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A STUDY OF THE PASSING OF VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS

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THE question of what constitutes suitable or necessary road widths is one of first importance to highway engineers, economists, and administrators. Surface width greatly affects such matters as traffic capacity, highway cost, and safety. In a remarkably short time we have seen widths increase from a scant dozen feet to 20 feet or more for the undivided two-lane pavement and beyond that to multiple-lane arrangements. It is obvious that this increase is the result of the changing character of traffic, but the particular element or elements causing the change—size, speed, or traffic density—has not been determined.

The store of information bearing upon this question is scant—out of proportion to its importance. Various attempts have been made to establish facts, but the investigators have not supplied much of the information needed today in considering the relation of vehicular dimensions and speeds to road widths.

In earlier studies fixed stations were set up on the road at which observers noted the distance from the road edge of vehicles passing the station.² Deductions as to the probable transverse positions of vehicles in the most critical state, that is, when passing one another, were accordingly based upon observations involving only one vehicle. It was only by coincidence that simultaneous records of two passing vehicles could be obtained. One exception should be made to this general remark; in the Cleveland study, some data were obtained for passenger cars passing the station simultaneously while traveling in opposite directions.

MOTION PICTURES TAKEN OF PASSING VEHICLES

In the early summer of 1933 the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins University, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Maryland, and the State Roads Commission of Maryland,³ undertook to study this question using a radically different method. It was decided to trail and take motion pictures of vehicles in the act of passing.

The apparatus used in the investigation was simple and needs but little explanation. A motion-picture camera was mounted upon a bracket just outside the driver's window of an automobile as shown in figure 1. This camera was a spring-operated, 35-millimeter machine carrying 100 feet of film at a loading. Exposures were made with a lens having a focal length of 4 inches at the constant rate of 1 foot, or 16 frames, per second. A ratchet-and-pawl arrangement permitted the operator quickly to rewind the camera spring while driving.

No serious difficulty was experienced in taking clear pictures.

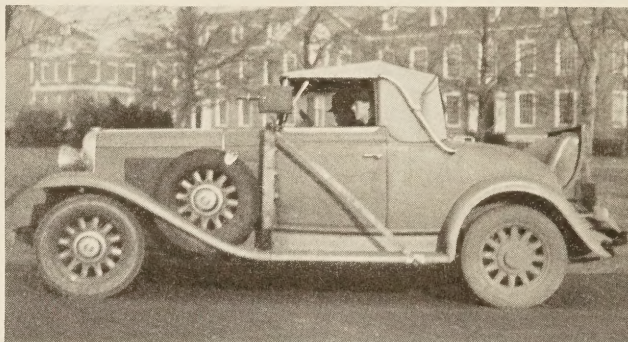


FIGURE 1.—MOTION-PICTURE CAMERA MOUNTED ON AUTOMOBILE USED IN STUDY.

After development, a positive print of the negative was studied in the office by running it through a desk-type, variable-speed machine equipped with a magnifying lens through which the film could be observed as it passed over a translucent plate behind which was a strong light. The frames showing the two vehicles opposite one another in the act of passing were thus identified and marked. (See figs. 2, 3, and 4.) Later, these marked frames were projected upon a screen as still pictures and transverse placement dimensions were scaled off.

It will be helpful to define certain terms that are frequently used in this report.

Critical vehicle—The vehicle being trailed by the observer's car and being passed by another vehicle.

Passing vehicle—The vehicle that passes the critical vehicle.

Lateral position—The transverse position on the road of the vehicles in question when directly opposite one another in the act of passing.

Critical frame—The frame on the film that shows the vehicles at the instant they are opposite each other in the act of passing. This frame is projected to get the required measurements.

Dimension A—The distance from the right edge of the road to the centerline of the right rear wheel of the critical vehicle.

Dimension B—The clearance between the passing and critical vehicles at the instant when their rear wheels are opposite during the act of passing.

Dimension C—The distance from the left edge of the road to the centerline of the outer wheel of the passing vehicle.

Dimension D—The distance center to center of the outer wheels of the passing and critical vehicles.

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² Transverse Distribution of Motor Vehicle Traffic on Paved Highways, by J. T. Pauls, Public Roads, vol. 6, no. 1, March 1925.
³ Report of a Plan of Highway Improvement in the Regional Area of Cleveland, Ohio, by the Bureau of Public Roads, 1928.
⁴ Besides those already mentioned, other cooperating agencies during 1934 were the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, the Department of Revenue of Pennsylvania, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of New Jersey, and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Union County, N. J.

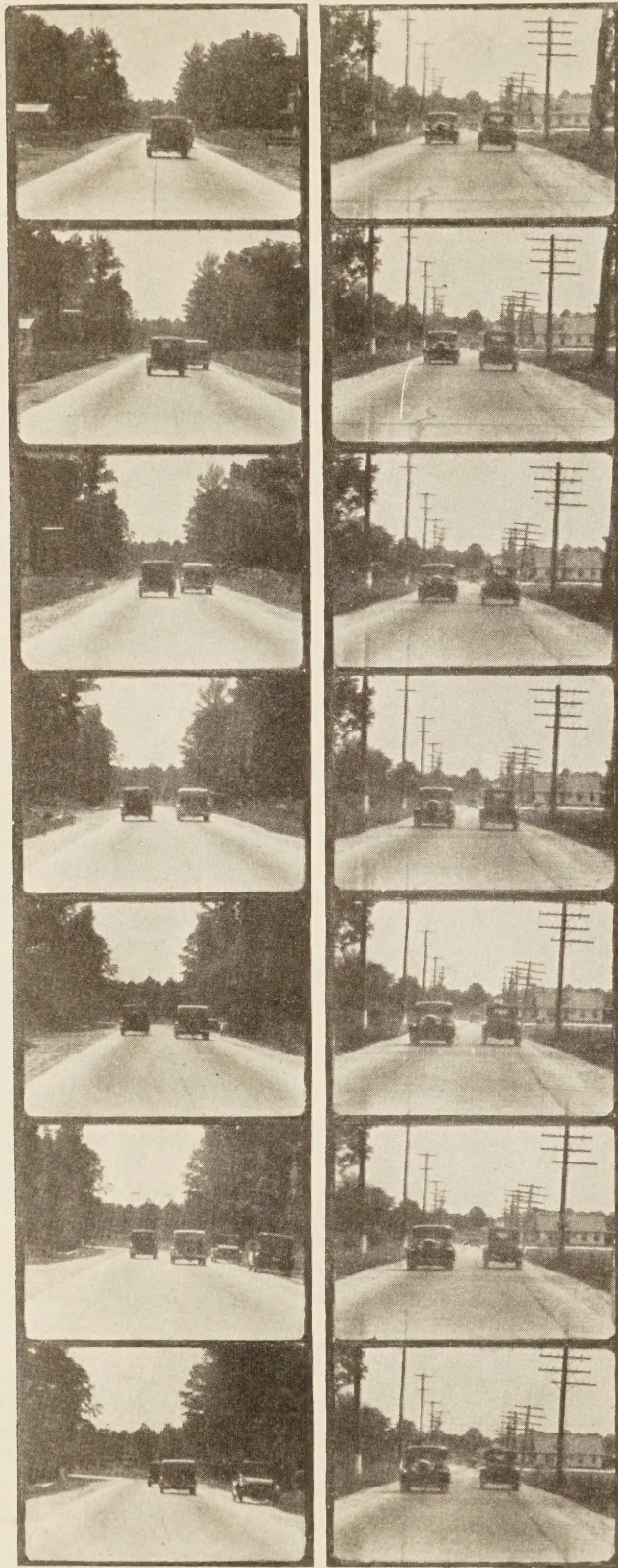


FIGURE 2.—STAGES IN TYPICAL PASSING OPERATIONS. LEFT, PASSENGER CAR PASSING PASSENGER CAR IN THE SAME DIRECTION ON A 20-FOOT ROAD; RIGHT, PASSENGER CAR PASSING PASSENGER CAR IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION ON AN 18-FOOT ROAD.

