

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SOUTH DAKOTA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the authority vested in them by SDCL 1-26, the South Dakota Transportation Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commission Room of the Becker Hansen Building at 700 East Broadway Avenue in Pierre, South Dakota on **May 28, 2015**, at 9:30 am (CST) to consider the proposed amendment to the following rules:

70:01:02:00 – A 75 mile per hour limited speed zone is being created on Interstate Highway 90 beginning at the Wyoming border then east to milepost 55.02. This segment of Interstate 90 has a significantly higher average daily traffic count than the rest of the Rapid City Region, and has a higher crash rate than most of the rest of the Rapid City Region. In addition, there are numerous vertical and horizontal curves on this segment of Interstate 90 that have a design speed of less than 80 miles per hour. This limited speed zone is being created to improve traffic safety.

Also, the effective beginning date for a temporary 65 miles per hour limited speed zone on Interstate Highway 90 near Sturgis between milepost 28.9 and 33.75 is being moved up from August 1 of each year to July 24. The traffic levels resulting from the increasing number of motorcycle riders coming to the Sturgis area the week before the official start of the Rally warrants slowing down traffic in the interests of safety the week before the Rally as well as during its official dates.

Additionally, for the 2015 Rally only, the length of the temporary 65 mile per hour limited speed zone on Interstate Highway 90 is being extended further to the east from milepost 28.9 to milepost 55.02 from July 24, 2015, until August 10, 2015, the day following the official end of the 2015 Rally. The anticipated increase in Rally-related traffic in the I-90 corridor between Sturgis and Rapid City for the 75th anniversary warrants slowing down traffic in the interests of safety.

70:01:02:49(3) – The effective beginning date for a temporary 35 mile per hour limited speed zone on South Dakota Highway 34 from Blanche Street easterly for 3.8 miles, is being moved up from August 1 of each year to July 24 of each year. The traffic levels resulting from the increasing number of motorcycle riders coming to the Sturgis area the week before the official start of the Rally warrants slowing down traffic in the interests of safety the week before the Rally as well as during its official dates.

70:01:02:49(15) – The effective beginning date for a temporary 45 mile per hour limited speed zone on South Dakota Highway 79 from its junction with South Dakota Highway 34, then 1.5 miles north, is being moved up from August 1 of each year to July 24 of each year. The traffic levels resulting from the increasing number of motorcycle riders coming to the Sturgis area the week before the official start of the Rally warrants slowing down traffic in the interests of safety the week before the Rally as well as during its official dates.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Department of Transportation, 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota

57501-2586. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Transportation by **May 27, 2015**, to be considered.

After the hearing, the commission will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Commission may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the hearing should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf).

A copy of the proposed rule may be obtained without charge from:

Secretary of Transportation
Becker-Hansen Building
700 East Broadway Avenue
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