Variable Speed Limits—State Highway 1 and State Highway 2, Wellington

Pursuant to clause 6.1 of the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003 and a delegation from the NZ Transport Agency, I, Glenn Bunting, Network Manager, approve variable speed limits on State Highway 1 and State Highway 2 at Wellington in accordance with the conditions set out in this notice.

Conditions

1. Variable Speed Limit
The NZ Transport Agency (Highways and Network Operations Group) may set a variable speed limit of 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 or 100km/h on the sections of State highway specified in Condition 2 of this notice. The speed limit may be varied to manage the safe flow of traffic:

a. according to the numbers and types of road users;
b. for changing traffic volumes, including to ease congestion;
c. for emergency or temporary traffic management; or
d. in accordance with environmental conditions.

2. Sections of State Highway
Variable speed limits may be set for the following sections of State highway:

a. State Highway 1 at Wellington, from the Paremata roundabout to the intersection of State Highway 1 and Willis Street, including all on-ramps and off-ramps connected to this section of State highway; and
b. State Highway 2 at Wellington, from the intersection of State Highway 2 and Melling Link to the southern end of State Highway 2 at the Ngauranga Interchange, including all on-ramps and off-ramps connected to this section of State highway.

3. Signs
Speed limit signs that comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 must be installed to identify a length of road subject to a variable speed limit as follows:

a. except where Condition 3(b) applies, at least two "Variable speed" (R1-2.1) signs at the beginning of a length of road to which a variable speed limit applies, facing road users travelling towards the variable speed limit;
b. on single lane on-ramps, at least one “Variable speed” (R1-2.1) sign at the beginning of the length of road to which a variable speed limit applies, facing road users travelling towards the variable speed limit;
c. at least two “Variable speed” (R1-2.1) repeater signs installed at each location with a spacing of no more than 1.5km between variable speed limit sign locations, for each length of road to which a variable speed limit applies;
d. two “Standard” (R1-1) or “100 km/h” (R1-1.1) speed limit signs at the end of a section of road to which a variable speed limit applies, facing road users leaving the variable speed limit and showing the permanent speed limit that applies to the road beyond that point; and
e. all “Variable speed” signs installed after the date of publication of this notice must be R1-2.1 Option B signs as specified in Schedule 1 of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

4. Speed Limit May Apply to Part of the Road
The variable speed limit that applies at any time may apply to all of the sections of State Highways 1 and 2 described in Condition 2 of this notice or may apply to any length of road within those sections, bounded by the location of the speed limit signs.

5. Speed Limit Displayed on Signs
The speed limit that applies to a length of road at any time must be displayed on the variable speed limit signs within that length of road, except for a speed limit of 100km/h, which may be indicated by blank variable speed limit signs.

6. Recording Changes in Speed Limit
Records must be kept to show the actual speed limit that applied to any particular length of road at any time. The records must be available for public inspection and include the time the speed limit changed, the date, the speed
limit and a description of the beginning and end points of the length of road to which the speed limit applied.

7. Bylaw

The NZ Transport Agency (Highways and Network Operations Group) must set the variable speed limit by making a bylaw in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003.

8. Revocation and Savings

a. The notice titled Variable Speed Limits – State Highways 1 and 2, Johnsonville and Petone to Terrace Tunnel, published in the *New Zealand Gazette, 26 March 2009, No. 39, page 1016*, is revoked.

b. The variable speed limit on State Highway 1 and State Highway 2 at Wellington, which was set by the New Zealand Transport Agency Speed Limits on State Highways Bylaw 2010/10, published in the Supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette, 1 September 2010, No. 112, page 2967*, as amended*, is deemed to have been set in accordance with this notice and remains in force until amended or revoked in accordance with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003.

Signed at Wellington this 20th day of February 2017.

GLENN BUNTING, Network Manager.