

Final Proposed Filing - Coversheet

Instructions:

In accordance with Title 3 Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the "Rule on Rulemaking" adopted by the Office of the Secretary of State, this filing will be considered complete upon filing and acceptance of these forms with the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

All forms shall be submitted at the Office of the Secretary of State, no later than 3:30 pm on the last scheduled day of the work week.

The data provided in text areas of these forms will be used to generate a notice of rulemaking in the portal of "Proposed Rule Postings" online, and the newspapers of record if the rule is marked for publication. Publication of notices will be charged back to the promulgating agency.

**PLEASE REMOVE ANY COVERSHEET OR FORM NOT
REQUIRED WITH THE CURRENT FILING BEFORE DELIVERY!**

Certification Statement: As the adopting Authority of this rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 801 (b) (11) for a definition), I approve the contents of this filing entitled:

**Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited
Access Facilities**

/s/ Joe Flynn

(signature)

, on 10/14/2025

(date)

Printed Name and Title:

Joe Flynn, Chair

Vermont Traffic Committee

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- ☐ Annotated text (Clearly marking changes from previous rule)
- ☐ ICAR Minutes
- ☐ Copy of Comments
- ☐ Responsiveness Summary

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

**Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with
Limited Access Facilities**

2. PROPOSED NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
25P 020

3. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Traffic Committee, Agency of Transportation

4. PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE RULE).

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<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/operations/OSB/traffic-operations/vermont-traffic-committee>

5. SECONDARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A SPECIFIC PERSON FROM WHOM COPIES OF FILINGS MAY BE REQUESTED OR WHO MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT FORMS SUBMITTED FOR FILING IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON).

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6. RECORDS EXEMPTION INCLUDED WITHIN RULE:

(DOES THE RULE CONTAIN ANY PROVISION DESIGNATING INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL; LIMITING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE; OR OTHERWISE, EXEMPTING IT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING?) No

IF YES, CITE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EXEMPTION:

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE REASON FOR THE EXEMPTION:

7. LEGAL AUTHORITY / ENABLING LEGISLATION:

(THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY OR LEGAL CITATION FROM SESSION LAW INDICATING WHO THE ADOPTING ENTITY IS AND THUS WHO THE SIGNATORY SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC CITATION NOT A CHAPTER CITATION).

23 VSA §1004

8. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE AGENCY:

23 VSA §1004 gives the Traffic Committee authority to make and publish rules pertaining to "traffic, and the public safety on... limited access and controlled access highways".

9. THE FILING HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED RULE.

10. THE AGENCY HAS NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS FILING A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE, CITING CHAPTER AND SECTION WHERE APPLICABLE.

11. SUBSTANTIAL ARGUMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT RAISED FOR OR AGAINST THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

12. THE AGENCY HAS NOT INCLUDED COPIES OF ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND SYNOPSSES OF ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED.

13. THE AGENCY HAS NOT INCLUDED A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THE REASONS FOR THE AGENCY'S DECISION TO REJECT OR ADOPT THEM.

14. CONCISE SUMMARY (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The changes to this rule consist of updates to current Statutes, titles, references, language, organizational structure, and practice. The changes proposed do not significantly affect the intent of the rule or current practice.

15. EXPLANATION OF WHY THE RULE IS NECESSARY:

The proposed changes to this rule are necessary to update the language and references to match current law and practice of the Agency of Transportation.

16. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS NOT ARBITRARY:

This rule is existing and the changes do not significantly affect the purpose or practice of this rule.

17. LIST OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS RULE:

Agency of Transportation, traveling public.

18. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The economic impact, if any, will be de minimis.

19. A HEARING WAS HELD.

20. HEARING INFORMATION

(THE FIRST HEARING SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF NOTICES ONLINE).

IF THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT TO LIST THE INFORMATION FOR EACH HEARING, PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET TO COMPLETE THE HEARING INFORMATION.

Date: 7/15/2025

Time: 12:30 PM

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Room 158

Zip Code: 05641

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21. DEADLINE FOR COMMENT (NO EARLIER THAN 7 DAYS FOLLOWING LAST HEARING):

7/23/2025

KEYWORDS (PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST 3 KEYWORDS OR PHRASES TO AID IN THE
SEARCHABILITY OF THE RULE NOTICE ONLINE).

