

Speed Forum

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- The word “speeding” is, perhaps inaccurate and can be a misleading term; “excessive speed” (for existing conditions) would seem to be a more accurate term
- “Speed too fast for conditions” appears to be a major safety issue

- There is a need to define the problems and the terms being discussed
- Understanding what “speed” is or means is a national problem
- Regulatory, posted, prevailing, advisory, 85th %-tile, design, relative, average, travel, operating, prima facie, statutory, and other adjectives are used to describe “speed”

- The world of speed limits appears to have divided itself into three (3A) parts:
 - (1) Special areas/zones, such as residential, school and work zones
 - (2) Arterial and collector roads, and urban expressways and freeways where the speed limits are set on the basis of studies

- (3) Rural freeways and expressways where speed limits are more likely to be statutorily established