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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SPEED LIMITS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO – Publication of Legal Notices Nos. 152 and 153, dated December 15, 2017

The Ministry of Works and Transport wishes to advise the general public that the President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Anthony Carmona ORTT, S.C, has assented to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) (No 2) Act 14 of 2017.

Further, on today's date, **December 15, 2017**, the Minister of Works and Transport, the Honourable Rohan Sinanan, signed the requisite Speed Limits Orders, pursuant to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act Chapter 48:50. The said Orders have been duly published today and have taken immediate effect. The publication of the said Orders will now allow for the immediate regulation and enforcement of the new speed limits in Trinidad and Tobago.

Amendments to the new speed limits are as follows:

Road	Class or description of Motor Vehicle	Time	Special Speed Limit km/h
The Audrey Jeffers Freeway situated in the County of St. George from 0.00 kilometre mark at Ana Street to 3.60 kilometre mark at Western Main Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor; (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
The Diego Martin Highway from 0.00 kilometre mark at Western Main Road to 4.63 kilometre mark at Wendy Fitzwilliam Boulevard	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80

That part of the Eastern Main Road, Sangre Grande from 37.0 kilometre mark to 43.0 kilometre mark, commonly referred to as “the Valencia Stretch”	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
Reinzi-Kirton Highway from Rushworth Street to Ciperio Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
The South Trunk Road Extension from 0.55 kilometre mark at start of grass median southwest of Oropouche Roundabout to 3.70 kilometre mark at end of grass median near Mon Desir - Delhi Road	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
The Claude Noel Highway from Shirvan Junction to Bacolet Street, Tobago	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
The Shirvan Road from Claude Noel Highway to Grafton Road, Tobago	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80
Auchenskeoch - Buccoo Bay Road from Shirvan Junction to Montgomery Road, Tobago	(a) All motor vehicles except a tractor (b) Tractor does not include a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without a trailer	at all times	80

Members of the public are advised that a speed limit of 100km/h will apply to the following Highways.

- a) Beetham Highway from 1.53 kilometre mark at Market Overpass (east) in the vicinity of the Central Market/ NP to 4.81 kilometre mark at Barataria Overpass.
- b) Churchill Roosevelt Highway from 4.81 kilometre mark at Barataria Overpass to 34.8 kilometre mark at Antigua Road, Cumuto.
- c) Uriah Butler Highway from 2.75 kilometre mark at Bamboo Village Overpass to 15.65 kilometre mark at Chaguanas Overpass.
- d) Solomon Hochoy Highway from 15.65 kilometre mark at Chaguanas Main Road to 45.35 kilometre mark at Golconda Exit.
- e) Solomon Hochoy Highway from 45.35 kilometre mark at Golconda Exit to 49.64 kilometre mark at Debe Exit.

All roads throughout Trinidad and Tobago excluding those specifically mentioned in the Special Speed Limits Amendment Order, 2017, remain at 50km/h. Persons driving “Tractors” are advised that within built-up areas, the speed limit is 20km/h. On all major highways listed above from A to E, the speed limit for tractors is 35km/h.

The following table provides a breakdown of the speed limits with respect to the Classes of Vehicles, within Built-Up areas and Outside Built up areas, in accordance with Section 62 of the Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

SPEED LIMITS

Class or Description of Vehicle	Maximum Speed Kilometres per hour	
	Outside a Built- Up Area	Within a Built-Up Area
(a) Tractor (except a goods vehicle or private motor car with or without trailer)	35	20
(b) Motor Omnibus	65	50
(c) Motor Vehicle constructed to carry more than ten passengers	65	50
(d) Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which exceeds 3200 kilogrammes with or without trailer	65	50
(e) Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogrammes	65	50

with a trailer		
(f) Goods vehicle the licenced M.G.W. of which does not exceed 3200 kilogramme without a trailer	100	50
(g) Private motor car with trailer	65	50
(h) Any other motor vehicle	100	50

Further to the implementation of the new speed limits, the Ministry will be erecting the necessary signage to guide all motorists on our major roads and highways. The Ministry of Works and Transport continues to work with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) for the robust enforcement of the new speed limits.

Members of the general public are reminded that on Thursday 23rd November 2017, the TTPS received 9 additional LIDAR speed guns. This increases its capacity of LIDAR Speed Guns to fifteen (15). Therefore, both organizations will continue to collaborate towards ensuring compliance with the current speed limits in accordance with the Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Act Chapter 48:50.

Members of the general public are asked to remain cautious and vigilant on the nation's roads.

