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Memorandum to: Kenneth Weatherill

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Re: Speed Limit Initiative – Phase 2

This memorandum is to advise the policing community of recent amendments to <u>O. Reg. 619: SPEED LIMITS</u> under the <u>Highway Traffic Act</u> (HTA), that come into effect on July 12, 2024.

The amendments to R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 619 establish a speed limit of 110 km/h on nine sections of provincial freeways in southern Ontario and one section in Northern Ontario. This will add to the previously approved permanent speed limit increase to 110 km/h at six sections of provincial freeways in Southern Ontario and at two trial sections in Northern Ontario implemented in April 2022. The two trial sections in Northern Ontario are to remain at 110 km/h and no regulatory work is required to make these permanent.

The locations are listed below and are highlighted on the map at Appendix A:

- Existing 110 km/h speed limit sections implemented in April 2022:
  - QEW from Hamilton to St. Catharines
  - Hwy 402 from London to Sarnia
  - Hwy 417 from Ottawa to the Ontario / Quebec Border
  - Hwy 401 from Windsor to Tilbury
  - Hwy 404 from Newmarket to Woodbine
  - Hwy 417 from Kanata to Amprior
  - Hwy 400 from MacTier to Nobel 2 year trial now permanent
  - Hwy 11 from Emsdale to South River 2 year trial now permanent
- July 2024 110 km/h speed limit sections:
  - Hwy 401 from Essex Rd 42 in Tilbury to Merlin Dr
  - Hwy 401 from Hwy 35/115 to Burnham St/County Rd 18 (Cobourg)
  - Hwy 401 from County Rd 25 (Colborne) to Sidney Street (Belleville)

- Hwy 401 from east of Hwy 37 (Belleville) to west of County Rd 38 (Kingston)
- Hwy 401 from Hwy 16 to Quebec boundary
- Hwy 403 from Middletown Line (Woodstock) to Oak Park Rd (Brantford)
- Hwy 403 from Garden Ave (Brantford) to Highway 52 (west boundary limit) (Hamilton)
- Hwy 406 from south of St. David's Rd (Thorold) to Niagara Regional Rd 27 (Welland)
- Hwy 416 from north of Hwy 401 to north of Fallowfield Rd/County Rd 12 (Ottawa)
- Hwy 69 from north of Hwy 537 (Sudbury) to south of Pickerel River Rd (French River/Killarney)

Consistent with all speed limits on provincial highways that differ from statutory speed limits, the start of each 110 km/h section will have a 110 km/h Begins sign and the leaving end will have the appropriate speed limit Begins sign.

I ask you to kindly bring this memorandum to the attention of police services. Please direct any questions regarding these amendments to Justin White, Head, Safety Information Management Section, Provincial Traffic Office at (905) 321-5103 or via email at Justin.White@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating these changes.

Sincerely,

Jasan Boparai, P.Eng.

Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachment. Appendix A – Map Showing 110 km/h Speed Limit Sections

## **APPENDIX A**

## Map Showing 110 km/h Speed Limit Sections