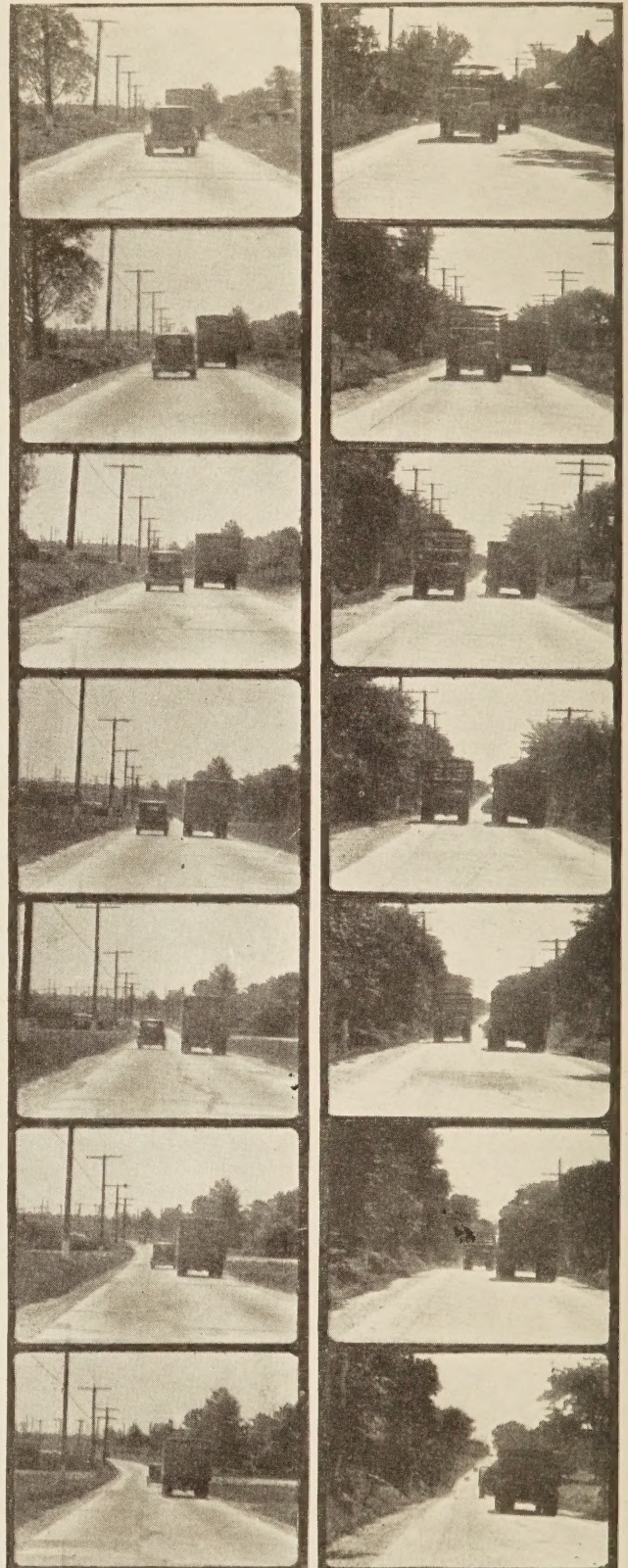


FIGURE 3.—STAGES IN TYPICAL PASSING OPERATIONS. LEFT, PASSENGER CAR PASSING TRUCK IN THE SAME DIRECTION ON AN 18-FOOT ROAD; RIGHT, TRUCK PASSING TRUCK IN THE SAME DIRECTION ON AN 18-FOOT ROAD.

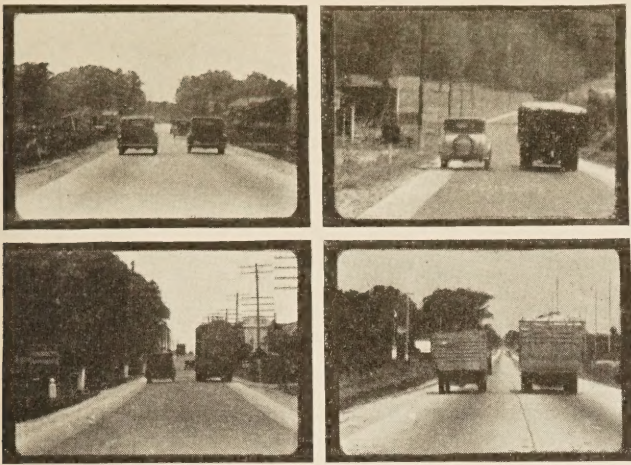


FIGURE 4.—CRITICAL FRAMES OF PASSING OPERATIONS ON 20-FOOT ROADS.

Dimension A+D—The “used space” of road, that is, the distance from the right edge of the road to the centerline of the outer wheel of the passing vehicle.

Dimension E_c—The distance from the right edge of the road to the centerline of the critical vehicle.

Dimension E_p—The distance from the left edge of the road to the centerline of the passing vehicle.

Offset—Distance between centerline of traffic lane and center of vehicle, negative when measured from the lane center toward the road edge, positive when otherwise.

The dimensions defined above apply to vehicles passing while traveling in the same or opposite directions and with the exception of offsets, *E_c*, and *E_p*, are shown diagrammatically in figure 5.

DISTANCES SCALED FROM ENLARGED PICTURES

Table 1 shows a sample of the data recorded in the field and information derived in the office. The field procedure was as follows: The observers placed their car in free traffic and selected a vehicle for observation and followed 200 to 300 feet behind it—near enough to get a useful picture but sufficiently far away to encourage a third vehicle to pull in between. Just as the middle vehicle pulled out to go around the leading one, the camera was started by the driver-observer and a picture of the entire passing maneuver was taken. The observers' car was kept as nearly as possible at the speed of the critical vehicle.

Tests were made in advance of the field work to determine how accurately the trailing speed would represent the speed of the vehicle trailed and it was found that the greatest error over a wide range of speeds did not exceed 5 miles per hour. The speedometer reading was recorded by a second observer who also noted, from stakes set at one-tenth mile intervals, the approximate point of passing. This observation led to a close identification of the point and subsequently notes were made regarding the dimensions of the road, the characteristics of its surface, the shoulders, and wayside conditions.

When the critical vehicle was a truck, it was stopped after the pictures were taken, and its over-all length, width, and distance center to center of tire mountings were measured. No attempt was made to stop the passing vehicle. When the critical vehicle was a pas-

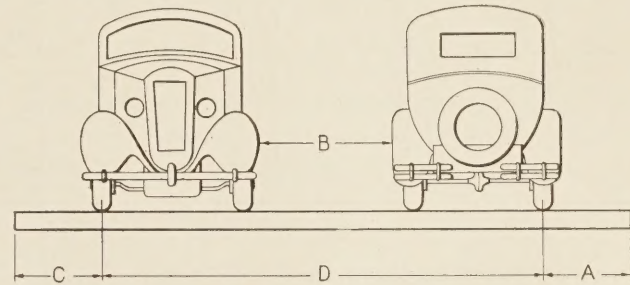
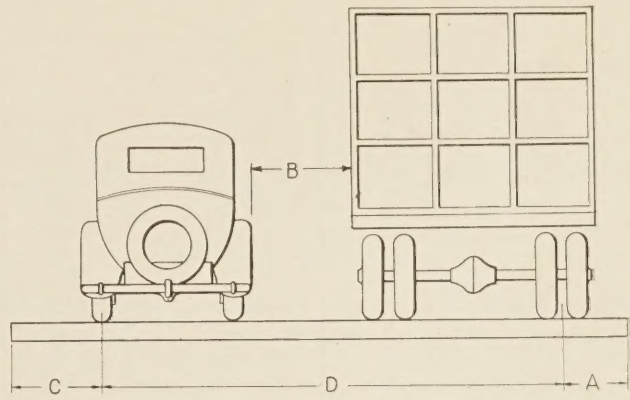


FIGURE 5.—DIMENSIONS USED IN DISCUSSING VEHICLES, PASSING IN SAME AND OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.

senger car, it was not stopped for measurement because it was felt that for all practical purposes such dimensions could be considered constant.

In obtaining data on vehicles passing from opposite directions, only sufficient film was exposed to determine the lateral positions of the vehicles at the instant of passing. A record of the speed of the critical vehicle and the point of passage was also made.

Positive prints of film were run through a machine designed for use in film editing for the purpose of correlating film “shots” and field notes and selecting the critical frames. At this time decision was made regarding the usefulness of the picture and all observations where the positions were affected by special conditions, such as vehicles parked upon the shoulder or people walking along the side of the road, were eliminated from further consideration.

After the acceptable critical frames had been selected, they were projected upon a screen and the desired dimensions scaled off. Wherever possible, use was made of the known width of the road to establish the scale of the other dimensions. These scaled values were recorded and converted into actual position dimensions as shown in the samples in table 1.

Considerable thought was given the matter of accuracy and tolerance in scaling the dimensions. To insure the best possible accuracy and to act as a check, two different observers made measurements of the clearance, *B*, on every critical frame. This check and a comparison of $A+C+D$ against the road width as measured in the field, was made in every case to insure accuracy. The tolerances adopted allowed a variation of 0.3 foot in the measurements of clearance, *B*, and also between the sum of $A+C+D$ and the measured road width. These tolerances amounted to approxi-

TABLE 1.—Samples of field data and data derived in office

SAMPLE OF FIELD DATA, LEFT PAGE OF NOTEBOOK

Location: Philadelphia Road

Date: July 25, 1933

Party (N. H. W. M.)

Serial no.	Weather	Aperture of camera	Passing vehicle			Speed miles per hour	Critical vehicle				
			Type	Direction	Approximate station, tenths of miles (maintenance stakes)		License no.	Type	Length	Width	Center to center of mountings
S-145	Bright	15	Passenger	N	{ 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ S 36 $\frac{3}{4}$ N }	20	Md. 764-T	4 WDT and 2 WDSTr	Feet 45.9	Feet 8.0	Feet 5.95
O-17	do	15	do	N	51 $\frac{1}{4}$	40	do	do	45.9	8.0	5.95
S-146	Hazy	13	do	S	{ 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ S }	25		Passenger			

SAMPLE OF FIELD DATA, RIGHT PAGE OF NOTEBOOK

Serial no.	Point of passing	Road								Remarks on wayside conditions
		Type	Over all width	Condition of surface	Paved shoulder		Dirt shoulder			
					Width	Condition	Width	Condition		
S-145	36+205	Concrete 15.0	Feet 18.0	Rough, patched	R. N. 3 concrete	Fair	Feet (R. N. 3 L. N. 5)	Bad Fair	Deep ditch at 5 feet from road edge. Deep ditch at 5 feet.	
O-17	51+117	do	18.0	Fair	do	do	(R. N. 3 L. N. 4)	Poor do	Ditch at 3 feet. Ditch at 6 feet, bad edge.	
S-146	16+325	Sheet asphalt	20.0	Smooth	2 each 3 feet concrete	Good	(R. S. 6 L. S. 4)	Bad Fair	Ditch at 7 feet. Mail boxes at 4 to 5 feet.	

