



SUBJECT Speed Limit Signing in School Zones	FINAL NUMBER TR06-03(B)	EFFECTIVE DATE 07/01/2006	VALIDATION DATE 08/18/2008	RESCINDS 05/31/2012
TOPIC/PROGRAM Signing Policy & Guidelines	WEB LINK(S) http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/TECHSERV/Pages/technicalguidance.aspx APPROVED SIGNATURE Original Signed by: Bob Pappe, P.E. State Traffic Engineer			

REASON FOR RESCISSION

This bulletin has been rescinded because this guidance has been incorporated into ODOT's Sign Policy and Guidelines, Chapter 7.

PURPOSE

To provide direction to sign designers, district sign crews, and region traffic personnel relating to the use of Speed Limit signing in school zones as part of Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects, Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) projects, or during routine sign maintenance activities.

DEFINITIONS

Basic Rule Violation; A person commits the offense of violating the basic speed rule if the person drives a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent as outline the criteria set forth in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 811.100

BACKGROUND

The laws regarding signing for school zones were changed by the State Legislature in 2003 and 2005. One of the changes that was made was removing school speed zones from under ORS 811.105 as a "basic rule violation" so that all school speed zones are included under ORS 811.111 as "violating a speed limit". Historically Oregon has signed for SPEED 20 on the state highways as an indication of areas that are enforced under basic rule. With all locations being enforceable as speed limits, Traffic-Roadway Section is promoting school speed signing that includes the word "limit", i.e., SPEED LIMIT 20, for all school zone signing.

REFERENCE

ORS 811.111

ODOT Traffic Manual, Chapter 6, Section 6.30.3 School Speed Zones
Standard Highway Signs for use with the 2003 MUTCD, 2004 Edition
State Sign Policy and Guidelines for the State Highway System

RESPONSIBILITIES

Highway Division personnel such as sign designers, district sign crews, and region Traffic personnel, whose duties involve project delivery or routine sign maintenance, are expected to be aware of design decisions and requirements that should be incorporated into design plans or implemented during routine maintenance.

ACTION REQUIRED

Sign Designers shall use either the Standard Highway Signs R2-1 SPEED LIMIT 20 sign design as part of the school speed limit sign assembly, or S5-1 SCHOOL/SPEED LIMIT 20/WHEN FLASHING sign, or the OS5-5 SCHOOL/SPEED LIMIT 20 design from the Sign Policy and Guidelines when designing plans for locations with speed limit signing in school zones. District sign crews shall use either the R2-1 or S5-1 from the Standard Highway Signs Manual or the OS5-5 sign from the ODOT Sign Policy and Guidelines when replacing existing speed limit signing in school zones. The OR2-1 sign design and the OS5-4 sign design from the ODOT Sign Policy and Guidelines will no longer be considered an acceptable sign option for speed limit signing in school zones on State Highways.

Existing signs that indicate SPEED 20 within school zones should be changed to SPEED LIMIT 20 when they are due for normal maintenance replacement or as part of construction projects. For projects already bid not yet constructed, no-cost change orders should be written to incorporate this changes (No change in sign size or type; just design).

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