



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways/Region One / District One
201 West Center Court/Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096

ST 3.3 (D) IL 53 – Speed Studies

October 16, 2013

Mr. Carl Goldsmith
Director of Public Works
Village of Lombard
255 East Wilson Avenue
Lombard, IL 60148

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

We have recently completed a speed study on Illinois 53 from south of St. Charles Road to Meadow Avenue in order to evaluate the currently posted 35 MPH speed limit.


The results of the study indicate that the existing 35 MPH speed zone showed an adjusted prevailing speed of 41 MPH and showed a violation rate of over 90.0 percent. After considering the study results as well as the physical features and characteristics of the roadway we believe an increase in the speed limit to 40 MPH would be proper and consistent with safe traffic flow. Since the anticipated violation rate will still be over 50.0 percent, we are, by copy of this letter, requesting additional selective enforcement from the Lombard Police Department.

Our sign shops will be changing the signing to reflect this higher speed limit as soon as our work load allows.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Cory Jucius, Arterial Traffic Operations Engineer, at (847) 705-4411.

Very truly yours,

John Fortmann, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways,
Region One Engineer

By: 
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cc: Chief Raymond Byrne