

Ministry of Transportation

Frequently Asked Questions

Highway 35/115 & Schools

- 1) Are students and parents safe when accessing the schools off Highway 35/115?

4) Can the ministry reduce speed limits along this section of the highway?

The ministry has determined that reducing the speed limit may not be beneficial as it has the potential to increase speed differentials which can increase the risk of collisions.

Furthermore, a reduction in speed limit to 80 km/h or 70 km/h would not materially reduce the theoretical probability or severity of injuries to pedestrians in case there is an unfortunate incident.

5) Can barriers be installed along the highway to protect students who are walking to adjacent businesses?

MTO has determined the installation of a barrier system that would effectively is not practical at this location, due to the inadequate length available.

An effective barrier system needs to have a minimum length that enables the system as a whole to absorb the impact and contain or redirect the movement of a vehicle in the event of a collision.

The length available at this location is lesser than the minimum length needed for an effective barrier system.

Implementing a barrier system that does not adhere to these technical specifications would increase the risk of injury to pedestrians, rather than reducing it.