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MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen Waldie
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SUBJECT: Enhancing Ontario's Stunt Driving Law in Support of Raised Speed Limits

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the policing community across the province regarding the raised speed limit trial.

As of September 26th, 2019, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) implemented a two-year pilot to raise speed limits above the current maximum of 100 km/h to 110 km/h on three sections of Ontario highways (see attached maps). The three pilot corridors are:

- Highway 402, London to Sarnia (84 km)
- QEW, Hamilton to St. Catharines (39 km)
- Highway 417, East of Ottawa to Quebec/Ontario border (100 km)

These are sections of freeway that do not require infrastructure improvements to accommodate a speed of 110km/h, have an average interchange spacing of 3 km or greater, and do not experience congestion regularly. The speed limits of 110 km/h are set in Ontario Regulation 619, Speed Limits.

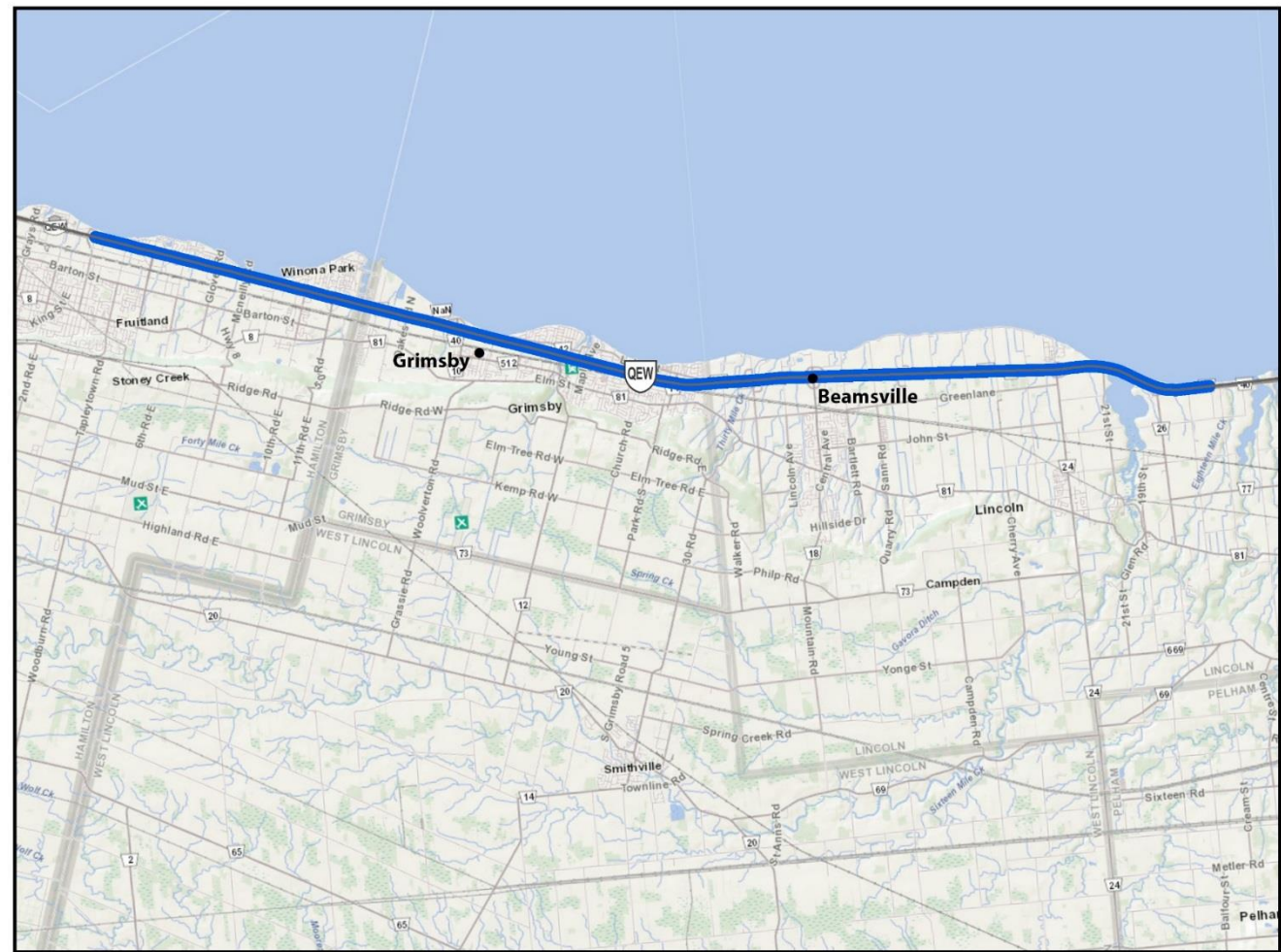
By increasing speed limits to 110km/h, it was necessary to make amendments to the stunt driving regulation. In addition to that regulation prohibiting driving at a rate of speed of 50 km/h or more over the posted limit which has remained unchanged, it will now also be prohibited to drive at a **rate of speed of 150 km/h or more**. This will be set out as a new paragraph 7.1 of section 3 of O. Reg. 455/07.