SAMPLE OF OFFICE DATA

Date: July 3, 1933

Computer: J. J.

Serial no.	Reference	Width of critical vehicle		Width of passing vehicle		Projected distances				Actual distances					
		Actual width	Projected width	Projection	Actual	Projection	Actual	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
S-294	Over-all road width	20.0	9.9	2.9	5.8	2.9	5.8	1.4	2.0	1.3	7.2	2.8	4.0	2.6	14.5
O-337	do	22.0	10.7	2.9	6.0	2.8	5.9	.7	3.6	1.4	8.6	1.3	7.3	2.9	17.8
S-308	do	18.0	13.9	4.6	5.9	4.5	5.8	1.2	3.2	1.3	11.4	1.6	4.1	1.7	14.7

mately 5 percent for the clearance and 2 percent for the sum of A+C+D. A larger tolerance was allowed in the measurement of the clearance because this dimension was the most difficult to scale because of the indistinct outline of the vehicles in the projection when inspected at close range.

PASSING A VEHICLE GOING IN SAME DIRECTION MAKES GREATEST DEMAND FOR ROAD WIDTH

The data obtained are sufficient to indicate the habits of drivers in passing other vehicles going in the same direction and in opposite directions on roadways of widths ranging from insufficient to ample. Widths of 18, 20, and 22 feet, were thought to give such a range. All pictures were taken on undivided, primary highways carrying recreational and commercial traffic. In general, the passing of vehicles was recorded on roads without paved shoulders but some studies were made on roads widened by shoulder paving. Table 2 gives the type, width, and shoulder conditions, on each of the roads where studies were made.

A few of the roads on which observations were made had center stripes painted on the surface to mark the lanes. Most of the concrete roads on which observations were made had longitudinal center joints that also served to mark the common boundary of the two

TABLE 2.—Description of roads on which observations were made

Width (feet)	Route no. and location	Year of observation	Description	Dirt shoulder
18	U S 40, vicinity of Aberdeen, Md.	1933-34	Concrete	Poor, 1 to 3 feet wide.
18	U S 111, Maryland line to York, Pa.	1934	do	Do.
18	U S 22, vicinity of Allentown, Pa.	1934	do	Do.
18	U S 40, Baltimore to Aberdeen, Md.	1933	15-foot concrete road, widened with a 3-foot concrete strip on 1 side.	Poor, 1 to 4 feet wide.
20	U S 40, vicinity of Baltimore, Md.	1933	Bituminous concrete with a 3-foot concrete strip on each side.	In built-up section, very narrow.
20	U S 40, vicinity of Aberdeen, Md.	1933-34	Concrete	Fair, 5 to 8 feet wide.
20	U S 22, vicinity of Allentown, Pa.	1934	do	Poor, 3 to 6 feet wide.
22	U S 40, vicinity of Baltimore, Md.	1933	16-foot asphalt with a 3-foot concrete strip on each side.	Poor, 2 to 4 feet wide.
22	U S 111, vicinity of Baltimore, Md.	1933	16-foot bituminous concrete with a 3-foot concrete strip on each side.	Fair, 4 to 8 feet wide.
22	Westfield Ave., vicinity of Rahway, N. J.	1934	Concrete	Excellent, 12 feet wide.

lanes at the center of the road. No effect of the presence of a center stripe upon the position taken by either the critical or the passing vehicle during passing operations was observed.

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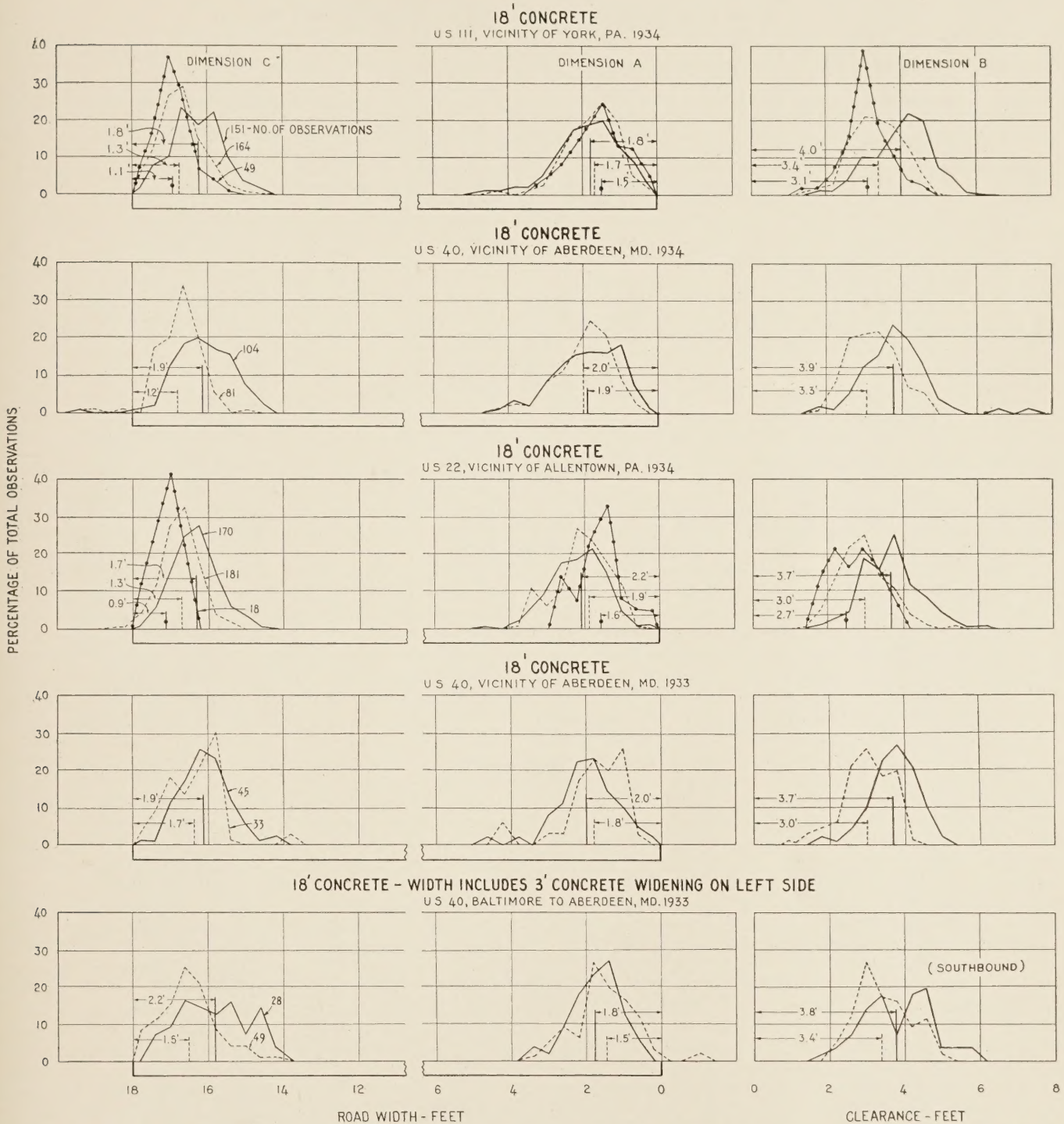
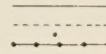


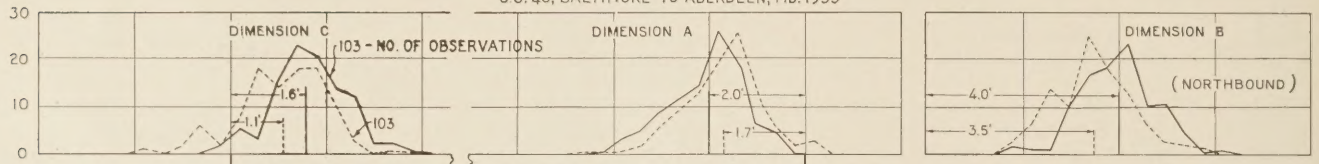
FIGURE 6.—FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DIMENSIONS A, B, AND C (SEE FIG. 5) FOR SAME-DIRECTION PASSING. NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS IN EACH SAMPLE INDICATED BY NUMBER AGAINST FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION LINE.