Traffic Committee

Limited Access Highways

Interstate

Adopting Page

Instructions:

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

Note: To satisfy the requirement for an annotated text, an agency must submit the entire rule in annotated form with proposed and final proposed filings. Filing an annotated paragraph or page of a larger rule is not sufficient. Annotation must clearly show the changes to the rule.

When possible, the agency shall file the annotated text, using the appropriate page or pages from the Code of Vermont Rules as a basis for the annotated version. New rules need not be accompanied by an annotated text.

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Limited Access Facilities**

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Traffic Committee, Agency of Transportation

3. TYPE OF FILING (*PLEASE CHOOSE THE TYPE OF FILING FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU
BASED ON THE DEFINITIONS PROVIDED BELOW*):

- **AMENDMENT** - Any change to an already existing rule, even if it is a complete rewrite of the rule, it is considered an amendment if the rule is replaced with other text.
- **NEW RULE** - A rule that did not previously exist even under a different name.
- **REPEAL** - The removal of a rule in its entirety, without replacing it with other text.

This filing is **AN AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING RULE** .

4. LAST ADOPTED (*PLEASE PROVIDE THE SOS LOG#, TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF
THE LAST ADOPTION FOR THE EXISTING RULE*):

SOS Log #: 83-A50

Title: Regulations Governing the Use of State Highways
with Limited Access Facilities

Effective Date: September 13, 1983

Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) Minutes

Date/Time: May 12, 2025, 2:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Chair Nick Kramer, Diane Sherman, Jared Adler, Jen Mojo, John Kessler, and Nicole Dubuque

Members Absent: Natalie Weill, and Mike Obuchowski

Minutes By: Jen Mojo

- ▶ 2:00 p.m. meeting called to order.
- ▶ Review and approval of minutes from the April 14, 2025 [meeting](#).
- ▶ No additions/deletions to agenda. Agenda approved as drafted.
- ▶ No public comments made.
- ▶ Presentation of Proposed Rules with recommended changes on pages to follow.
 - 1) Rules Relating to the Closure of State Highways, Agency of Transportation
 - 2) Rules for Establishing Temporary Speed Limits, Agency of Transportation
 - 3) Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities, Agency of Transportation
 - 4) Rules for the Designation and Operation of Home Health Agencies, Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
- ▶ Other business: Due to lack of quorum, the Committee will hear the Best Management Practices for the Use of Neonicotinoid Treated Article Seeds and Neonicotinoid Pesticides Rule by Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets at its June 9, 2025 meeting. The Committee will put this rule first on the agenda.
- ▶ Next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ 3:29 p.m. meeting adjourned.

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Vermont Agency of Administration

Proposed Rule: Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities, Agency of Transportation

Presented By: Ian Degutis, Josh Taylor, and Evangeline James

Motion made to accept the rule by Jen Mojo, seconded by John Kessler, and passed unanimously, with the following recommendations:

1) Proposed Filing – Coversheet:

- a. #7- Add detail about what is “controlled access”.
- b. #8 – Recommend including additional context about what the rule establishes and detail about substantive changes within the rule.
- c. #10 - Include more detail relevant to changes of proposed rule versus current rule.
- d. #11-12 – Clarify impacted parties, include “travelling public”.

2) Public Input Maximization Plan:

- a. #3 - Include reference to hearing.
- b. #4 – Remove Agency of Transportation & general public.

3) Incorporation by Reference – recommend not including this form.

Economic Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the economic impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated costs and benefits to be expected from adoption of the rule; estimates the costs and benefits for each category of people enterprises and government entities affected by the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; and explains their analysis concluding that rulemaking is the most appropriate method of achieving the regulatory purpose. If no impacts are anticipated, please specify "No impact anticipated" in the field.

Rules affecting or regulating schools or school districts must include cost implications to local school districts and taxpayers in the impact statement, a clear statement of associated costs, and consideration of alternatives to the rule to reduce or ameliorate costs to local school districts while still achieving the objectives of the rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 832b for details).

Rules affecting small businesses (excluding impacts incidental to the purchase and payment of goods and services by the State or an agency thereof), must include ways that a business can reduce the cost or burden of compliance or an explanation of why the agency determines that such evaluation isn't appropriate, and an evaluation of creative, innovative or flexible methods of compliance that would not significantly impair the effectiveness of the rule or increase the risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or those affected by the rule.

