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Members

I was an Administrator for the Dept of Transportation for 15+ years and I think you would be well advised to discontinue the “knee jerk” reactions to a complaint from a few constituents! There are speed limit setting restrictions that MDT, FHWA and most municipalities use! Your traffic engineers should explain the 85th percentile rule and in most states the Law regarding speed zones!

All too often I see signs go up, that do not make much sense and are likely to cause more accidents than they prevent! Look at any data and it will show the greatest number of accidents at signaled intersections and 4 way stop intersections! But an accident or a fatality here in Billings results in an entire roadway condition being changed. Remember 40,000 cars went through safely yet 1 wrecks and we need to do something? You spend a small fortune putting up signs that advise people electronically what their speed is, why? There is one in front of my house in Ironwood and I have very rarely seen anyone speed!

In my opinion your dollars need to focus on infrastructure preservation, like crack filling, pothole patching and less on pie in the sky satisfaction of one or two people!

Thank you for your time

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Sent from my iPhone