

Design Standards Letter

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Body

ALL DIVISION AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

At the June, 1969, meeting, the Commission approved a policy regarding construction and maintenance of access roads to recreation areas. These improvements are programmed for construction over a two-year period (1970 and 1971) with all preliminary engineering and right-of-way scheduled in 1970.

The following procedure will be followed in order to minimize loss of time in getting the projects to contract.

- (1) Preparation of reconnaissance report by District. Keep report as short as possible. Include cost estimate and District recommendation. Submit report to Main Office Surveys and Plans Division for review.
- (2) Proceed with field survey prior to approval of reconnaissance report by Main Office.
- (3) Obtain 100-Mile and Supplementary Agreements with county.
- (4) Hold combined corridor and ~~location~~ [design] hearing after Main Office and Commission approval of reconnaissance report. Use plan-profile sheets showing alignment, tentative grade line, minimum right-of-way, and typical section for public hearing exhibit. Plan-profile sheets will be acceptable as a strip map.

These improvements are to be made to qualify for Federal Aid. Since these roads are "dead end" roads, minimum design standards are to be used. Less than minimum design standards may be used, if necessary or desirable. It will be necessary to clear any sub-standard features with the Bureau of Public Roads. Therefore, these features should be cleared through this office.

Each District will receive one set of a portion of the county maps in your District on which is shown the approximate location of the access roads. The locations shown are not fixed and may be changed if a more desirable location is found. Alternate locations may also be shown. The estimated ADT is also shown which places all projects in the under 400 category.

Attached is a list showing the route designation, description, and project number for each access road. All preliminary engineering time should be charged to this project number.

You have received copies of the "Policy on Recreational Area Access Roads" prepared by the Division of Highway Planning. Please proceed with preparation of the reconnaissance reports immediately.

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