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3. CATEGORY OF AFFECTED PARTIES:

*LIST CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES, AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES POTENTIALLY
AFFECTED BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS RULE AND THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND BENEFITS
ANTICIPATED:*

Agency of Transportation, traveling public. The
economic impact, if any, will be de minimis.

4. IMPACT ON SCHOOLS:

*INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC
SCHOOLS, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS CLEARLY STATING ANY
ASSOCIATED COSTS:*

The impact on schools, if any, will be de minimis.

5. **ALTERNATIVES:** *CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE TO REDUCE OR AMELIORATE COSTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHILE STILL ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RULE.*

The impact on schools, if any, will be de minimis.

6. **IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:**

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON SMALL BUSINESSES (EXCLUDING IMPACTS INCIDENTAL TO THE PURCHASE AND PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE STATE OR AN AGENCY THEREOF):

The impact on small businesses, if any, will be de minimis.

7. **SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE:** *EXPLAIN WAYS A BUSINESS CAN REDUCE THE COST/BURDEN OF COMPLIANCE OR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE AGENCY DETERMINES THAT SUCH EVALUATION ISN'T APPROPRIATE.*

This is an amendment to an existing rule. The impact on small businesses, if any, will be de minimis.

8. **COMPARISON:**

COMPARE THE IMPACT OF THE RULE WITH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE, INCLUDING NO RULE ON THE SUBJECT OR A RULE HAVING SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

The purpose of this amendment is to update this rule to current references, titles, statutes, and language. The authority to make and publish rules pertaining to traffic and public safety for interstate, limited access, and controlled access highways and impact on small businesses, if any, will be de minimis.

9. **SUFFICIENCY:** *DESCRIBE HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED, IDENTIFYING RELEVANT INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED.*

The is an amendment to an existing rule. Sources include State statutes, and existing Traffic Committee Rules.

Environmental Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the environmental impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated environmental impacts (positive or negative) to be expected from adoption of the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; explains the sufficiency of the environmental impact analysis. If no impacts are anticipated, please specify “No impact anticipated” in the field.

Examples of Environmental Impacts include but are not limited to:

- Impacts on the emission of greenhouse gases
- Impacts on the discharge of pollutants to water
- Impacts on the arability of land
- Impacts on the climate
- Impacts on the flow of water
- Impacts on recreation
- Or other environmental impacts

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3. GREENHOUSE GAS: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES (E.G. TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE OR GOODS; BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE; LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, WASTE GENERATION, ETC.):*

The impact of the amendment of this rule, if any, will be de minimis.

4. WATER: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS WATER (E.G. DISCHARGE / ELIMINATION OF POLLUTION INTO VERMONT WATERS, THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE STATE, WATER QUALITY ETC.):*

The impact of the amendment of this rule, if any, will be de minimis.

5. LAND: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS LAND (E.G. IMPACTS ON FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE ETC.):*

The impact of the amendment of this rule, if any, will be de minimis.

6. **RECREATION:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS RECREATION IN THE STATE:*

The impact of the amendment of this rule, if any, will be de minimis.

7. **CLIMATE:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE CLIMATE IN THE STATE:*

The impact of the amendment of this rule, if any, will be de minimis.

8. **OTHER:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACT OTHER ASPECTS OF VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT:*

The impact of the amendment of this rule, if any, will be de minimis.

9. **SUFFICIENCY:** *DESCRIBE HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED, IDENTIFYING RELEVANT INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED.*

The impact was determined to be de minimis through internal discussion based on the nature of the changes, this is an existing rule which does not change the substance of the rule.

Public Input Maximization Plan

Instructions:

Agencies are encouraged to hold hearings as part of their strategy to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of rules. Please complete the form below by describing the agency's strategy for maximizing public input (what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public).

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3. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AGENCY'S STRATEGY TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE, LISTING THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THAT STRATEGY:

A hearing which was specially convened to allow public comment on the proposed rule changes of the Traffic Committee rules, which the public were free to attend, to discuss rule changes. They were also posted prior to the meeting on the Traffic Committee website at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/operations/OSB/traffic-operations/vermont-traffic-committee>.

