

## *League Position on Enforcement of Speed Limits*

The League of American Bicyclists strongly supports the enforcement of speed limit laws on all roadways, particularly those where bicyclists may ride or are likely to cross.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Increased speed reduces the ability of a motor vehicle driver to control his/her vehicle on curves and turns. The distance required to stop a motor vehicle also increases with its speed.

The difference in speeds between impacting vehicles is a determining factor in the severity of injuries in a crash. All these factors increase the risk of collision and injury for bicyclists sharing the road with motor vehicles travelling in excess of the speeds appropriate for that road.

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