

Design Standards Letter

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Body

ALL DIVISION AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND CHIEF COUNSEL:

It is the desire of this office to prepare a revision to the Design Manual relative to handling traffic, to be presented to the Design Committee for consideration.

The Design Manual now includes Section 14.3.14.6 which applies to the "Supplementary System"; however, since the ten-year program is now virtually complete, and since supplementary roads are now designed on the same standards as the Major System, we are of the opinion that this section should be eliminated.

In order to prepare this revision, it is desirable that we have your ideas on the matter; therefore, we have prepared the following questionnaire, and request that you answer each item and make any additional remarks that may be of help to us:

No. 1 - Should method of handling traffic be determined to reconnaissance stage?

No. 2 - Should consideration be given to shifting the centerline to provide for handling traffic on present road? If so, at what total traffic and what percent local traffic?

No. 3 - What is your opinion of how much bid prices are affected due to requiring traffic to be handled over construction?

No. 4 - When is it impractical to handle traffic over construction or provide bypasses?

No. 5 - At what traffic volume should road be closed to through traffic?

No. 6 - At what traffic volume should road be closed without providing a means of handling traffic?

No. 7 - At what traffic volume should a detour be marked when no other means of handling traffic is provided?

No. 8 - Approximately how many additional miles of travel distance is reasonable in considering a marked detour for through traffic?

No. 9 - Should county roads or city streets be used for detour? If so, to what extent?

No. 10 Should construction funds be set up for repair and/or maintenance of county roads or city streets used for detours? If so, should State forces do the work or should it be included in the contract?

No. 11 Should all proposals include a statement as to how traffic is to be handled?

No. 12 Should traffic be detoured for resurfacing projects?

Please submit your comments to this office by May 16, 1966.

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