Overtaking and passing a vehicle going in the same direction is a more difficult operation and imposes a greater demand for road width than meeting and passing a vehicle. In meeting an oncoming vehicle a driver selects a position within the right lane and makes sure that the oncoming vehicle does not tend to infringe upon his lane. Experience has taught that this is the

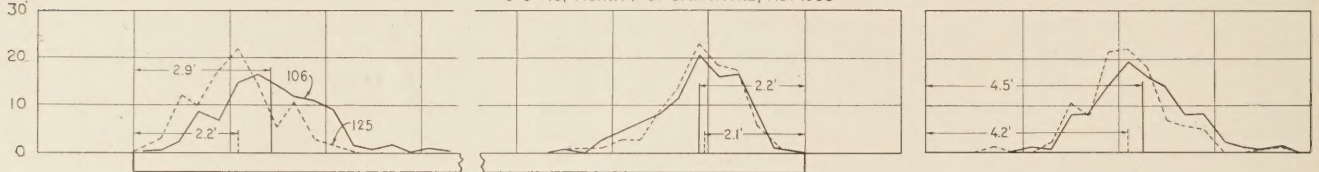
best method to avoid sideswiping. Speed can be regulated according to local conditions. As will be pointed out later, passenger cars do not run off the pavement when passing other passenger cars as is sometimes the case in same-direction passing. In same-direction passing the driver must use that portion of the roadway left to him by the vehicle ahead, dividing his attention

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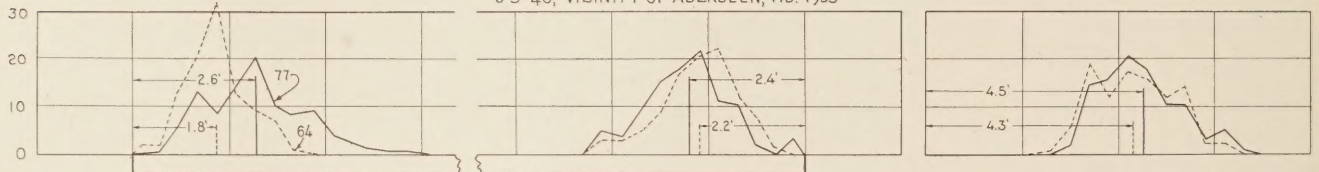
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 U.S. 40, BALTIMORE TO ABERDEEN, MD. 1933



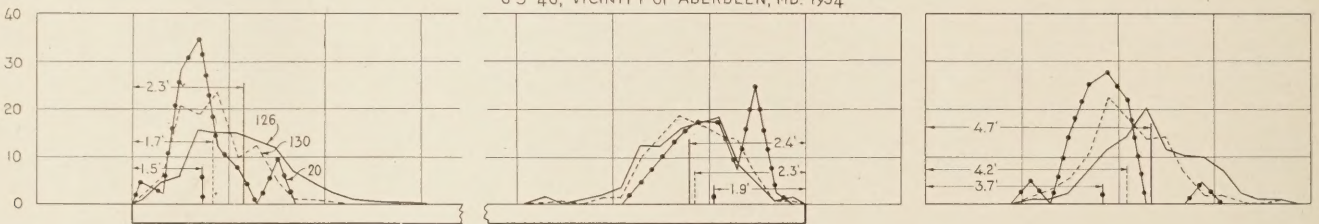
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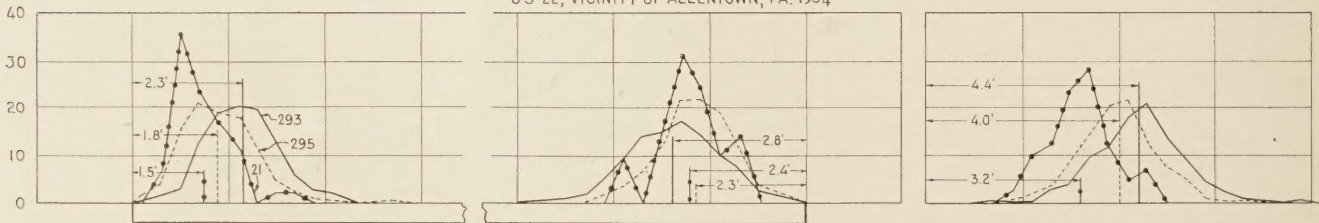
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20' CONCRETE
 U.S. 22, VICINITY OF ALLENTOWN, PA. 1934



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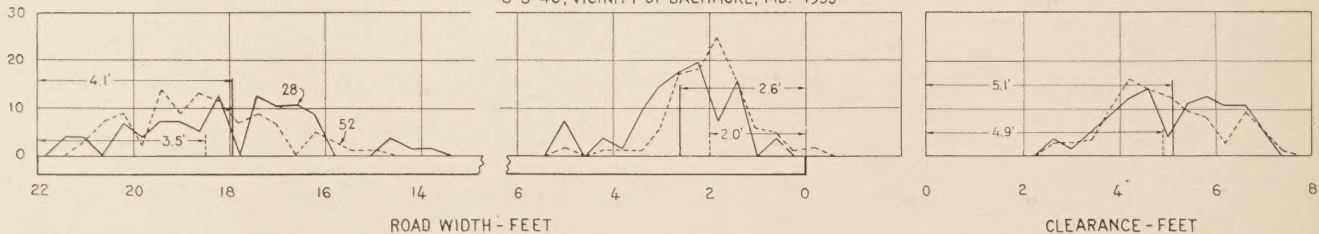


FIGURE 7.—FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DIMENSIONS A, B, AND C (SEE FIG. 5) FOR SAME-DIRECTION PASSING. NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS IN EACH SAMPLE INDICATED BY NUMBER AGAINST FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION LINE.

between clearance with the vehicle on the right and the road edge on the left, and must travel at a speed greater than that of the vehicle being passed.

Figures 6, 7, and 8 show, for same-direction passing, the frequency distribution of edge distance of the vehicles being passed (dimension A), the edge distance

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 U.S. 111, VICINITY OF BALTIMORE, MD. 1933

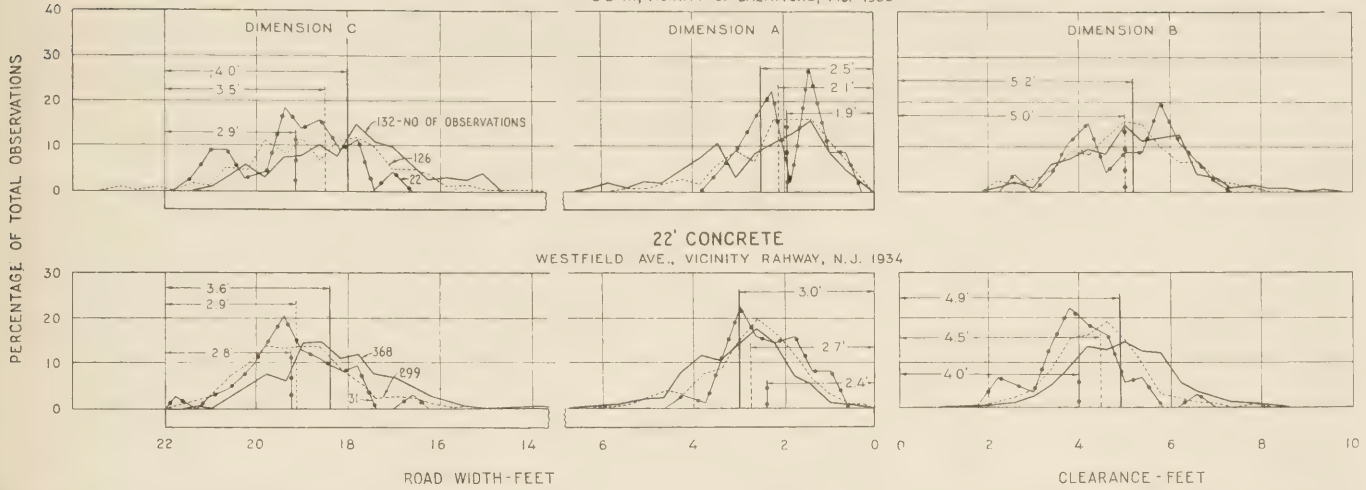


FIGURE 8.—FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DIMENSIONS A, B, AND C (SEE FIG. 5) FOR SAME-DIRECTION PASSING. NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS IN EACH SAMPLE INDICATED BY NUMBER AGAINST FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION LINE.

of the passing vehicles (dimension C), and the clearance between vehicles (dimension B), for each of the roads where studies were made. Passenger cars passing passenger cars are reported separately from passenger cars passing trucks.

In some instances data for trucks passing trucks are shown. Special effort was made to record trucks passing trucks but the number of observations was small, amounting to less than 6 percent of the overtaking passages recorded. This small percentage probably is the result of the relatively small proportion of trucks to total traffic and possibly to the absence of pronounced differences in speed among trucks.

Examination of figures 6 to 8 shows only slight differences in the average positions of vehicles on roads of the same width. For the 18-foot surfaces the frequency distribution lines for dimensions A, B, and C are approximately triangles with narrow bases and high altitudes. With increase in surface width to 20 feet the peaks are somewhat flattened and the bases spread out and this effect is very much more pronounced for 22-foot surfaces. This change in shape of the diagrams is an indication of relief from road-cramping.

Average dimensions from the diagrams for same-direction passing and also those for opposite-direction passing to be presented later, are given in table 3. There is surprisingly little variation in the average dimensions for surfaces of the same width, seldom more than one-half foot. This is about the width of a passenger-car tire and gives confidence as to the adequacy of the methods used.

Table 4 shows the average dimensions consolidated for each width of road but excludes bituminous roads with concrete shoulders and one concrete road widened with a 3-foot strip of concrete. This was done to eliminate the possible influence of paved shoulders on vehicle position. The table is based entirely on observations on 18-, 20-, and 22-foot concrete pavements without special shoulder construction and all conclusions as to vehicle positioning are based upon these consolidated data.

