

# Speed Management Workshop

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## The Practice of Setting and Enforcing Realistic Speed Limits *Restoring Credibility: Engineering, Enforcement, & Educational Issues*

Breakout Session # 3  
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### Engineering

- Maintain both consistency and standards in posting and providing notice of speed limits.
- A Corridor limits @ C Develop consistent limits through jurisdictions, instead of a variance of limits while traveling on same portion of highway.
- Increase public education on the meaning and uses of enforcement and safety zones.
- Consider the construction of enforcement and safety zones in highway engineering design.
- Develop better communications among jurisdictions in the area of pre-construction and contract meetings.
- Revisit speed limit maintenance B Take a look at the speed limit and determine if it is still valid.
- Revisit 85% in setting speed limits to determine if concept is still valid.
- Enlist police departments to assist engineering community in conducting speed counts.

### Enforcement

- Request more police personnel to enforce speed limit laws.
- Enforcement engineering B Include enforcement areas for speed enforcement.
- Support the concept of Automated Enforcement Devices (Both speed and red light)
- Educate the public through PSAs and other media on the hazards of speeding.
- Develop interagency coordination for determining problem areas (enforcement and engineering working together).

### Judicial

- Request lower speed limit tolerances which judicial officials deem reasonable.
- Seek support of speed limits from judicial officials.
- Seek input from judicial officials on what they expect with regard to speed limits and tolerances.
- Request fine consistency for speed violations.

### Political

- 85% revisit to determine political ramifications.

- Educate politicians, judiciary and public on speed setting considerations and issues.
- Law C Change speed laws from basic to absolute. Basic law allows room for court to consider exigent circumstances for dispositions where absolute law states that the speed limit is fixed.
- Coordination between politicians and public works, city, local, state and federal officials.
- Develop central office for decision making on speed limit issues to alleviate local engineering officials from having to be influenced by local political officials.
- Maintain uniform procedures for setting speed limits.