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Freight Transport Association Email of 25 March 2014

Scottish Parliament Public Petition PE1503 on Review of A9 speed camera proposals

Dear Andrew

Please find below FTA's comment on the question set for the above petition.

• *What are your views on what the petition seeks and the discussions that took place at the meeting on 28 January?*

We believe that this question relates to the need for speed enforcement on the A9.

The Freight Transport Association's position has been firm and is noted in the A9 Safety Group meetings minutes.

Our position is that we believe that a trial of 50mph for HGV's on the single carriageways sections of the A9 will be beneficial. Further it is important to enforce the limits, for all vehicles, on that section of the A9 as without that enforcement some road users are likely to continue to break the national speed limit set for that road. That assumption is made in the light of evidence presented to the group that if vehicle speeds are enforced there is likely to be a reduction in casualties on this route.

• *In addition to the Institute of Advanced Motorists recently joining, has the A9 Safety Group considered inviting other organisations such as the AA to be members of the Group?*

The membership of the A9 safety group is not an issue for the Freight Transport Association and we therefore have no view to offer to this question.

Regards,

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