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Ontario Raising Speed Limits on Most Provincial Highways

The Ontario government is raising the speed limit from 100 km/hour to 110 km/hour on an additional 938 kilometres of provincial highways. The change builds on the safe and successful increase to speeds on 10 sections of provincial highways in 2024 and six sections of provincial highways in 2022, aligning with posted speed limits in other jurisdictions across Canada. Currently, 873 kilometres of provincial highways are posted at 110 km/hour. Once in effect, nearly 89 per cent of the province's highway network will have a posted speed limit of 110 km/hour, up from 43 per cent today.

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is helping get drivers where they're going faster and safely," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of

Transportation. "We're going to keep supporting commuters, workers and businesses by investing in our \$31 billion plan to build and expand roads and highways, so we can get people and goods moving across Ontario and keep workers on the job."

Starting June 26, the province will begin increasing the speed limit to 110 km/hour on sections of Highways 401 and 416 in eastern Ontario, followed by sections on other highways, including the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Highways 400, 401, 402, 403, 416 and 417. With this new speed limit in place, drivers travelling from Sarnia to Toronto could save nearly 20 minutes, while those travelling from Toronto to Ottawa could save nearly half an hour.

Speed limit increases are only implemented on highways that have been designed and engineered to safely accommodate higher speeds, following rigorous technical reviews and any necessary infrastructure improvements. Most of Ontario's freeway network was originally designed to safely accommodate a posted speed of 110 km/hour.

Newly constructed freeways will be designed with a posted speed limit of 110 km/hour, including Highways 413, 425 (Bradford Bypass), 7 (Kitchener to Guelph) and 69.

Speed limit increases will begin taking effect incrementally from late June through to September 30, 2026.

Over \$380 million worth of goods move along Highway 401 every day, making it one

of the province's critical transportation corridors.

For more than 25 years, Ontario's roads have ranked among the safest in North America, with one of the lowest fatality rates per 10,000 licensed drivers.

In July 2024, 12 provincial highway sections, including two trial sections in northern Ontario, had their speed limit permanently increased to 110 km/hour.

Ontario is investing approximately \$31 billion over 10 years to build, repair and expand highways, roads and bridges across the province.

"RCCAO commends the Ontario government's ongoing modernization policy reforms across the 400 series highways. The safe increase of speed limits across the network improves its efficiency and decreases travel times for

drivers. Our members will continue to support road infrastructure improvements that advance additional upgrades across the critical highway network."

- Nadia Todorova
 Executive Director, Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO)

"Vaughan understands the importance of a safe and efficient transportation network. Increasing speed limits where it can be done safely is a practical, common-sense approach that reflects modern vehicle standards and helps

improve the movement of people and goods across our province. Strong transportation corridors are essential to supporting economic growth, attracting investment and ensuring Ontario remains competitive while keeping safety at the forefront. I want to thank Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria and the Ontario government for piloting this initiative and expanding it across the province. Together, we are taking meaningful steps to keep Ontario moving safely and support our growing economy."

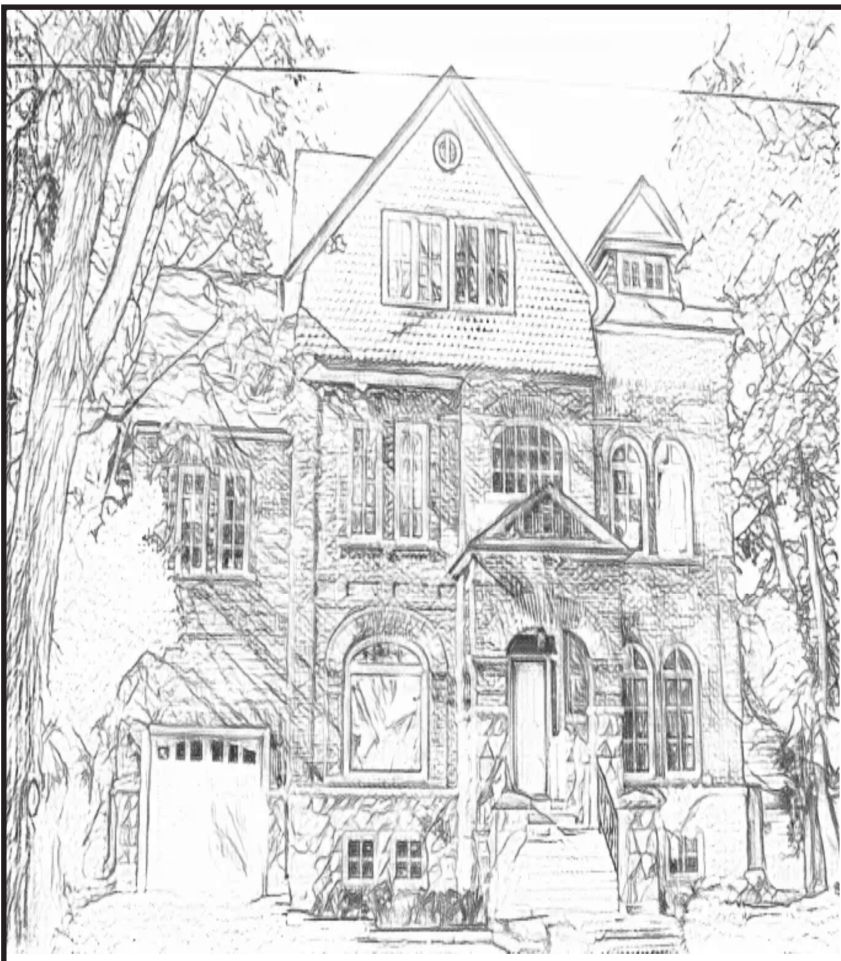
- Steven Del Duca
 Mayor of Vaughan

"King welcomes the Province's continued investment in improving transportation efficiency across Ontario. Expanding the 110 km/hour speed limit to additional highway sections will help people and goods move more efficiently. As communities like King continue to grow, initiatives like this help reduce travel times, strengthen economic connections, and support a modern transportation network that meets the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors alike."

- Steve Pellegrini
 Mayor of King City

"Our government is building new subways, highways, and GO transit to get Ontarians moving, faster. This new policy builds on our actions to reduce congestion on our roads and save families time, all while maintaining safety on and off the road. Ontario was proud to complete the widening of Highway 400 from Highway 9 to Major Mackenzie Drive, along with building the Bradford Bypass, Highway 413, and the largest public transit expansion in North America."

- Stephen Lecce
 MPP for King—Vaughan



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