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Movement to increase the speed limit on Ontario's 400-series highways to 120-130 km/h.

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**Texas getting ready to post 136 km/h (85 MPH) speed limit on the newly constructed divided highway 130.**

**New Ontario highways, including the 407 East Extension to be posted at 100 km/h?**

**Oshawa, ON** - The [stop100.ca](http://stop100.ca) movement is demanding the Provincial Government no longer treat Ontario drivers as irresponsible and perhaps the most incompetent drivers in the world by posting one of the lowest speed limits found in any industrialized country. How much longer are we expected to exceed the current "political" speed limit of 100 km/h by 20, 30 and 40 km/h on a daily basis in order to travel safely, comfortably and efficiently and in line with the expectations of a speed that is safe and appropriate for high quality multi-lane freeways? How much longer will the government turn a blind eye on our present driving habits and deny that the Ontario drivers prefer to be treated similarly to the residents of US states such as Texas who may soon see 136 km/h posted on speed limit signs on the newly built highway 130 near San Antonio.

The [stop100.ca](http://stop100.ca) movement with over 950 identified supporters (and growing) and a clear majority of the Ontario drivers (ranging from 58-89% by several polls referenced below) demands that the government legislate a reasonable speed limit of 120-130 km/h on Ontario's 400-series divided highways - the speed travelled by the majority of drivers. We also demand rejection of false and misleading claims that "speed kills" which is disproved by MTO's own statistics which show that only 1 in 15 fatalities is caused by excessive speed. Divided highways are the safest types of roads which contribute to only 15% of all road fatalities despite the highest speeds. Also, it is disingenuous to think motorists will "always exceed the speed limit by 20 km/h or more". The majority of drivers will obey a reasonable highway speed limit as opposed to the current arbitrary number of 100 km/h posted on speed limit signs. The supporting factual evidence is referenced below.

Speed on divided highways is a minor factor in accidents and fatalities as proven by the MTO's own statistics as well as many jurisdictions around the world (the Netherlands, Sweden, Ireland and more) which maintain very safe roads with much higher and more driver-friendly speed limits of 120-130 km/h and a reasonable speed tolerance.

By significantly exceeding the posted limit (20-40 km/h), the Ontario drivers show their demand for more appropriate speed limit legislation and an overwhelming preference to drive similarly to the drivers in the Western USA (Kansas, Texas, Utah and many more) or the EU (the Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden and many more). We demand that the MTO stop imposing their brand of "safety" forcefully onto the drivers and against their will (as proven by a very low compliance) and admit that the speed limit of 100 km/h was not scientifically established for the purposes of increased safety but rather as a response to the world oil crisis of the 1970s.

It is time to say enough to the political speed limit from February 1976 (which was proceeded by the limit of 112 km/h) - one of the lowest limits anywhere in the world - and follow the open-minded and progressive states and countries such as Texas, Utah, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands which are increasing their already higher limits and those countries and states which have had speed limits of 120-130 km/h for decades in order to be more driver-friendly and to recognize the popular demand for speeds that are safe and appropriate for high quality, multi-lane divided highways.

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#### **Poll results:**

City TV - 58%:  
<http://www.citytv.com/toronto/citynews/news/local/article/201276--group-s-push-for-higher-speed-limits-on-ontario-highways-rejected>

Toronto Sun - 70% (9116 votes cast):  
<http://www.torontosun.com/poll/should-the-speed-limit-be-raised-on-ontarios-highways>

Sympatico.ca Autos - 71% (2674 votes cast): <http://autos.sympatico.ca/auto-news/13603/ontario-turns-down-130-km-h-limit-proposal>

stop100.ca's (poll by a third party polling web site) - 89% (1588 votes cast):  
[http://kwiksurveys.com/?s=LHEINO\\_fac358f6](http://kwiksurveys.com/?s=LHEINO_fac358f6)

#### **Supporting Evidence:**

**Texas getting ready to post 136 km/h speed limit on a newly opened divided highway 130.**

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2012/06/07/texas-may-get-85-mph-highway/?intcmp=features>

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**“False and misleading claims that “speed kills” disproved by MTO’s own statistics which show that only 1 in 15 fatalities is caused by excessive speed”**

Source: Ministry of Transportation of Ontario

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/orsar/orsar08/people.shtml>

**Table 2.8: Apparent Driver Action by Class of Collision, 2008**

Apparent Driver Action	Class of Collision			
	Fatal	Personal Injury	Property Damage	Total
Driving Properly	403	38,994	157,914	197,311
Following Too Close	8	7,134	26,602	33,744
Speed Too Fast	64	810	1,582	2,456
Speed Too Fast for Conditions	60	4,453	17,348	21,861
Speed Too Slow	0	66	214	280
Improper Turn	16	3,599	11,476	15,091
Disobey Traffic Control	48	3,770	5,988	9,806
Fail to Yield Right of Way	77	8,337	19,851	28,265
Improper Passing	11	631	2,711	3,353
Lost Control	122	6,128	18,734	24,984
Wrong Way on One Way Road	3	92	187	282
Improper Lane Change	17	1,537	9,658	11,212
Other*	92	4,755	18,692	23,539
Unknown	41	1,776	30,918	32,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>82,082</b>	<b>321,875</b>	<b>404,919</b>

