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UNSAFE SPEEDERS THROUGH E-ZPASS BEING PUT ON NOTICE

LETTERS WILL DOCUMENT INCIDENTS OF EXCESSIVE SPEED

E-ZPass customers who drive at unsafe and dangerously high speeds through New Hampshire toll facilities will soon be receiving letters advising them to slow down. Those who do not will risk losing their E-ZPass privileges for a period of time.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has begun documenting repeated incidents of speeding through E-ZPass lanes where the posted speed limit approaching toll plazas is 35 MPH, and the advisory speed through each E-ZPass lane is 10 MPH. E-ZPass customers detected to be speeding will receive warning notices in the mail indicating their transponder, the date and the number of times exceeding the allowable speed. Repeated incidents of excessive speed may result in the suspension of an E-ZPass transponder's use.

“Speeding through E-ZPass lanes has become a very serious safety issue for drivers, other motorists and Turnpikes toll plaza staff,” says NHDOT Commissioner George Campbell. “The existing toll facilities have limited lane widths and are not constructed to accommodate vehicles at highway speeds.”

Speed measurements on the New Hampshire Turnpike system found that during a one month period over 42,000 vehicles exceeded 40 MPH when traveling through E-ZPass lanes. The “terms and conditions” agreed to by E-ZPass account holders (Section 2 b) state “Failure to obey the posted speed limit may result in suspension of your E-ZPass account.”

The NHDOT will also continue to work with NH State Police to encourage motorists to slow down through toll plazas.

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