mph.

The law did not directly raise speeds; rather it required the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to conduct an engineering study of the entire Oregon interstate system to determine a safe and reasonable maximum speed. The study indicated that in most areas where the speed is currently set at 65 mph for cars it could be safely set at 70 mph. However, the study did not support raising truck speeds to 65 mph, therefore ODOT could not recommend any 70 mph segments for passenger vehicles. Based on the engineering study, ODOT drafted a rule to identify locations of interstate speed limits other than 65 miles per hour, held public meetings and presented a recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

A public hearing was held at the OTC meeting on September 30, 2004 to take testimony on the draft rule. The OTC considered the ODOT recommendation, recommendations from the Speed Zone Review Panel, the engineering study, an issues report prepared by Portland State University, and public comments. The OTC approved the rule language shown below. There are some speed zone changes from 55 mph to 60 mph in urban areas of Portland, Salem and Eugene. These speed zone changes are effective when signs are posted.

You can find additional information about the speed zone review at:

<http://www.odot.state.or.us/traffic/freewayspeedstudy.htm>.

If you have any questions, you may contact ODOT Traffic Management, at (503) 986-3568.

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Locations of Interstate Speed Limits other than 65 MPH

(1) All locations of mainline interstate highways not specifically listed in section (2) of this rule have speed limits of 65 MPH per ORS 811.111(1)(a). The speed limit for vehicles listed in ORS 811.111(1)(b) is 55 mph unless a lower speed is specified in section (2) of this rule.

(2) Under the provisions of ORS 810.180(3), the speed limits on the following sections of interstate highways are established as follows for all vehicles except as provided in section (1) of this rule:

(a) **Pacific Highway (I-5):**

- (A) Mile Post 0.00 – 11.0055 MPH;
- (B) Mile Post 27.00 – 30.8555 MPH;
- (C) Mile Post 73.18 – 73.95 (Southbound).....55 MPH;
- (D) Mile Post 107.83 – 108.85 (Northbound)50 MPH;
- (E) Mile Post 107.86 – 108.67 (Southbound)50 MPH;
- (F) Mile Post 190.41 – 196.0060 MPH;
- (G) Mile Post 251.00 – 260.85 (Northbound)60 MPH;
- (H) Mile Post 251.00 – 259.86 (Southbound)60 MPH;
- (I) Mile Post 288.60 – 296.3455 MPH;
- (J) Mile Post 296.34 – 298.0250 MPH;
- (K) Mile Post 298.02 – 299.5355 MPH;
- (L) Mile Post 299.53 – 303.4950 MPH;
- (M) Mile Post 303.49 – 307.3055 MPH;
- (N) Mile Post 307.30 – 308.3850 MPH.

(b) **Columbia River Highway (I-84):**

- (A) Mile Post 0.00 – 0.8450 MPH;
- (B) Mile Post 0.84 – 9.9455 MPH;
- (C) Mile Post 9.94 – 18.2560 MPH.

(c) **Eugene – Springfield Highway (I-105):**

- (A) Mile Post 0.00 – 0.5445 MPH;
- (B) Mile Post 0.54 – 3.4955 MPH.

(d) **East Portland Freeway (I-205):** Mile Post 6.00 – 26.6055 MPH.

(e) **Stadium Freeway (I-405):** Mile Post 0.00 – 4.2150 MPH.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 184.616, 184.619, 810.180 and 811.111

Stat. Implemented: ORS 810.180 and 811.111