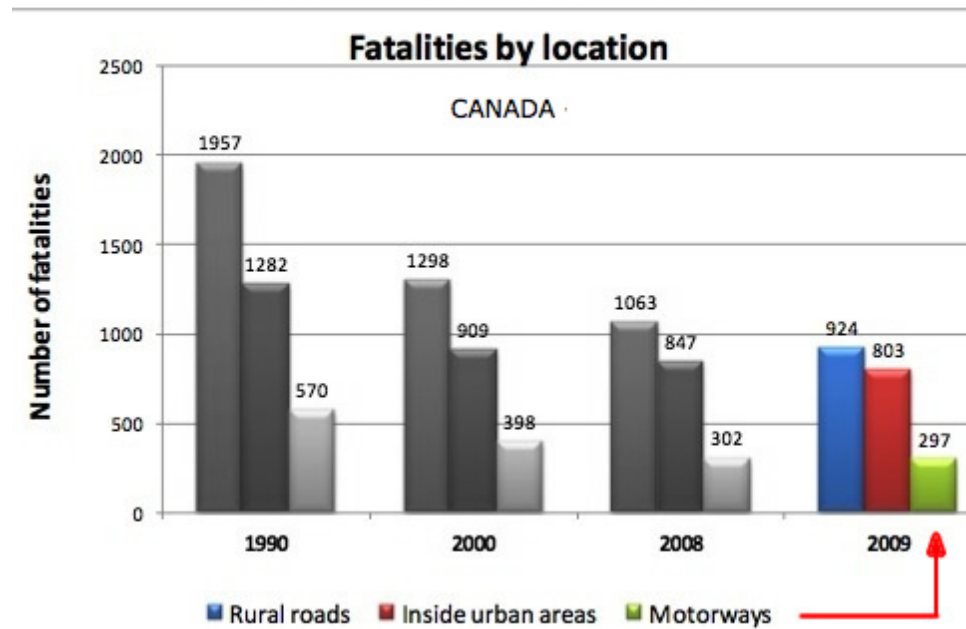
\* Includes actions such as hit and run, driving on the wrong side of the road, improper parking and illegally parked.

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**“Divided highways are the safest types of roads which contribute to only 15% of all road fatalities despite the highest speeds”**

Source: International Transport Forum, Road Safety Annual Report 2011, Section: Canada.  
<http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/Pub/pdf/11IrtadReport.pdf>

**Figure 4. Reported fatalities by road type  
1990, 2000, 2008 and 2009**



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**“It is disingenuous to think motorists will “always exceed the speed limit by 20 km/h or more”. The majority of drivers will obey a reasonable highway speed limit”**

**Utah: No speed change after increasing the speed limit. No increase in fatalities.**

Source: Utah Department of Transportation, KSL News.

<http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=148&sid=8401437>

## Fewer speeders reported after speed limit is raised

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SALT LAKE CITY -- The Utah Department of Transportation says it is seeing fewer speeders after raising the speed limit from 75 to 80 miles an hour on parts of Interstate 15 in Southern Utah.

The extra five miles an hour was added to two stretches of I-15 earlier this year. One section begins at mile marker 207 near the Mills exit, south to mile marker 187 at Scipio. The other section is from the Fillmore exit at mile marker 162, south to Kanosh at mile marker 144.

When the limit was posted at 75, UDOT said drivers averaged 81 to 85 miles an hour. But with the speed limit now at 80, the agency finds the

average driver still does not go above 85.

UDOT also says it has not seen an increase in accidents along those two stretches.

“It is disingenuous to think motorists will “always exceed the speed limit by 20 km/h or more”. The majority of drivers will obey a reasonable highway speed limit”

South Dakota - Number of drivers exceeding the speed limit dropped by close to 50% after limit increase.

Source: South Dakota Department of Transportation.

## South Dakota Speed Monitoring

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#### CHART OF SPEED COMPARISONS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Average Speed (mph)	73.4	73.8	75.0	74.8	74.8
Median Speed (mph)	73.4	73.8	75.2	74.9	74.9
85th Percentile Speed (mph)	80.9	81.5	82.1	81.6	81.6
Percent of Motorists Exceeding:					
65 mph	86.0	86.6	91.3	91.3	91.6
70 mph	67.7	68.9	75.2	74.1	75.2
75 mph	41.8	44.3	51.1	49.6	49.2