DRIVER PSYCHOLOGY AND RELATION OF ROAD WIDTH TO VEHICLE POSITION INDICATED BY DATA

Table 4 throws light upon several moot questions. For example it has been thought that, perhaps because truck drivers have greater experience and are aware that their vehicles are generally of such width as to cause inconvenience to others, they keep closer to the right edge of the road than do passenger-car operators. Obviously this is not the case as both passenger cars and trucks apparently tend to center themselves closely on the centerline of their own traffic lane and maintain that position when being overtaken and passed. This seems to be true indiscriminately for all three of the road widths studied as the dimensions E_c and the corresponding offsets of critical vehicles show.

One also wonders what drivers want or try to do, either consciously or subconsciously, when they overtake and pass other vehicles. Do they follow the centerline of their own traffic lane if they can? Are they equally concerned with the danger of sideswiping the vehicle they are passing and the hazard of running off onto the left shoulder, and as a result do they bisect the clear space between the vehicle and the road edge?

The answer to the first question is not entirely clear from the data of table 4. In contrast to the positioning of the critical vehicle whose average offset is never greater than 0.2 foot and which is alternately plus and minus, the passing vehicle is consistently to the left of its lane center, except when the relatively small passenger cars are alone involved on the relatively wide 22-foot pavement. In this case the passing vehicles could obviously follow the lane center if they wanted to but instead they apparently are satisfied with a clearance of about 5.0 feet and move well inside the lane centerline.

The answer to the second question seems to be that they are more afraid of sideswiping, since in every case they pass well to the left of the midpoint between critical vehicle and left road edge. This is brought out strikingly by figure 9 which shows diagrammatically the positions of the critical and passing vehicles with respect

TABLE 3.—Average dimensions on individual roads for various types of passages; vehicles moving in either the same or opposite direction

Road width, feet	Description	Year of observation	18-FOOT SURFACES																					
			Same-direction passing						Opposite-direction passing															
			Passenger cars passing passenger cars			Trucks passing trucks			Passenger cars passing passenger cars			Trucks passing trucks												
18	U S 40, Baltimore-Aberdeen, Md., north-bound, concrete with 3-foot concrete strip on east side	1933	Number of observations	C	F _p	B	A	E _a	Used space	Number of observations	C	F _p	B	A	E _a	Used space	Number of observations	A or C	E _a or F _p	Number of observations	A or C	E _a or F _p	Number of observations	
18	U S 40, Baltimore-Aberdeen, Md., south-bound, concrete with 3-foot concrete strip on east side	1933	103	1.6	4.0	4.0	2.0	4.4	16.4	103	1.1	3.2	3.5	1.7	4.5	17.0	74	1.9	4.2	37	1.9	3.7	19	3.0
18	U S 40, vicinity Aberdeen, Md., concrete	1933	28	2.2	4.5	3.8	1.8	4.1	15.9	49	1.5	3.6	3.4	1.5	4.3	16.6								
18	U S 40, vicinity Baltimore, Md., concrete	1933	45	1.9	4.3	3.7	2.0	4.4	16.2	33	1.7	4.0	3.0	1.8	4.5	16.4	20	1.8	4.2	10	1.8	4.0	64	2.8
18	U S 40, vicinity Allentown, Pa., concrete	1934	104	1.9	4.2	3.9	1.9	4.2	16.1	81	1.2	3.3	3.3	2.0	4.7	16.8	294	1.8	4.1	147	1.8	4.0	64	2.8
18	U S 111, Maryland line to York, Pa., concrete	1934	151	1.8	4.1	4.0	1.8	4.2	16.3	164	1.3	3.5	3.4	1.7	4.4	16.7	49	1.1	3.5	3.1	1.5	4.2	16.9	3.1
18	U S 22, vicinity Allentown, Pa., concrete	1934	170	1.7	4.0	3.7	2.2	4.5	16.3	181	1.3	3.5	3.0	1.9	4.8	16.7	18	.9	3.3	2.7	1.6	4.5	17.1	2.6
20	U S 40, vicinity Baltimore, Md., bituminous concrete with 3-foot concrete strip on each side	1933	106	2.9	5.2	4.5	2.2	4.6	17.1	125	2.2	4.2	4.2	2.1	4.9	17.9								
20	U S 40, vicinity Aberdeen, Md., concrete	1933	77	2.6	5.0	4.5	2.4	4.8	17.4	64	1.8	4.0	4.3	2.2	4.9	18.2	54	2.5	4.8	27	2.5	4.3	29	4.4
20	U S 22, vicinity Allentown, Pa., concrete	1934	126	2.3	4.6	4.7	2.4	4.8	17.7	130	1.7	3.9	4.2	2.3	5.1	18.3	20	1.5	4.0	3.7	1.9	4.7	18.5	3.7
20	U S 22, vicinity Allentown, Pa., concrete	1934	263	2.3	4.7	4.4	2.8	5.2	17.7	295	1.8	4.1	4.0	2.3	5.1	18.2	21	1.5	3.9	3.2	2.4	5.3	18.6	3.4
22	U S 40, vicinity Baltimore, Md., asphalt with 3-foot concrete strip on each side	1933	28	4.1	6.4	5.1	2.6	4.9	18.0	52	3.5	5.5	4.9	2.0	4.8	18.5								
22	U S 111, vicinity Baltimore, Md., bituminous concrete with 3-foot concrete strip on each side	1933	132	4.0	6.4	5.2	2.5	4.9	18.2	126	3.5	5.5	5.0	2.1	4.8	18.7	22	2.9	5.0	5.0	1.9	4.7	19.4	6.1
22	Westfield Ave., vicinity Allentown, Pa., concrete	1934	368	3.6	6.0	4.9	3.0	5.3	18.4	299	2.9	5.2	4.5	2.7	5.6	19.1	31	2.8	5.3	4.0	2.4	5.4	19.2	4.3

TABLE 4.—Weighted average distances on physically similar concrete roads (without paved shoulder) for various types of passages, vehicles moving in either the same or opposite direction

PASSENGER CARS PASSING PASSENGER CARS

Road width (feet)	Vehicles moving in same direction			Vehicles moving in opposite direction			Vehicles moving in same direction	Vehicles moving in opposite direction	Vehicles moving in same direction			Vehicles moving in opposite direction			Space used by vehicles moving in same direction (A+D)	
	C	E _D	Offset	C	E _D	Offset	B	B	A	E _c	Offset	A	E _c	Offset	A+D	Per-centage of road width
	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Percent
18.....	1.8	4.1	-0.4	1.8	4.2	-0.3	3.8	4.0	2.0	4.3	-0.2	1.8	4.2	-0.3	16.2	90.0
20.....	2.3	4.7	-0.3	2.4	4.7	-0.3	4.5	4.8	2.6	5.0	0	2.4	4.7	-0.3	17.7	88.5
22.....	3.6	6.0	+0.5	2.9	5.3	-0.2	4.9	5.7	3.0	5.3	-0.2	2.9	5.3	-0.2	18.4	83.6

PASSENGER CARS PASSING TRUCKS

18.....	1.3	3.5	-1.0				3.2		1.8	4.6	+0.1				16.7	92.7
20.....	1.8	4.0	-1.0				4.1		2.3	5.1	+0.1				18.2	91.0
22.....	2.9	5.2	-0.3				4.5		2.7	5.6	+0.1				19.1	86.9

TRUCKS PASSING TRUCKS

18.....	1.0	3.4	-1.1	1.1	3.9	-0.6	3.0	2.9	1.6	4.3	-0.2	1.1	3.9	-0.6	17.0	94.5
20.....	1.5	3.9	-1.1	1.7	4.2	-0.8	3.5	3.5	2.2	5.0	0	1.7	4.2	-0.8	18.5	92.5
22.....	2.8	5.3	-0.2	2.2	5.2	-0.3	4.0	4.3	2.4	5.4	-0.1	2.2	5.2	-0.3	19.2	87.1

to the centerlines of traffic lanes and the position of the passing vehicle with respect to the midpoint referred to. Figure 9 is based upon the consolidated data of table 4.

Reference has previously been made to the shape of the distribution diagrams of figures 6, 7, and 8 as an index to the relief from road cramping that is experienced as road widths increase. The reduction in the height of the peaks and the increase in the width of the bases is not nearly so marked between the 18- and 20-foot as between the 20- and 22-foot surfaces.

Other evidence of the greater convenience of traffic on the wider roads also appears in figures 6 to 8. Passenger cars when passing other passenger cars on 18-foot roads were observed in a number of instances to run with their left wheels on the dirt shoulder. This did not happen on either of the two wider roads.

When the average positions of passing vehicles are studied in table 4 or figure 9 very little if any relief from cramping is apparent when the road width increases from 18 to 20 feet. Passenger cars when passing passenger cars can reduce their offset 0.1 foot but there is no change in the offsets of passing vehicles when passenger cars pass trucks or when trucks pass trucks. However, when the road width increases to 22 feet, there is a marked reduction of offsets and all types of vehicles seem to be much more comfortably accommodated. As far as offsets are concerned trucks, when passing trucks on the 22-foot pavement, are able to assume positions at least as favorable as passenger cars passing passenger cars on the 20-foot road and more favorable positions as far as edge distance with respect to the left wheels is concerned.

