

# Design Standards Letter

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Section/Plan No.: **None**

Subject: **Revised Five-Year Construction Program Interstate System**

Body

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**TO ALL DIVISION, DISTRICT AND URBAN ENGINEERS:**

**This letter is addressed especially to District and Urban Engineers who are affected by the Interstate System.**

**We want to give early consideration to the revision and extension of our Five-Year Construction Program on the Interstate System for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1959. Under separate cover we are sending you the customary forms for submitting your recommendations. I believe you are all familiar with how we want the projects listed and submitted so there will be no need of going into detail. Follow the procedure outlined for Primary Program.**

**In preparing this program, you can omit from consideration all Interstate jobs that are currently scheduled to be let under the revised letting schedule dated December 9, 1958, which was recently sent to you. This includes only the projects scheduled through the June 25th letting, and does not include any projects on that schedule under the heading "After July 1, 1959".**

**On scheduling your right-of-way projects, your breaking point should be July 1, 1959. Any right-of-way paid for prior to that date can be omitted from the program. Any remaining right-of-way to be acquired and paid for after July 1, 1959, should be included in your new program and marked "Balance of Right-of-Way".**

**Generally, you should use the current Five-Year Program as a working guide, bringing it up-to-date and extending it one year. Where you have grading contracts now under way, it is important that you schedule the work that is to follow immediately - such as surfacing, outer roadways, additional bridges, etc. We would suggest that you break down and list separately projects of construction size, and as closely as possible as you intend to let the work. This will make it easier for you and for us to cross of and keep track of projects as let from time to time. Of course, you will follow the usual practice of scheduling right-of-way or partial right-of-way one year with succeeding work to**

**follow in subsequent years.**

**If you find that you have projects in your District on the current program that can be stepped up a year or two, it will be satisfactory for you to so list it in the year you can perform the work. When we get down to the assembling of all requests, of course, we may have to move some of your recommendations back on account of lack of funds; but by listing it in the year that you can have it ready will enable us to more readily prepare the final program.**

**After several years of working with these programs, I think you have found that in some cases you have been overly optimistic regarding our ability to make surveys, prepare plans, and acquire right-of-way. Therefore, we request that you be as realistic as possible in preparing your program recommendations.**

**In setting up funds for Engineering use 3% of Construction costs.**

**We would like to have your recommendations in here by February 1st.**

**Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and advise of points not clear or covered.**

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