

# Design Standards Letter

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## Body

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ALL DIVISION AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND CHIEF COUNSEL:

You have no doubt noted the recent publicity covering discontinuance of authorizations obligating Federal Aid Highway Funds which was made effective on September 6, 1968. We are advised that we cannot expect resumption of authorizations until about December, 1968.

We must not allow this information to interfere with our efforts or the direction of our efforts towards completing plans as scheduled. The indications are that with the resumption of Federal Aid Authorizations the funds which would have been available between now and the resumption it will be made available during the balance of the current fiscal year. That is, we would expect total Federal Aid Authorizations for the fiscal year to remain about the same as it would have been had the authorizations not been discontinued.

This will be your assurance that it would not be the intent of this office to request changes in plans because of letting delays. In particular, it would not be our intent to require plans completed for the lettings between now and December, which are not let because of lack of funds, to be revised for the new specifications. These projects will be placed under contract on the basis of the 1961 specifications, if plans are completed and submitted to this office as scheduled.

Because of limited Federal Aid funds it is not the intent to use Federal Aid for other than projects on the Interstate system for the balance of the calendar year. This would cause the discontinuance of authorizations to delay only Interstate projects. We expect to proceed with the letting schedule on other than Interstate projects.

In summary, please continue your efforts toward completing plans on the basis of scheduled lettings without allowing the recent publicity to influence your efforts. This should include the completion of plans, clearance of utility items, and the submission of plans to this office.

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