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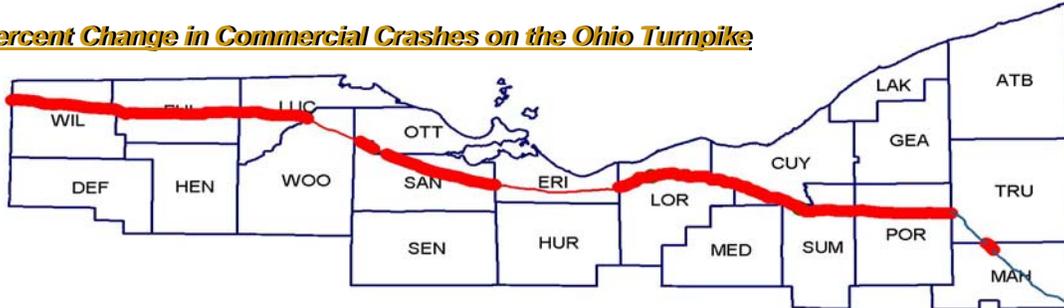
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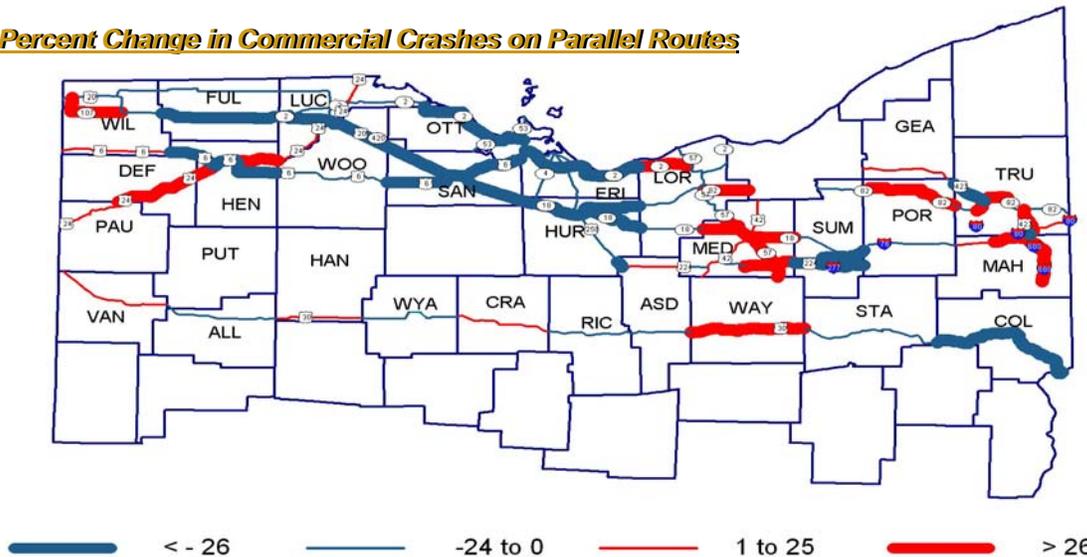
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**SINCE A SPEED LIMIT INCREASE TO 65 MPH FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON THE OHIO TURNPIKE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2004, THE FOLLOWING RESULTS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED\*:**

### Percent Change in Commercial Crashes on the Ohio Turnpike



### Percent Change in Commercial Crashes on Parallel Routes



## **WEEKLY FOCUS: TURNPIKE & ALTERNATE ROUTES**

### KEY STUDY RESULTS:

- INCREASED COMMERCIAL SPEED LIMITS CONTRIBUTED TO AN INCREASE IN SEVERE COMMERCIAL CRASHES.
- INCREASED ENFORCEMENT ON ALTERNATE ROUTES ENHANCED TRAFFIC SAFETY BY DIVERTING COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC TO THE TURNPIKE.

#### On the Ohio Turnpike...

- 40% increase in commercial crashes (230 total crashes).
- 123% increase in at-fault speed-related commercial crashes on dry road conditions (38 total crashes).
- 46% increase in total crashes on the Turnpike between mile posts 140 and 174 (240 total crashes). This segment of roadway represents the portion of the Turnpike having the highest concentration of crashes.

#### On the Turnpike's Parallel Routes...

- 6% decrease in commercial crashes (141 fewer total crashes).
- 25% decrease in commercial crashes on rural high fatality crash roadways\*\*.
- Noteworthy decreases in commercial crashes on specific road segments include:
  - 38% reduction on US20A in Trumbull Co.
  - 46% reduction on SR2 in Ottawa Co.
  - 26% reduction on IR76 in Summit Co.
  - 37% reduction on US422 in Trumbull Co.

\*The Ohio Turnpike and Alternate Routes Project is a joint effort between OSHP, ODOT, and the Ohio Turnpike Commission, and resulted in several benefits to OSHP, including a portable scales team; 25 new troopers; and an additional patrol aircraft. Full report is available online at: [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov)

\*\*ODOT-identified High-Fatality Crash Rate roadways include portions of SR2; US20; US224; and US6.

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