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Vermont Traffic Committee

Copy of Comments

The Traffic Committee did not receive any written or oral comments regarding its proposed rule changes.

Responsiveness Summary

There were no changes to the proposed rules or the form, after making the changes to the forms which were requested by ICAR, and minor administrative changes to titles and addresses which were requested by the Office of the Secretary of State.

14 053 004. Regulations Governing the Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities

A. Authorization

These regulations ~~are entitled and may be referred to as "Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities" and are entitled and may be referred to as "Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities" and~~ have been adopted by the authority under provisions of ~~Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 23 V.S.A. §1004 .~~

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B. Penalties

~~These regulations, together with alterations and amendments thereto, made under this Act shall have the force of law and violations thereof shall be penalized under Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 2205(e). Violations of these regulations shall be considered a "traffic violation" under 23 V.S.A. §2302.~~

C. Definition

"Limited access highway"~~s~~ shall mean any portion of the right of way of a limited access facility as defined under ~~Title 19, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1862 19 V.S.A. §1(25).~~ and shall include but not be limited to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, and shall include all ramps and highways provided for approach thereto.

"Committee" shall mean the Traffic Committee, ~~as defined under 19 V.S.A. §1(24), named in Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1003, and~~ consisting of the State Commissioners of Public Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Secretary of Transportation.

~~SECTION I~~

~~Article 1.~~

1. Speed Limits

The ~~maximum~~ speed limit ~~at which any motor vehicle may be operated~~ on limited access highways shall be sixty-five (65) miles per hour, except when posted otherwise by authority of the Committee, or when such maximum speed is ~~unsafe, not reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing.~~

~~Article 1.~~

2. ~~Retarding Traffic~~ Minimum Speed Limits

Except when reduced speed is necessary for safety, no motor vehicle shall be operated at a speed less than the minimum posted by authority of the Committee, nor at such a slow

speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. ~~The following vehicles are exempted~~ ~~Exempted~~ from ~~the~~~~this~~ provision: ~~s of this article are:~~

- a. Police vehicles.
- b. Ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles performing official emergency or authorized functions.
- c. Authorized construction, maintenance, survey, repair, and towing vehicles.
- d. Motor trucks, truck tractors, and buses when the grade of the road renders such speed impracticable. These vehicles shall display four-way flashing signals under such conditions.

~~Article 1.~~

3. Uniform Direction of Traffic

No motor vehicle shall be operated, backed, pushed, or otherwise caused to move in direction which is against the normal flow of traffic on any lane, deceleration lane, acceleration lane, access ramp, shoulder, or other roadway on limited access highways.

~~Article 1.~~

4. Passing or Changing Lanes

Drivers shall keep to the right except to pass ~~or avoid merging traffic~~. If vehicles on the roadway are moving, in separate traffic lanes, the provisions of this article shall not be considered as prohibiting the vehicles in one lane overtaking and passing the vehicles in another lane either on the right or left. No movement may be made to the right or to the left upon the roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after ample visible signal has been given to indicate the direction of movement.

~~Article 1.~~

5. ~~"U"~~-Turns Prohibited

~~The making~~~~Making~~ of a "U" turn at any point on limited access highways is prohibited except when posted otherwise by authority of the Committee. ~~Exempted-Exempted~~ from the provisions of this article are:

- a. Police vehicles.
- b. Ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles performing official emergency or authorized functions.
- c. Authorized construction, maintenance, survey, repair, and towing vehicles.

The foregoing ~~exemptions~~~~ceptions~~ shall be for the sole purpose of crossing the median to a roadway carrying traffic bound in the opposite direction, and no ~~exempted~~~~cepted~~ vehicles shall make crossings in such a manner as to create a hazard to other vehicles.

~~Article 1.~~

6. Use of Median Strip and Roadside Areas Prohibited

The median strip between roadways, including crossovers and roadside areas beyond roadways, except designated rest areas, shall not be used by vehicles or by ~~persons~~ ~~individuals~~ on foot for any purpose, except for maintenance, construction or official purposes, or in emergencies, or as provided in Article 1. 5.

