

# HOW ARE SPEED LIMITS CHANGED?

MDT often receives requests to change speed limits; on average, 20 to 25 each year. Speed limits are changed after MDT completes a traffic investigation and upon approval from the Transportation Commission.

## 1 SUBMIT REQUEST

**Concerned citizens should submit speed limit requests or feedback to local commissioners or officials.**

All speed limit investigations are conducted in cooperation with local officials. MDT requires individuals to work with their local government to validate that the City or County supports the speed study. If you are unsure who has jurisdiction, please visit the webpage for MDT contact information to help you with your request.

## 2 SPEED STUDY

**Each investigation follows nationally accepted principles.**

Roadway data is collected and analyzed. Several considerations including seasonal conditions, roadway location, condition, and crash history are just some of the data used in a traffic investigation for a speed study recommendation.

## 3 COMMISSION ACTION

**Recommendations are presented to the Transportation Commission for action (MCA § 61-8-309).**

MDT submits the speed study report to the commission with findings and recommendations.



**Scan the code to visit the MDT Speed Limit webpage.**

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## SPEED LIMITS

Concerns about posted speed limits on highways under the jurisdiction of the Transportation Commission (state or federally funded routes) are handled by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). Speed limits on other roads are handled by your local city or county governments.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPEED LIMITS PLEASE GO TO:  
<https://bit.ly/MTspeedlimit>