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RE: Work Zone Speed Enforcement

Penalties:

Pass H.715- Increases penalties and points for use of handheld devices within work zones, maintenance, utility work and school zones.

Pass H.629- Expands the “move over” for law enforcement policy to include work zones.

Triple Fines- Increases violations in work zones from “Double Fines” to “Triple Fines”.

Enforcement:

Expand the state and federal road work contracts to allow for uniformed traffic officers to enforce work zones. Currently enforcement is limited and rare.

Enforcement:

Variable speed sign with license plate reader technology pilot program. There is already a precedent for using license plate readers (LPRs) in Vermont and other northeast states. DMV enforcement has been using LPRs for several years. Toll booths in NH/MA have been fitted with LPRs to replace toll booth attendants. The license plate reader provides autonomy for passengers and the ability to either hold drivers accountable or owners of cars the ability to know that laws are being broken with their vehicles. Creation of a new classification of ticket that sends a fine without points to the owner of a car like a parking ticket and the proceeds would be directed to DMV for application of the program. 1st offense would be written warning followed by a fine to be determined.

The signs would be highly mobile. They could either be at the beginning of the work zone which would slow a line of traffic and/or could follow the workers as they move along the path of the work zone. The pilot program would call for use of the LPRs in certain route 7, 2 or 15 projects and on certain interstate 89 or 91 locations. The data collected would show whether speeding is more prevalent where flaggers work.

Other data can be collected and used in engineering by the LPRs (see handout):

- # of vehicles
- Speed: average, top, bottom
- # of violations
- Date/Time trends

Thank you,
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