Figures 10 and 11 show frequency distributions similar to those of figures 6, 7, and 8, except that vehicles are moving in opposite directions. The change in shape of diagrams with increase in road width has a similar significance. It should be noted that no passenger cars were observed to run off on to the dirt shoulder as was the case when they were overtaking

and passing other passenger cars on the 18-foot pavement.

The edge distances, positions of vehicle centers, and offsets are also shown for opposite direction passing in table 4. The offsets on all roads and for both types of vehicles are consistently negative. It may be concluded that this displacement to the driver's right is influenced by the presence of the oncoming vehicle since in same direction passing, critical vehicles on the average were seen to track in the center of their traffic lane.

From the foregoing it may be concluded that a pavement width of 18 feet is too narrow for either passenger cars alone or mixed traffic, that pavements 20 feet wide are inadequate for dense traffic involving wide trucks but are reasonably satisfactory for the more lightly traveled roads and for roads used infrequently by wide trucks, and that a width of 22 feet is entirely adequate and satisfactory for mixed traffic.

Speeds of all types of vehicles have steadily increased in the past and there is no definite assurance as to the future trend. It is believed that speed has an effect upon the position of motor vehicles on the pavement. A limited study was made to show the effect of speed upon the position of passenger cars relative to the right edge of the road. Frequency distribution diagrams for same-direction passing were drawn, as shown in figure 13, and the average position with respect to the right road edge was determined for the various speed groups. These positions were taken by the cars as they were being passed by other passenger cars on Westfield Avenue near Rahway, N. J. It is a 22-foot concrete highway. As the speed of the critical vehicle increases, its distance from the right road edge is increased. Additional curves for higher speeds were plotted and they show the same trend, but they are not presented because of the limited number of observations made.

It is felt that, of any effects speed may have upon vehicle position, the primary one is that involving greater edge distance. Thus, further increase in the speeds of vehicles will tend to make additional road width necessary.

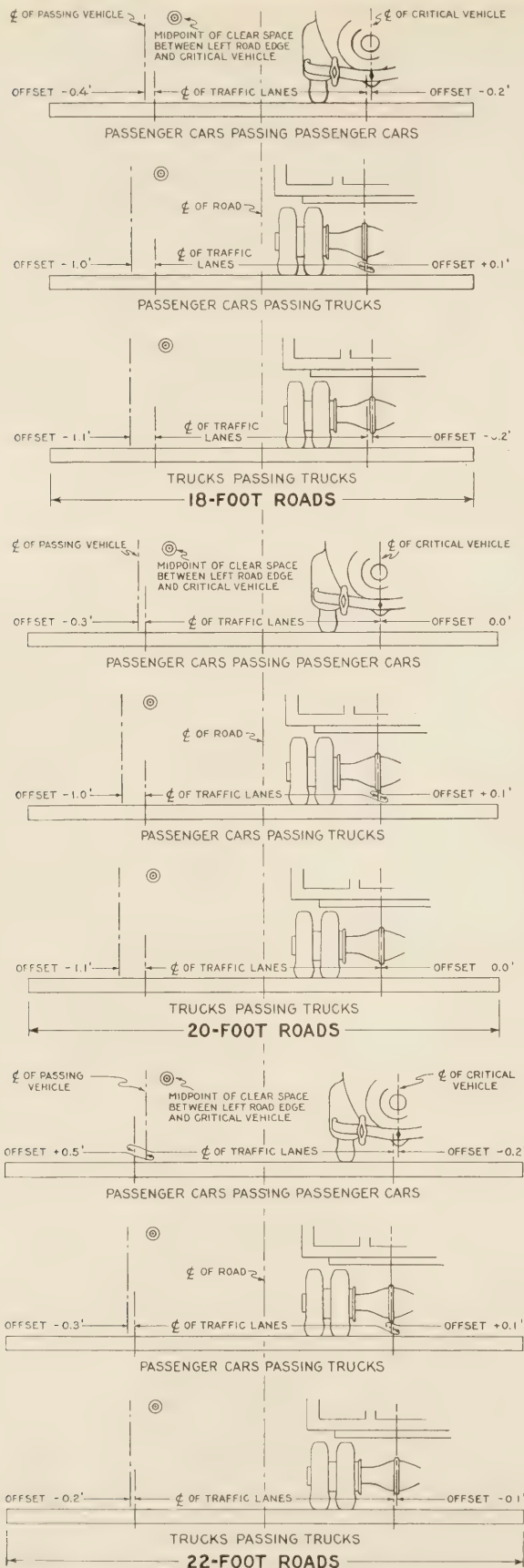


FIGURE 9.—POSITION OF CRITICAL AND PASSING VEHICLES WITH RESPECT TO CENTERS OF TRAFFIC LANES AND CENTER OF MIDPOINT OF CLEAR SPACE BETWEEN LEFT ROAD EDGE AND CRITICAL VEHICLE FOR SAME DIRECTION PASSING. DIMENSIONS ARE WEIGHTED AVERAGES FOR PHYSICALLY SIMILAR CONCRETE ROADS. (WITHOUT PAVED SHOULDERS.)

An interesting and rather surprising fact brought out by this study is the magnitude of the clearances taken by motor vehicles. This holds true for all types of passages whether in same-direction or opposite-direction passing. Quite contrary to the feeling that drivers often have of "just getting by" when they pass other vehicles, the large average clearances observed show that this feeling is generally unwarranted. The suggestion often made that narrow roads would be satisfactory were traffic composed solely of passenger cars is based on the fact that with small edge distances and clearances it is physically possible for vehicles to pass. The facts determined in this study definitely indicate that fairly large edge distances and clearances are desired by vehicle drivers.

TRUCKS CAUSE SMALL INCREASE IN USED WIDTH OF SURFACE

Information on the influence of truck width upon the used width of highways (A+D) has been sought by those studying the allocation of highway costs to the various classes of vehicles. In order to bring out facts in this connection diagrams were drawn for cases in which passenger cars overtook and passed trucks. Each observed A+D dimension was plotted against the corresponding overall width of the critical truck. These data are shown in figure 12. It will be observed that the bulk of the data lies within the 7- to 8-foot range of truck widths, and that outside this range the points become fewer and more scattered. With this observation in mind, and because a recent survey shows approximately two-thirds of all trucks to have widths between 7 and 8 feet,⁴ the method of least squares was applied to the data within this range only, to determine the average line.

This analysis is summarized in table 5 in which the increase in used space for a 1-foot increase in truck width is recorded. The results are quite variable but on the average clearly indicate that as truck widths increase, passing passenger cars shift further toward the left edge. The amount they shift, however, is small, 0.1 foot on

TABLE 5.—Summary showing increase in used space for increase in truck width from 7 to 8 feet for passenger cars passing trucks on concrete roads

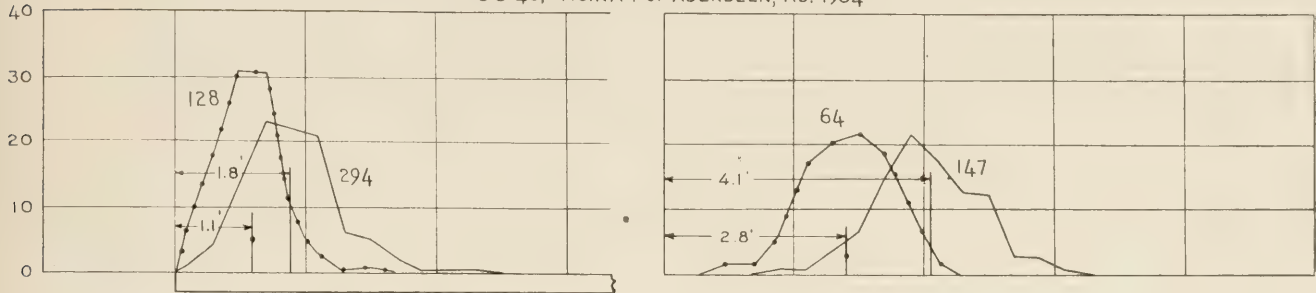
Location of road	Road width	Year of observation	Number of observations	Used space (A+D)		Increase in A+D for 1 foot increase in truck width
				Truck width 7 feet	Truck width 8 feet	
U S 40, vicinity Aberdeen, Md.	18	1933	24	16.29	16.57	0.28
U S 40, vicinity Aberdeen, Md.	18	1934	57	16.54	16.82	.28
U S 111, Maryland line to York, Pa.	18	1934	111	16.63	16.76	.13
U S 22, vicinity Allentown, Pa.	18	1934	169	16.73	16.74	.01
Weighted average for 18-foot road				16.64	16.75	.11
U S 40, vicinity Aberdeen, Md.	20	1933	56	17.85	18.51	.66
U S 40, vicinity Aberdeen, Md.	20	1934	98	18.23	18.37	.14
U S 22, vicinity Allentown, Pa.	20	1934	267	17.94	18.29	.35
Weighted average for 20-foot road				18.00	18.34	.34
Westfield Avenue, vicinity Rahway, N. J.	22	1934	147	18.80	19.46	.66

⁴ A Study of the Weights and Dimensions of Trucks by J. T. Thompson, Public Roads, vol. 16, no. 3, May 1935.