~~Article 1-~~

7. Parking, Standing, or Stopping on Roadway Prohibited, Except in Cases of Emergency

a. No parking, standing, or stopping is permitted on limited access highways, except in areas designated, or in cases of emergency. In cases of emergency, as hereinafter defined, vehicles shall be permitted to park, stop, and stand on the shoulders to the right of the travel lane facing in the direction of travel with all wheels and projecting parts of any such vehicles, including the load thereof, completely clear of the travel lanes. Any motor truck or motor bus so parked, standing, or stopped shall have flares placed on the highway, one approximately 100 feet to the front of the vehicle, one approximately 200 feet to the rear, and one on the traffic side of the vehicle. Any flares so placed shall be of a type in conformity with that described in ~~Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 23 V.S.A. §1303~~.

b. For the purpose of this regulation, an "emergency" is defined as existing only when and so long as the vehicle in question is physically inoperable, or the driver of the vehicle is ill or fatigued, or when directed to stop by a law enforcement officer, but in no case shall the parking, standing, or stopping exceed a two-hour period.

c. ~~Exempted~~ ~~cepted~~ from the provisions of this article are:

(1) Police vehicles.

(2) Ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles performing official emergency or authorized functions.

(3) Authorized construction, maintenance, survey, repair, and towing vehicles.

d. Vehicles violating this article shall be towed away at the cost of the owner.

e. Stopping of vehicles on any part of limited access highways for the purpose of picking up or discharging any ~~individual-person~~ is prohibited, except as permitted by ~~Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 23 V.S.A. §1009(c)~~, school buses when authorized by the Traffic Committee.

f. The Traffic Committee's guidelines for establishing a school bus stop on a limited access highway are as follows:

(1) School Boards, through the District School Superintendent, may petition the Vermont Traffic Committee in writing to establish a school bus stop on a limited access highway, ~~other than Petitions for a school bus stop on~~ the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways ~~must comply with, pursuant to Title 23, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 23 V.S.A. §1009(c)~~. The petition must be resubmitted each year and state why the bus stop is needed, number of children, age of children, and include a copy of the participating school's transportation policy.

(2) Upon receipt of such petition, an engineering and traffic study will be conducted as the Vermont Traffic Committee shall direct and will include information as to traffic volumes, roadway and shoulder widths, approaching sight distances, grade, alignment, prevailing speeds, and alternatives to the bus stop.

- (3) The bus stop will be considered based on the results of this study, with the primary concern being safety.
- (4) No bus stop will be permitted where the students are required to cross the limited access highway.
- (5) No bus stop will be considered except at existing at-grade intersections.
- (6) Students waiting for the bus at an established bus stop on a limited access highway will be required to wait in back of the right-of-way limits in an area approved by the Traffic Committee until the arrival of the bus.
- (7) The Agency of Transportation shall cause advance warning signs to be erected in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices on both approaches to a bus stop on an undivided highway, or on the single approach in the direction of travel of the bus on divided highways.
- (8) Bus stops will be established for one school year at a time. Warning signs will be removed at the end of the school year and reinstalled following a consideration of changes in information on the Engineering and Traffic survey prior to 1 September each year. School Boards will notify the Vermont Traffic Committee of any change in use of the established bus stop during the school year.

Article 1-

8. Limitations on Use of Highway

- a. No vehicle shall enter upon or leave limited access highways except at access points designated.
- b. Use of limited access highways and entry thereon by the following is prohibited at all times:
- (1) Vehicles drawn by animals.
- (2) Pedestrians, except in areas specifically designated for that purpose.
- (3) Bicycles, with or without motors, except as allowed by 23 V.S.A. 1139.
- (4) Animals led, ridden, or driven on the hoof except leashed dogs in permitted areas.
- (5) Vehicles with deflated pneumatic tires, metal or solid tires, and vehicles with caterpillar treads, except by permit from the Secretary of the Agency of Transportation, Commissioner of Highways.
- (6) Motor vehicles in tow-away zones.
- (a) Except removal of disabled vehicles from limited access highways at the nearest access point by wrecker.
- (b) Except vehicles being towed with a stiff hitch.
- (c) Except trailers and semitrailers being drawn by a vehicle.
- (7) Farm implements and farm machinery, whether self-propelled or towed.
- (8) Vehicles with improperly secured attachments or loads.
- (9) Self-propelled snow vehicles.
- (10) Single saddle mount transports towing more than one vehicle (Title 23, Section 23 V.S.A. §1302.)
- (11) Motor trucks with more than one trailer attached (Title 23, Section Except as authorized by 23 V.S.A. §-1302(c).)
- (12) Motor-driven cycles as defined by 23 V.S.A. §4(45).
- c. On limited access highways that have at grade access points thereon, the Committee may make special regulations, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, relative to

