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Re: - 2013 Speed Limits Review & Step 1 Implementation.

Dear Director,

In November 2013 the Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport published a Speed Limit Review Report. The published report made a range of recommendations (18) regarding changes to the system of speed limits and its administration. A copy is attached (with Executive Summary) for information.

The review was conducted by a group that was established in June 2012 with a brief to review the Speed Limits that apply to roads in the State as follows: -

- Reviewing and making recommendations on the existing overall system of Speed Limits
- Reviewing and making recommendations on signs that accompany Speed Limits
- Making recommendations on awareness and communications issues on Speed Limits
- Making recommendations on the implementation of suggested changes.

The review also arises out of the Road Safety Strategy (2007 to 2012) and supports the Road Safety Strategy (2013 to 2020), under which the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport was committed to publishing a Speed Limits Review report and implementing its recommendations.

Implementation

As a result of the review work has commenced on implementation with particular focus on actions 1 to 10. An outline of the initial implementation steps is attached in **Appendix 1**.

Action 1 of the plan calls for the replacement of the existing 80km/h signs on Local Tertiary or minor Local Secondary Roads at locations where they connect to other roads that have a speed limit of 100km/h or greater. These signs will be replaced by a new 'Rural Speed Limit Sign' as illustrated below.



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Rural Speed Limit



Current sign



Recommended Rural Speed Limit sign

For reasons of cost effectiveness and efficiency it has been agreed to procure (and fund) the signs (manufacture and supply) through the NRA. In order to progress this, the following information is now needed: -

- An inventory of all existing 80km/h signs on:
 - o Local Tertiary roads at locations where they connect to other roads that have a speed limit of 100km/h or greater using the MapRoad Mobile Speed Limit App (see below).
 - o Minor Local Secondary roads at locations where they connect to other roads that have a speed limit of 100km/h or greater using the MapRoad Mobile Speed Limit App (see below).

Data to be returned should include number of locations / quantity of signs and whether they are Bracket Mounted (BM) or Cap Mounted (CM). Separate quantities should be set out for each of the above.

Note: -Although not required for the return photographs and location co-ordinates of Speed Limit Signs must be recorded.

- A contact name with email address for liaison on overall matters relating to the Speed Limits review.
- A single location address for delivery of new Rural Speed Limit signs.
- A contact name, email address and telephone number for a sign supplier to liaise with on the delivery of the new Rural Speed Limit signs.

Responsibility for sign erection will be for each local authority to manage. Further details will issue regarding separate provision for funding the erection/mounting of these signs.

Completed returns should be submitted by Friday 9th May to roadsafety@dttas.ie and roadsdivision@dttas.ie as well as copied to signs@nra.ie. Any queries should be forwarded to roadsdivision@dttas.ie.

In order to facilitate current and future data inventory and requests a MapRoad Mobile Speed Limit App has been developed and is now available for use. Details of the App are set out in the attached User Guide (Appendix 2) and on the MapRoad PMS website (www.maproadpms.ie). Data gathered by the app will be displayed onto the MapRoad browser.

It should be noted that in support of Actions 4, 5 and 6, Local Authorities will in June be asked to commence work on completing an inventory of all Speed Limit including the recording and mapping of signs and zones. It is thus important at this stage that staff take the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the MapRoad software that has been developed.

Finally it is proposed that a workshop session be organised in the autumn for local authorities on the various aspects of the review, its implications and implementation.

County Councils are asked to inform Town Councils located within in their administrative area.

Yours sincerely


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To: - The Director of Services for Roads/Transport/Infrastructure for each City & County Council

Appendix 1

Speed Limit Review

2014 Implementation Timetable

Action 1

7th April 2014

Circular letter issued to Local Authorities on review and initial implementation steps.

12 May 2014

Local Authority Circular Data Return to DTTAS / NRA

Mid-June 2014

Sign Procurement

Mid-August 2014

Supply of signs to Local Authorities

September 2014

Erection of New Signs by Local Authorities

Action 6 & 13

From June 2014

**Local Authorities carry out and map a complete inventory of Speed Limit to include mapping of all Speed Limit Signs and Zones
Identify, remove or relocate inappropriate signs.**

Action 12

September 2014

Briefing Workshop

Action 4 & 5

From September 2014

Local Authorities commence comprehensive speed limit review in accordance with the updated Guidelines.

Progress on other supporting Actions will also take place in parallel.