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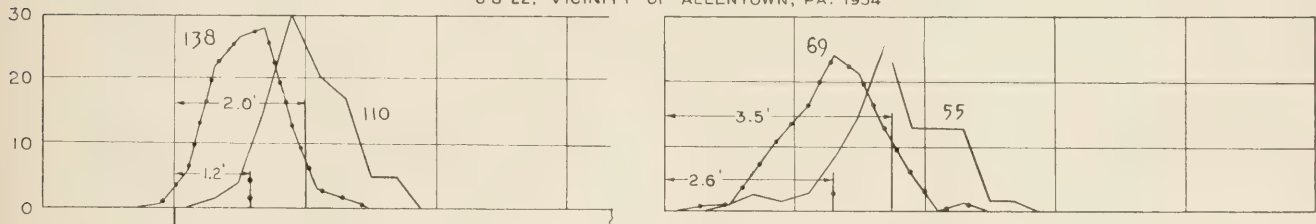
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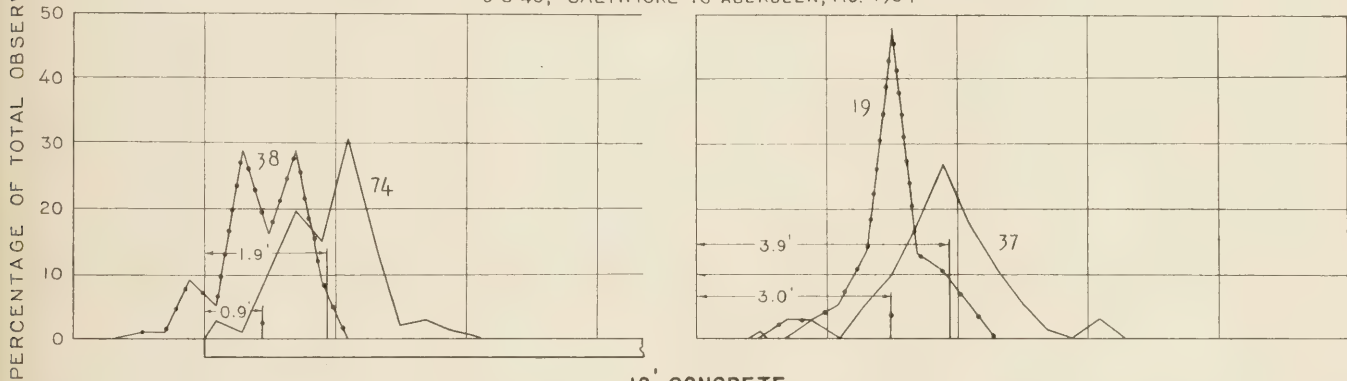
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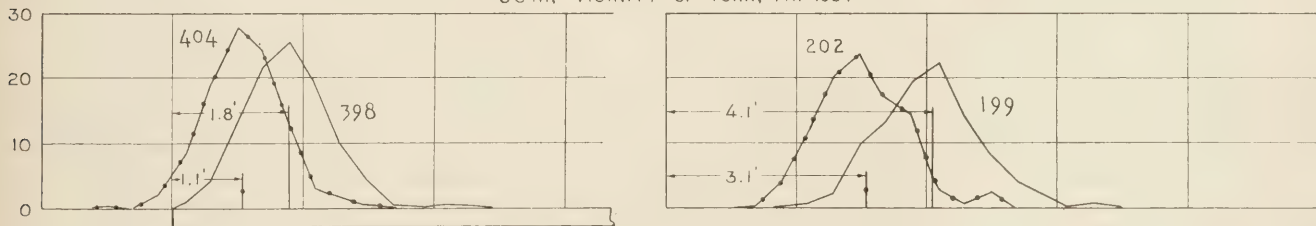
18' CONCRETE - WIDTH INCLUDES 3' CONCRETE WIDENING ON RIGHT SIDE

U S 40, BALTIMORE TO ABERDEEN, MD. 1934



18' CONCRETE

U S 111, VICINITY OF YORK, PA. 1934



20' CONCRETE

U S 40 VICINITY OF ABERDEEN, MD. 1934

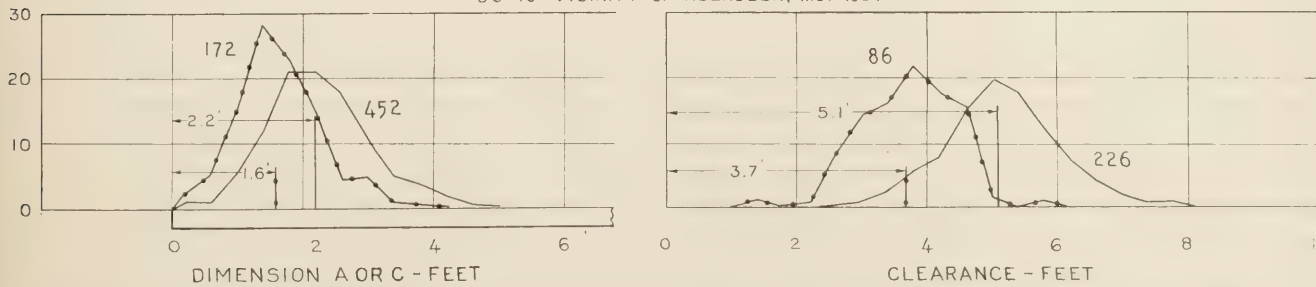


FIGURE 10.—FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF EDGE DISTANCES AND CLEARANCES FOR OPPOSITE DIRECTION PASSING.

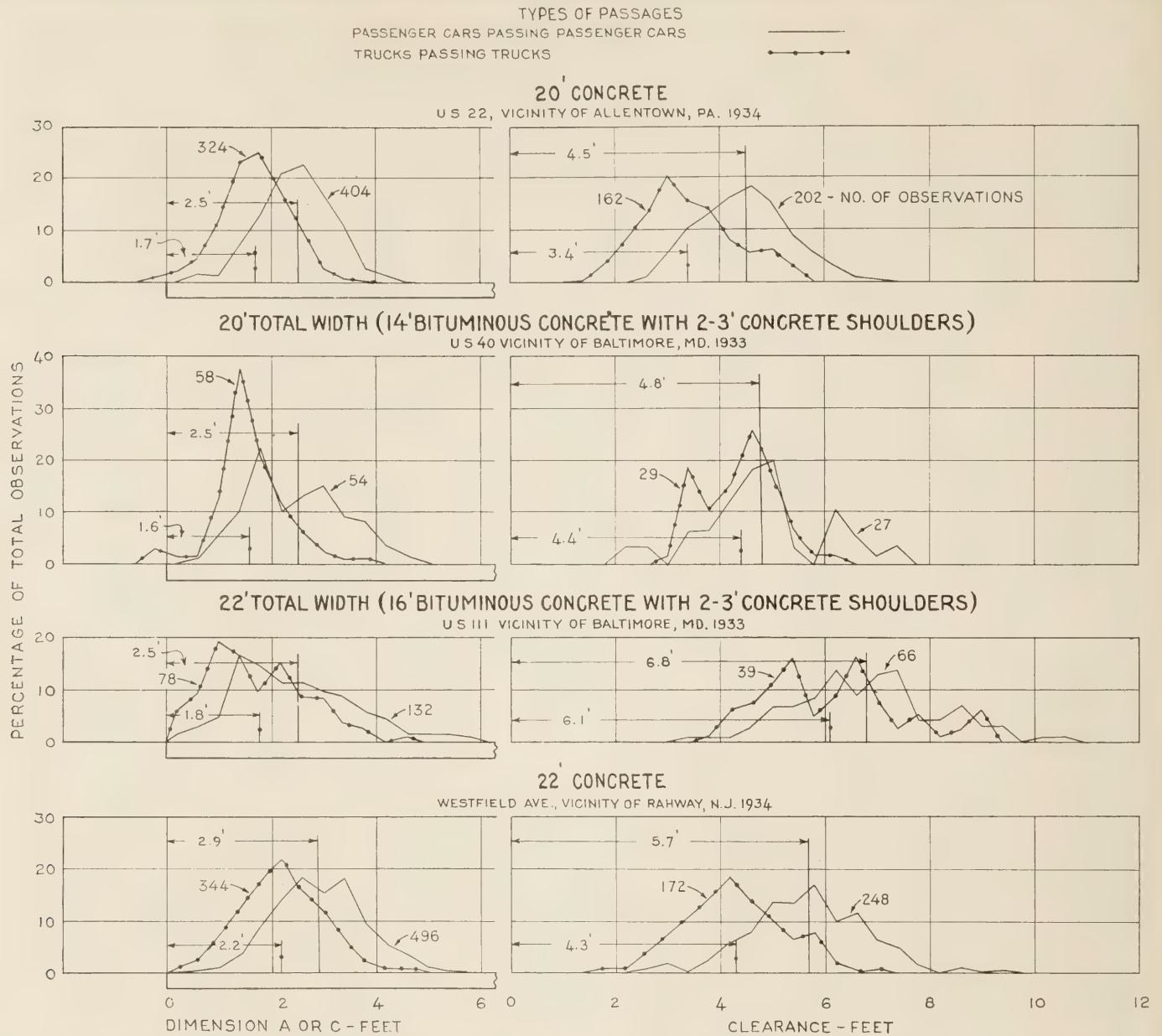


FIGURE 11.—FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF EDGE DISTANCES AND CLEARANCES FOR OPPOSITE DIRECTION PASSING.

the narrow 18-foot road, 0.3 foot on the less restricted 20-foot road, and 0.7 foot on the relatively wide 22-foot road where greater choice is known to exist. This increase in used width of road should not be attributed particularly to trucks of large rated capacity. In the study of truck widths referred to above it was found that wide trucks are approximately evenly distributed among the rated capacity classes from 1½ tons to 5 tons. Eight feet is the common legal maximum width and of observed trucks of this width there were more 1½-ton trucks than 5-ton trucks.