the use of such highways by vehicles drawn by animals, bicycles, animals led or ridden, farm implements and farm machinery, whether self-propelled or towed, self-propelled snow vehicles, and pedestrians. The beginning and ending of areas to which the special regulations apply shall be designated by appropriate signs detailing the special regulations.

~~Article 1.~~

~~9. Civil Defense Regulations-Emergency Powers of Governor~~

Applicable ~~Emergency Powers of the Governor as set forth in 20 V.S.A. §§ 8 and 9 and any plans or directives issued in accordance with these statutes Civil Defense regulations as promulgated by the Department of Public Safety, Vermont Emergency Management Civil Defense Division, of the State of Vermont~~ shall be complied with on limited access highways.

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SECTION II - GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article 2.

1. Waste and Rubbish

No ~~individual person~~ shall throw, drop, or discard bottles, cans, paper, garbage, rubbish, sewage, or other material of any kind or description on limited access highways.

~~Article 2.~~

2. Damaging of Shrubs, or Plants and Defacement of Limited Access Highways Prohibited

No ~~individual person~~ shall cut, mutilate, or remove any trees, shrubs, flowers, plants, top soil, or sod located upon limited access highways or attempt to do so. Injury, defacement, removal, or destruction of the surface of limited access highways or its structures, appurtenances, recreation facilities, or property is prohibited.

~~Article 2.~~

3. Display of Posters Prohibited

No ~~individual person~~ shall erect, place, or display any advertising matter, posters, or placards of any kind, regardless of character of message, on limited access highways. This shall not apply to signs erected by the ~~State Highway Department with the approval of the Traffic Committee Agency of Transportation.~~

~~Article 2.~~

4. Parades and Demonstrations Prohibited; Picnics Prohibited Except at Designated Areas

Parades or other demonstrations are prohibited. Picnics or other gatherings, games, entertainment, or sports, on limited access highways are prohibited except at sites which may be designated for such purposes.

Article 2.

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14 053 004. Regulations Governing the Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities

A. Authorization

These regulations are entitled and may be referred to as “Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities” and have been adopted by the authority under provisions of 23 V.S.A. §1004 .

B. Penalties

Violations of these regulations shall be considered a “traffic violation” under 23 V.S.A. §2302.

C. Definition

“Limited access highway” shall mean any portion of the right of way of a limited access facility as defined under 19 V.S.A. §1(25), and shall include but not be limited to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, and shall include all ramps and highways provided for approach thereto.

“Committee” shall mean the Traffic Committee, as defined under 19 V.S.A. §1(24), and consists of the State Commissioners of Public Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the Secretary of Transportation.

Article 1.

1. Speed Limits

The speed limit on limited access highways shall be sixty-five (65) miles per hour, except when posted otherwise by authority of the Committee, or when such maximum speed is not reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing.

2. Minimum Speed Limits

Except when reduced speed is necessary for safety, no motor vehicle shall be operated at a speed less than the minimum posted by authority of the Committee, nor at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. The following vehicles are exempted from this provision:

- a. Police vehicles.
- b. Ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles performing official emergency or authorized functions.
- c. Authorized construction, maintenance, survey, repair, and towing vehicles.
- d. Motor trucks, truck tractors, and buses when the grade of the road renders such speed impracticable. These vehicles shall display four-way flashing signals under such conditions.

3. Uniform Direction of Traffic

No motor vehicle shall be operated, backed, pushed, or otherwise caused to move in direction which is against the normal flow of traffic on any lane, deceleration lane, acceleration lane, access ramp, shoulder, or other roadway on limited access highways.

4. Passing or Changing Lanes

Drivers shall keep to the right except to pass or avoid merging traffic. If vehicles on the roadway are moving in separate traffic lanes, the provisions of this article shall not be considered as prohibiting the vehicles in one lane overtaking and passing the vehicles in another lane either on the right or left. No movement may be made to the right or to the left upon the roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after ample visible signal has been given to indicate the direction of movement.

