

Subject Speed limit studies

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Summary

This bill directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation, when performing traffic engineering studies to set or adjust speed limits, to use the latest version of the federal manual on traffic control devices rather than the current equivalent state manual (which is the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices). Use of the federal manual must commence by July 1, 2024, and is required until a revised version of the Minnesota-specific manual is completed. Effective the day after enactment.

Background. The latest edition of the federal manual was adopted in December of 2023. It includes revisions to the guidance around criteria to consider in setting a speed limit.