

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 **April 28, 2016**, at 9:30 am (CST) to consider the proposed amendment to the following rules:

70:01:02:00 – A Sturgis Motorcycle Rally-related 65 mph temporary limited speed zone on Interstate 90 beginning at milepost 28.9 and currently ending at milepost 33.75 is being extended to milepost 55.02 in order to reduce traffic speeds and improve safety along this heavily-traveled segment of I-90 during the period of the Rally. In addition, the beginning date for the temporary limited speed zone is being moved back from July 24 each year to the Thursday preceding the first full weekend in August, and the ending date is being changed from August 15 to the Sunday of the second full weekend in August, which is the final day of the Rally each year. The change in dates is being made to more closely align the effective period of the temporary reduced speed zone to the dates of the heaviest Rally-related traffic, while minimizing the impact on normal traffic in the area.

70:01:02:49(3) – The effective beginning date for a Sturgis motorcycle Rally-related temporary 35 mph limited speed zone on South Dakota Highway 34 from Blanche Street easterly for 3.8 miles, is being changed from July 24 of each year to the Thursday preceding the first full weekend in August. The official Rally week begins the Monday following the first full weekend in August. The ending date for this temporary limited speed zone is being changed from August 15 to the Sunday of the second full weekend in August, which is the ending date of the official Rally week each year. The change in dates is being made to more closely align the effective period of the temporary reduced speed zone to the dates of the heaviest Rally-related traffic, while minimizing the impact on normal traffic in the area.

70:01:02:49(15) – A Sturgis Motorcycle Rally-related 45 mph temporary limited speed zone on South Dakota Highway 79 beginning at its intersection with South Dakota Highway 34 then North for 1.5 miles is being extended an additional .25 mile North to encompass the area of the approach for the entrance to the Iron Horse Campground in order to improve traffic safety in this location where a significant number of vehicles are entering and leaving the highway. The effective beginning date for this temporary 45 mile per hour limited speed zone on South Dakota Highway 79 is being changed from July 24 of each year to the Thursday preceding the first full weekend in August. The official Rally week begins the Monday following the first full weekend in August. The ending date for this temporary limited speed zone is being changed from August 15 to the Sunday of the second full weekend in August, which is the ending date of the official Rally week each year. The change in dates is being made to more closely align the effective period of the temporary reduced speed zone to the dates of the heaviest Rally-related traffic, while minimizing the impact on normal traffic in the area.

70:01:02:36(11) – The speed limit on U.S. Highway 14 beginning 0.2 mile west of 321 Avenue, then east for 0.76 mile is being reduced from 65 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour due to increased truck traffic in the speed zone area. This speed zone change will help

address safety concerns associated with the influx of these larger vehicles on and off U.S. Highway 14.

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 **April 27, 2016**, 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:

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