5. U-Turns Prohibited

Making a "U" turn at any point on limited access highways is prohibited except when posted otherwise by authority of the Committee. Exempted from the provisions of this article are:

- a. Police vehicles.
- b. Ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles performing official emergency or authorized functions.
- c. Authorized construction, maintenance, survey, repair, and towing vehicles.

The foregoing exemptions shall be for the sole purpose of crossing the median to a roadway carrying traffic bound in the opposite direction, and no exempted vehicles shall make crossings in such a manner as to create a hazard to other vehicles.

6. Use of Median Strip and Roadside Areas Prohibited

The median strip between roadways, including crossovers and roadside areas beyond roadways, except designated rest areas, shall not be used by vehicles or by individuals on foot for any purpose, except for maintenance, construction or official purposes, or in emergencies, or as provided in Article 1. 5.

7. Parking, Standing, or Stopping on Roadway Prohibited, Except in Cases of Emergency

- a. No parking, standing, or stopping is permitted on limited access highways, except in areas designated, or in cases of emergency. In cases of emergency, as hereinafter defined, vehicles shall be permitted to park, stop, and stand on the shoulders to the right of the travel lane facing in the direction of travel with all wheels and projecting parts of any such vehicles, including the load thereof, completely clear of the travel lanes. Any motor truck or

motor bus so parked, standing, or stopped shall have flares placed on the highway, one approximately 100 feet to the front of the vehicle, one approximately 200 feet to the rear, and one on the traffic side of the vehicle. Any flares so placed shall be of a type in conformity with that described in 23 V.S.A. §1303 .

b. For the purpose of this regulation, an "emergency" is defined as existing only when and so long as the vehicle in question is physically inoperable, or the driver of the vehicle is ill or fatigued, or when directed to stop by a law enforcement officer, but in no case shall the parking, standing, or stopping exceed a two-hour period.

c. Exempted from the provisions of this article are:

(1) Police vehicles.

(2) Ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles performing official emergency or authorized functions.

(3) Authorized construction, maintenance, survey, repair, and towing vehicles.

d. Vehicles violating this article shall be towed away at the cost of the owner.

e. Stopping of vehicles on any part of limited access highway for the purpose of picking up or discharging any individual is prohibited, except as permitted by 23 V.S.A. §1009(c) , school buses when authorized by the Traffic Committee.

f. The Traffic Committee's guidelines for establishing a school bus stop on a limited access highway are as follows:

(1) School Boards, through the District School Superintendent, may petition the Vermont Traffic Committee in writing to establish a school bus stop on a limited access highway. Petitions for a school bus stop on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways must comply with 23 V.S.A. §1009(c). The petition must be resubmitted each year and state why the bus stop is needed, number of children, age of children, and include a copy of the participating school's transportation policy.

(2) Upon receipt of such petition, an engineering and traffic study will be conducted as the Vermont Traffic Committee shall direct and will include information as to traffic volumes, roadway and shoulder widths, approaching sight distances, grade, alignment, prevailing speeds, and alternatives to the bus stop.

(3) The bus stop will be considered based on the results of this study, with the primary concern being safety.

(4) No bus stop will be permitted where the students are required to cross the limited access highway.

(5) No bus stop will be considered except at existing at-grade intersections.

(6) Students waiting for the bus at an established bus stop on a limited access highway will be required to wait in back of the right-of-way limits in an area approved by the Traffic Committee until the arrival of the bus.

(7) The Agency of Transportation shall cause advance warning signs to be erected in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices on both approaches to a bus stop on an undivided highway, or on the single approach in the direction of travel of the bus on divided highways.

(8) Bus stops will be established for one school year at a time. Warning signs will be removed at the end of the school year and reinstalled following a consideration of changes in information on the Engineering and Traffic survey prior to 1 September each year. School Boards will notify the Vermont Traffic Committee of any change in use of the established bus stop during the school year.

