Speed Limit Enforcement in Construction Zones

The Winnipeg Police Service and Public Works Department would like to remind motorists about signing and enforcement of speed limits in construction zones in consideration of ongoing road construction in the city and of Road Safety Awareness Week.

In order to ensure the safety of road construction workers, motorists and pedestrians, photo enforcement and conventional enforcement (police officers) are used to enforce speed limits in and near construction zones in areas throughout the city. The following summary identifies the specific speed and construction signs that motorists should be familiar with and explains how the speed limit is enforced in the different types of construction zones.

PART A:
Photo enforcement is used to enhance safety in construction zones in the following two instances:

1) Construction Zones on Streets normally posted with 70, 80 or 90 km/h Speed Limits requiring a full time speed reduction for the life of the project
   - Photo enforcement is used in construction zones on these higher speed routes where the permanent speed limit is reduced full time (24 hours a day and 7 days a week) to 60 km/h and where safety concerns exist for workers, road users, or both. Recent projects where this type of zone was used include the Fort Garry Bridge project and the twinning of McGillivray Boulevard.

   The speed limit sign used in these zones is “MAXIMUM 60"

   ![Speed Limit Sign](image)

   The beginning of the construction zone includes a “Roadwork" sign

   ![Roadwork Sign](image)

   The end of the construction zone is signed with “Construction Ends” and the return to the regular speed limit.

   ![Construction Ends Sign](image)

2) Construction Zones on Streets posted with 50 or 60 km/h Speed Limits
   - Photo enforcement is also used in construction zones where the permanent 50 or 60
km/h speed limit is not changed during construction, but where one or more construction workers are present in the zone and their safety is the primary concern.

Note: These zones are also signed with the “Roadwork” and “Construction Ends” signs like on the higher speed routes. However, on these lower speed streets the existing posted speeds are acceptable during construction and therefore are not changed.

PART B: Photo enforcement is not used in construction zones where this sign is displayed:

- This signing is used in some construction zones on higher speed streets where a full time reduction to the 70, 80 or 90 km/h speed limit is not necessary, but a need may exist to reduce speeds intermittently during construction.

- In construction zones where the “MAXIMUM 60 WHEN PASSING WORKERS” signs are used, police enforce speeds using traditional enforcement methods (police officers), not by using photo enforcement.

A current example of a construction zone on a street normally posted with a 70, 80 or 90 km/h speed limit requiring a full time speed reduction is Bishop Grandin Boulevard westbound between Lagimodiere Boulevard and Island Shore Boulevard. A current example of a construction zone where the ‘MAXIMUM 60 WHEN PASSING WORKERS’ signs are used is northbound Kenaston Boulevard near Sterling Lyon Parkway.