I would ask that you please bring this memorandum to the attention of the appropriate members of your service. Thank you for your assistance in communicating this change.

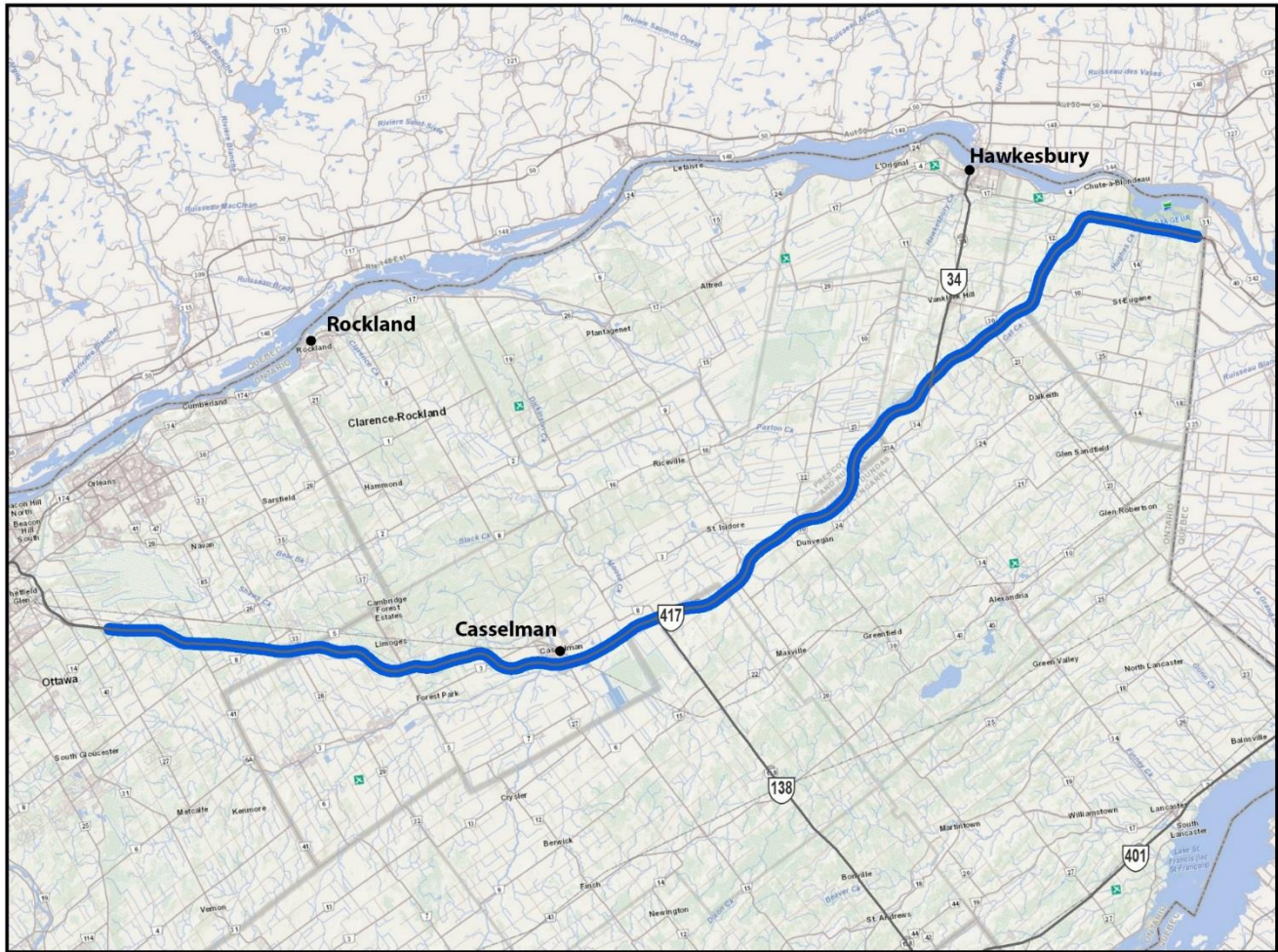
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