8. Limitations on Use of Highway

a. No vehicle shall enter upon or leave limited access highways except at access points designated.

b. Use of limited access highways and entry thereon by the following is prohibited at all times:

- (1)** Vehicles drawn by animals.
 - (2)** Pedestrians, except in areas specifically designated for that purpose.
 - (3)** Bicycles, with or without motors, except as allowed by 23 V.S.A. 1139.
 - (4)** Animals led, ridden, or driven on the hoof except leashed dogs in permitted areas.
 - (5)** Vehicles with deflated pneumatic tires, metal or solid tires, and vehicles with caterpillar treads, except by permit from the Secretary of the Agency of Transportation. .
 - (6)** Motor vehicles in tow-away zones.
 - (a)** Except removal of disabled vehicles from limited access highways at the nearest access point by wrecker.
 - (b)** Except vehicles being towed with a stiff hitch.
 - (c)** Except trailers and semitrailers being drawn by a vehicle.
 - (7)** Farm implements and farm machinery, whether self-propelled or towed.
 - (8)** Vehicles with improperly secured attachments or loads.
 - (9)** Self-propelled snow vehicles.
 - (10)** Single saddle mount transports towing more than one vehicle (23 V.S.A. §1302).
 - (11)** Motor trucks with more than one trailer attached (except as authorized by 23 V.S.A. §1302(c)).
 - (12)** Motor-driven cycles as defined by 23 V.S.A. §4(45).
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9. Emergency Powers of Governor

Applicable Emergency Powers of the Governor as set forth in 20 V.S.A. §§ 8 and 9 and any plans or directives issued in accordance with these statutes shall be complied with on limited access highways.

SECTION II - GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article 2.

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The Vermont Statutes Online

The Statutes below include the actions of the 2024 session of the General Assembly.

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Title 23 : Motor Vehicles

Chapter 013 : Operation of Vehicles

Subchapter 001 : GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Cite as: 23 V.S.A. § 1004)

§ 1004. Interstate highway rules

(a) The Traffic Committee has exclusive authority to make and publish, and from time to time may alter, amend, or repeal, rules pertaining to vehicular, pedestrian, and animal traffic, and the public safety on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and other limited access and controlled access highways within this State. The rules and any amendments or revisions may be made by the Committee only in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25. The rules shall be consistent with accepted motor vehicle codes or standards, shall be consistent with law, and shall not be unreasonable or discriminatory in respect to persons engaged in like, similar, or competitive activities. The rules are applicable only to the extent that they are not in conflict with regulations or orders issued by any agency of the United States having jurisdiction and shall be drawn with due consideration for the desirability of uniformity of law of the several states of the United States.

(b) Rules authorized by this section are effective on interstate and other limited access and controlled access highways only, taking precedence over those then in force and future highway laws and rules applicable to highways generally; however, the general highway laws and rules are effective on interstate highways until properly authorized rules providing otherwise are adopted.

(c) Rules, together with alterations and amendments of rules, made under this section have the force of law, and violations shall be traffic violations under section 2302 of this title. (Added 1971, No. 258 (Adj. Sess.), § 3, eff. March 1, 1973; amended 1973, No. 16, § 2, eff. March 1, 1973; 2003, No. 109 (Adj. Sess.), § 6; 2009, No. 123 (Adj. Sess.), § 41, eff. May 26, 2010.)



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Deadline: Jul 23, 2025

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Rule Number:	25P020
Title:	Regulations Governing Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities.
Type:	Standard
Status:	Final Proposed
Agency:	Vermont Traffic Committee, Agency of Transportation
Legal Authority:	23 VSA §1004
Summary:	The changes to this rule consist of updates to current language and references. The changes proposed do not significantly affect the intent of the rule or current practice.
Persons Affected:	Agency of Transportation.
Economic Impact:	The economic impact, if any, will be de minimis.
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- Rules Relating to the Closure of State Highways.
Vermont Proposed Rule: **25P018**
- Rules for Establishing Temporary Speed Limits.
Vermont Proposed Rule: **25P019**
- Regulations Governing the Use of State Highways with Limited Access Facilities.
Vermont Proposed Rule: **25P020**

AGENCY: The Vermont Traffic Committee, Agency of Transportation

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Vermont Traffic Committee proposes to make updates to references, titles, statutes and other language within the three rules listed above which relate to the closure of portions of the State Highway system to protect health, safety and welfare of the public; establishing temporary speed limits for State Highways during construction or maintenance; and governing the use of State Highways with Limited Access facilities.

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