

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1-159, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1-159. The area or space officially set apart within a
4 roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and which is protected
5 or is so marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly
6 visible at all times while set apart shall be known as a ~~safety zone~~
7 pedestrian refuge.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-203, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 11-203. Whenever special pedestrian-control signals
11 exhibiting the words "Walk" or ~~"Wait"~~ a flashing "Don't Walk" or
12 ~~"Don't Walk"~~ the WALKING PERSON or UPRAISED HAND symbols are in
13 place, such signals shall indicate as follows:

14 1. Walk. Pedestrians facing such signal may proceed across the
15 roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the ~~right~~
16 ~~of way~~ right-of-way in the direction of the signal by the drivers of
17 all vehicles-;

18 2. ~~Wait or~~ Flashing Don't Walk or flashing UPRAISED HAND. No
19 pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of such
20 signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his or her
21 crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or ~~safety~~
22 ~~island~~ pedestrian refuge while the ~~wait~~ steady Don't Walk or
23 UPRAISED HAND signal is showing-; and

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1 3. Steady Don't Walk or steady UPRAISED HAND. No pedestrian
2 shall enter the roadway in the direction of the signal indication.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-308, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 11-308. ~~(a)~~ A. The ~~State Highway~~ Transportation
6 Commission or local authorities, within their respective
7 jurisdictions, may designate any street or highway or any separate
8 roadway under their respective jurisdictions for one-way traffic and
9 shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof.

10 ~~(b)~~ B. Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way
11 traffic, a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated.

12 ~~(c)~~ C. A vehicle passing around ~~a rotary traffic~~ the central
13 island of a circular intersection shall be driven ~~only to the right~~
14 ~~of~~ counterclockwise around such islands.

15 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-309, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 11-309. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two
18 or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following requirements
19 in addition to all others consistent herewith shall apply:-:

20 1. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
21 within a single lane:-;

22 2. A vehicle shall not be moved from the lane until the driver
23 has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety and
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1 then given a signal, not less than the last one hundred (100) feet
2 traveled by the vehicle, of his or her intention to change lanes;

3 ~~3. Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes, a vehicle
4 shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and
5 passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the
6 center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in
7 preparation for a left turn or where the center lane is at the time
8 allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle
9 is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of the allocation.~~

10 4. A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the
11 highway set aside for use by vehicles making left turns in both
12 directions from or into the roadway. Two-way left-turn lanes shall
13 be designated by distinctive roadway markings consisting of parallel
14 double yellow lines, interior line dashed and exterior line solid,
15 on each side of the lane. A vehicle shall not be driven in a
16 designated two-way left-turn lane except when preparing for or
17 making a left turn from or into a roadway. Vehicles turning left
18 from the roadway shall not be driven in the two-way left-turn lane
19 for more than two hundred (200) feet while preparing for and making
20 the turn. A vehicle turning left onto the roadway may utilize the
21 two-way left-turn lane as a staging area by stopping and waiting for
22 traffic proceeding in the same direction to clear before merging
23 into the adjacent lanes of travel. A left turn shall not be made
24 from any other lane where a two-way left-turn lane has been

1 designated. Provided, however, this section shall not prohibit
2 driving across a two-way left-turn lane when moving from a service
3 drive onto such marked roadway~~;~~;

4 ~~5.~~ 4. A vehicle shall not be driven in the left lane of a
5 roadway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle;
6 provided, however, this paragraph shall not prohibit driving in the
7 left lane when traffic conditions, flow or road configuration, such
8 as the potential of merging traffic, ~~require~~ requires the use of the
9 left lane to maintain safe traffic conditions; provided further,
10 this paragraph shall not prohibit driving in the left lane of a
11 roadway within the city limits of a municipality or upon a county
12 road as long as such roadway is not part of the National System of
13 Interstate and Defense Highways or a turnpike~~;~~; and

14 ~~6.~~ 5. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving
15 traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be
16 used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the
17 center of the roadway, and drivers of vehicles shall obey the
18 directions of every such sign.

19 Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section
20 shall be punished as provided for in Section 17-101 of this title.

21 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-803, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 11-803. A. Whenever local authorities in their
24 respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering

1 and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted under
2 this article is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under
3 the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway,
4 the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe
5 maximum limit thereon which:

6 1. Decreases the limit at intersections; ~~or~~

7 2. Increases the limit within an urban district, but not to
8 more than sixty-five (65) miles per hour; or

9 3. Decreases the limit outside an urban district, but not to
10 less than thirty (30) miles per hour.

11 B. Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall
12 determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper
13 maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall declare a
14 reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which may be greater or
15 less than the maximum speed permitted under Section 1-101 et seq. of
16 this title for an urban district.

17 C. Any altered limit established as hereinabove authorized
18 shall be effective at all times or during hours of darkness or at
19 other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving
20 notice thereof are erected upon such street or highway.

21 D. As to streets and highways within the corporate limits which
22 ~~have been constructed or reconstructed with state or federal funds~~
23 are maintained by the Department of Transportation, local
24 authorities shall have joint authority with the Transportation

1 Commission to establish or alter speed limits; provided, however,
2 the speed limit on an interstate highway within such corporate
3 limits shall not be decreased to less than sixty (60) miles per
4 hour; and provided further, that no local authority shall impose
5 speed limits on any such street or highway substantially lower than
6 those justified by the highway design, capacity, and traffic volume
7 as determined by engineering studies.

8 E. Not more than six such alterations as hereinabove authorized
9 shall be made per mile along a street or highway except in the case
10 of reduced limits at intersections, and the difference between
11 adjacent limits shall not be more than ten (10) miles per hour.

12 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 241, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 241. The portion of the roadway contiguous with the
15 traveled way for accommodation of stopped vehicles, for emergency
16 use, for travel under certain conditions, and for lateral support of
17 base and surface courses.

18 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 242, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 242. The system of state roads designated by the ~~State~~
21 ~~Highway~~ Transportation Commission, including necessary urban
22 extension, the responsibility for which is lodged in the Department
23 of ~~Highways~~ Transportation.

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1 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 301, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 301. ~~(a)~~ A. There is hereby created a Department of
4 ~~Highways~~ Transportation and a ~~State Highway~~ Transportation
5 Commission in and for ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, pursuant to
6 the provisions of Section 17, of Article 16, XVI of the Oklahoma
7 Constitution ~~of the State of Oklahoma~~, and such department shall be
8 governed by the ~~State Highway~~ Director of the Department of
9 Transportation, provided for by Section 305 of this ~~Code~~ title,
10 under such reasonable rules, regulations and policies and road
11 improvement programs as may be prescribed by the Commission. Such
12 rules and regulations and amendments thereto as adopted by the
13 Commission shall be filed and recorded in the ~~office~~ Office of the
14 Secretary of State.

15 ~~(b)~~ B. The Department and the Commission created by ~~the~~
16 ~~preceding paragraph~~ subsection A of this section and the ~~State~~
17 ~~Highway~~ Director of the Department of Transportation provided for by
18 Section 305 of this ~~Code~~ title shall be the legal successors of, and
19 unless and except as otherwise provided by this ~~Code~~ title shall
20 also have the powers and duties vested by other laws in, and shall
21 take immediate charge of all equipment, supplies and property now in
22 the possession of, the Department, Commission and Director,
23 respectively, created and provided for by 69 O.S. 1961, Sections
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1 20.1 and 20.6, as amended, and shall be liable for their respective
2 obligations.

3 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 04/02/2024 -
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