

This spring, the town will begin a bridge reconstruction project. What authority exists for the town to lower speed limits and/or double fines for speeding in work zones?

A parade, utility work or highway repairs are all reasons for a municipality to enact “special regulations” regarding speed, travel restrictions, and other “traffic rules and regulations as the public good requires.” 23 V.S.A. § 1010 (a). Signs alerting travelers to the special regulations must be posted clearly in and near all affected areas. Penalties for violations of set speed limits due to construction zone conditions are automatically twice the penalty for non-construction zone speed violations. 23 V.S.A. § 1010 (b).

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