

Design Standards Letter

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ALL DIVISION DISTRICT AND URBAN ENGINEERS AND CHIEF COUNSEL:

At their May 1965 meeting, our Commission approved the Design Committee's recommendations for developing seventeen (17) double rest areas along interstate routes and at the approximate locations indicated on the attached map. You may recall that it was previously proposed to build only nine (9) such double rest areas; the 17 now approved double rest areas included the original nine (9) such areas.

Representatives from this office have made preliminary field investigations of all 17 sites, and in most cases District representatives accompanied them or have been advised of our investigations. For reference purposes only, each double site is numbered on the map, and the attached listing sets out additional information regarding each of these sites. It will be noted that the sites are spaced at approximately 50 mile, or one hour driving time, intervals and considerably removed from any large urban areas. Except for sites #7 and #13, each rest area is almost directly opposite one on the other side of the road. Site #7 is staggered and #13 is located between the two pavements in the present wide median.

In the very near future we will send you more definite information, including approximate costs, in regard to the facilities that are to be provided at all rest areas. Upon receipt of this information, we request each District to furnish Mr. J. R. Turner's office such data as necessary for them to revise the program to cover the additional costs for all rest areas.

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