

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SPECIAL SPEED REGULATION NO. 7490

Highway Location: HARVARD TO ATHOL

Authority In Control: COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Name of Highway: HARVARD STATE HIGHWAY - ROUTE 2  
LANCASTER- " " " "  
LEOMINSTER- " " " "  
FITCHBURG - " " " "  
WESTMINSTER- " " " "  
GARDNER - " " " "  
TEMPLETON - " " " "  
PHILLIPSTON- " " " "  
ATHOL - " " " "

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18 Chapter 90 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) the following Special Speed Regulation is hereby promulgated:

Special Speed Regulations numbered 470-D, 470-E, 470-F, dated April 7, 1972, November 19, 1974 and October 23, 1985 respectively are hereby amended by striking out the regulations in their entireties and inserting in place thereof the following revisions and addenda.

The following designated speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described.

EASTBOUND

Beginning in Athol at the Orange-Athol Town Line  
Thence easterly in Athol  
5.10 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Phillipston  
Town Line

Thence easterly in Phillipston  
2.95 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Templeton  
Town Line

EASTBOUND CONT.

Thence easterly in Templeton  
5.65 miles per hour to the Gardner City Line

Thence easterly in Gardner  
3.70 miles at 55 miles per hour to the  
Westminster Town Line

Thence easterly in Westminster  
4.96 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Fitchburg  
City Line

Thence easterly in Fitchburg  
2.38 miles at 55 miles per hour  
1.25 " " 45 " " "  
0.53 " " 55 " " " to the Leominster  
City Line

Thence easterly in Leominster  
1.18 miles at 55 miles per hour  
0.60 " " 50 " " "  
2.77 " " 55 " " " to the Lancaster  
Town Line

Thence easterly in Lancaster  
4.14 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Harvard

Thence easterly in Harvard  
5.30 miles at 55 miles per hour ending at the  
Harvard - Littleton Town Line, the total distance being 40.51  
miles.

WESTBOUND

Beginning in Harvard at the Littleton-Harvard Town Line  
Thence westerly in Harvard  
5.30 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Lancaster  
Town Line

Thence westerly in Lancaster  
4.14 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Leominster  
City Line

WESTBOUND CONT.

Thence westerly in Leominster

2.89 miles at 55 miles per hour

0.63 " " 50 " " "

1.04 " " 55 " " " to the Fitchburg

City Line

Thence westerly in Fitchburg

0.53 miles at 55 miles per hour

1.25 " " 45 " " "

2.37 " " 55 " " " to the Westminster

Town Line

Thence westerly in Westminster

4.96 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Gardner

City Line

Thence westerly in Gardner

3.70 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Templeton

Town Line

Thence westerly in Templeton

5.65 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Phillipston

Town Line

Thence westerly in Phillipston

2.95 miles at 55 miles per hour to the Athol Town

Line

Thence westerly in Athol

5.10 miles at 55 miles per hour ending at the

Orange-Athol Town Line, the total distance being 40.51 miles.

Operation of a motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of these limits shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is greater than is reasonable and proper.

The provisions of this regulation shall not, however, abrogate in any sense, Section 14 of Chapter 90.

The Department of Public Works and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, acting jointly do hereby certify in writing, that this regulation is consistent with the public interest.

Standard signs must be erected at the beginning of each zone.

DATE: September 6, 1990

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BY: *Robert H. Shea*  
Traffic Engineer

FOR THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLE

BY: *William T. Hurl*  
Chief Deputy Registrar