Figures 14 to 19 present additional information on the influence of truck widths on the positions of passenger vehicles in passing trucks. An analysis was made by truck-width classes of the observations in which passenger cars in overtaking and passing trucks were, for any reason, within 1 foot of the left edge of the pavement or off of it entirely. The ends of the horizontal lines shown on the diagrams represent the positions of the right rear wheel of the critical truck and

the left rear wheel of the passing car. The average edge distances found for the particular road width is designated, and also the average clearance. Truck widths were broken down into four classes: 6—7, 7—7.5, 7.5—8, and over 8 feet. The information collected on the 18-foot and 20-foot roads is summarized in table 6. The number of observations on 22-foot roads where passenger vehicles, in passing trucks, were within 1 foot of the left edge was negligible.

Table 6 shows that as truck widths increase the percentage of unfavorable left edge distances, as here defined, remains approximately constant. On the 20-foot road, which more nearly approaches a satisfactory width, this is particularly true throughout the range of truck widths, even for trucks exceeding the common legal limit of 8 feet. On the 18-foot road the percentage of such cases remains approximately constant until extralegal widths are reached, when there is a very sudden increase. Few trucks of extralegal width were observed and the sample is rather small to be considered a basis for definite conclusions.

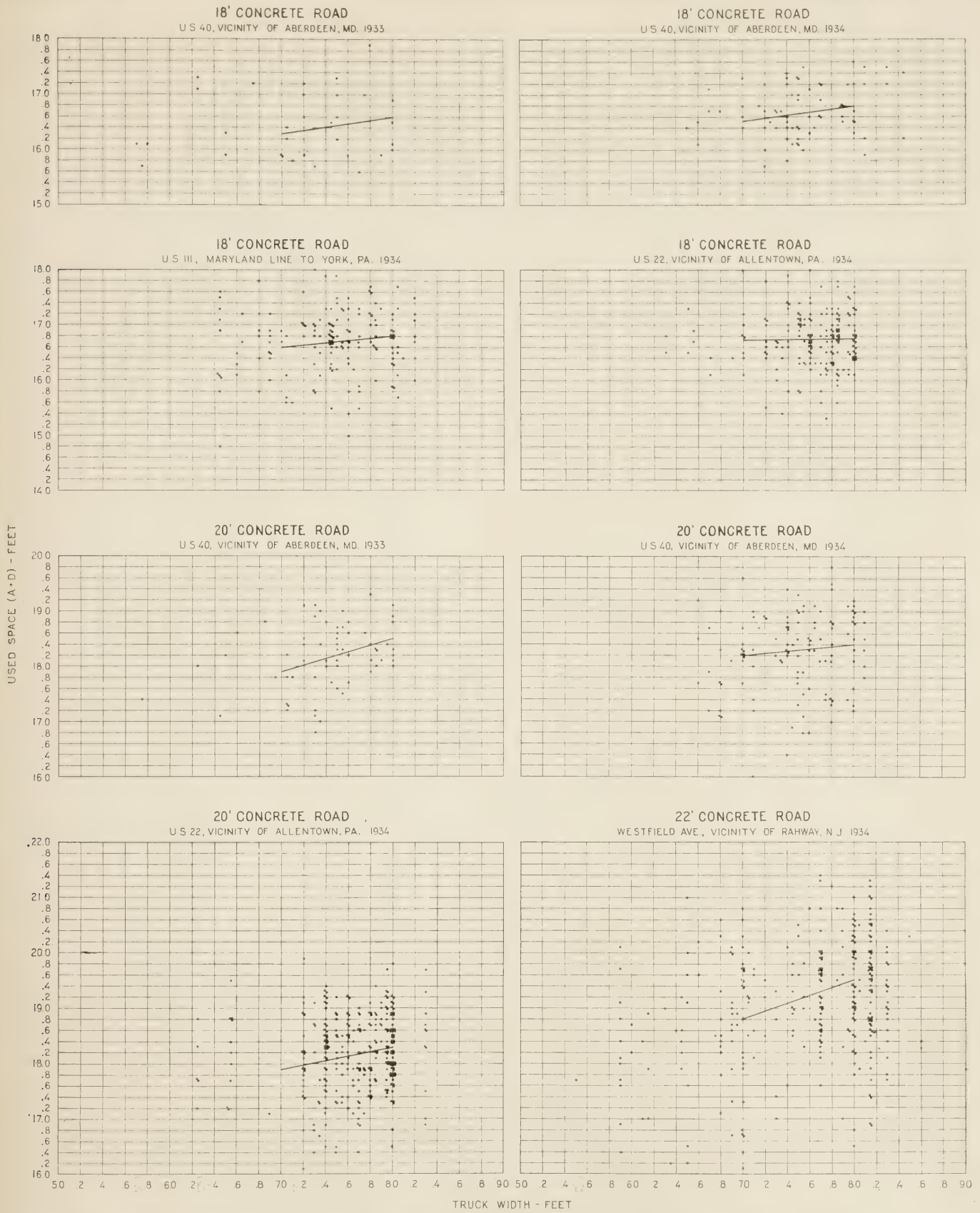


FIGURE 12.—TRUCK WIDTHS COMPARED WITH USED SPACE FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES PASSING TRUCKS IN SAME DIRECTION. INDIVIDUAL CASES PLOTTED AND TREND LINE DETERMINED BY METHOD OF LEAST SQUARES.

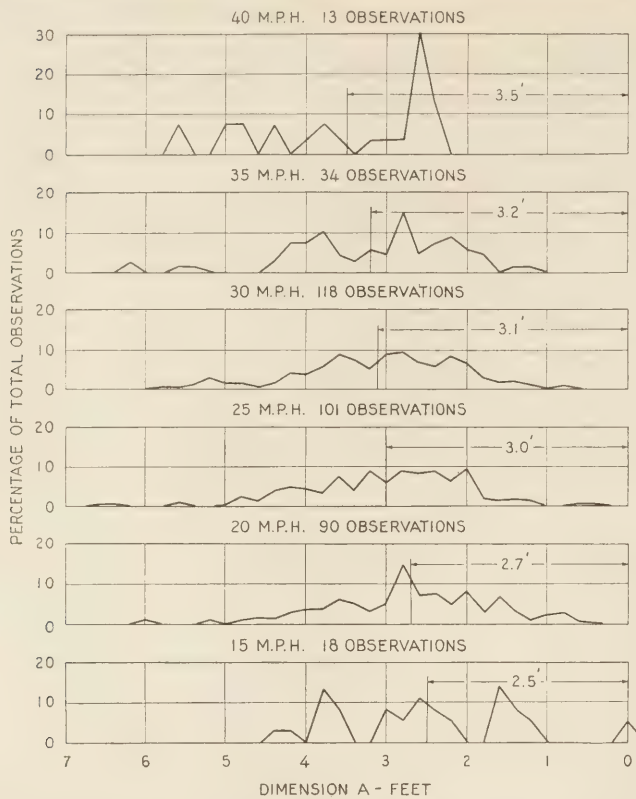


FIGURE 13.—AVERAGE POSITION OF OUTER WHEEL OF CRITICAL VEHICLE FROM RIGHT EDGE OF ROAD (DIMENSION A) AT VARIOUS SPEEDS. WESTFIELD AVENUE 22-FOOT CONCRETE ROAD.

TABLE 6.—Results of analysis of passenger cars passing trucks of various widths where passing vehicle was within 1 foot of the left road edge or off the road¹

18-FOOT CONCRETE ROAD				
Truck width (feet)	Number of observations of passenger cars passing trucks in each width class	Percentage of total	Observations where the passing vehicle was within 1 foot of left edge or off road	
			Number	Percent
6.0-7.0	67	15	18	27
7.0-7.5	138	32	47	34
7.5-8.0	213	48	66	31
Over 8.0	23	5	11	48
Total	441	100	142	32

20-FOOT CONCRETE ROAD				
Truck width (feet)	Number of observations of passenger cars passing trucks in each width class	Percentage of total	Observations where the passing vehicle was within 1 foot of left edge or off road	
			Number	Percent
6.0-7.0	45	9	6	13
7.0-7.5	157	33	21	13
7.5-8.0	258	54	36	14
Over 8.0	20	4	3	15
Total	480	100	66	14

¹ Tabulation for 22-foot road omitted because of the small number of observations where the vehicle was within 1 foot of the left edge or off the road.

From the foregoing it may be argued that the width of the truck is of less importance, comparatively, than the use of excessive right edge distance, excessive clearance, or a combination of the two in causing the passing vehicle to travel close to the left edge of the pavement.

Detailed study of figures 14 to 19 shows that, in general, where less than normal clearance between vehicles was found, the passing vehicle was forced over by the selfish position taken by the passed vehicle. In

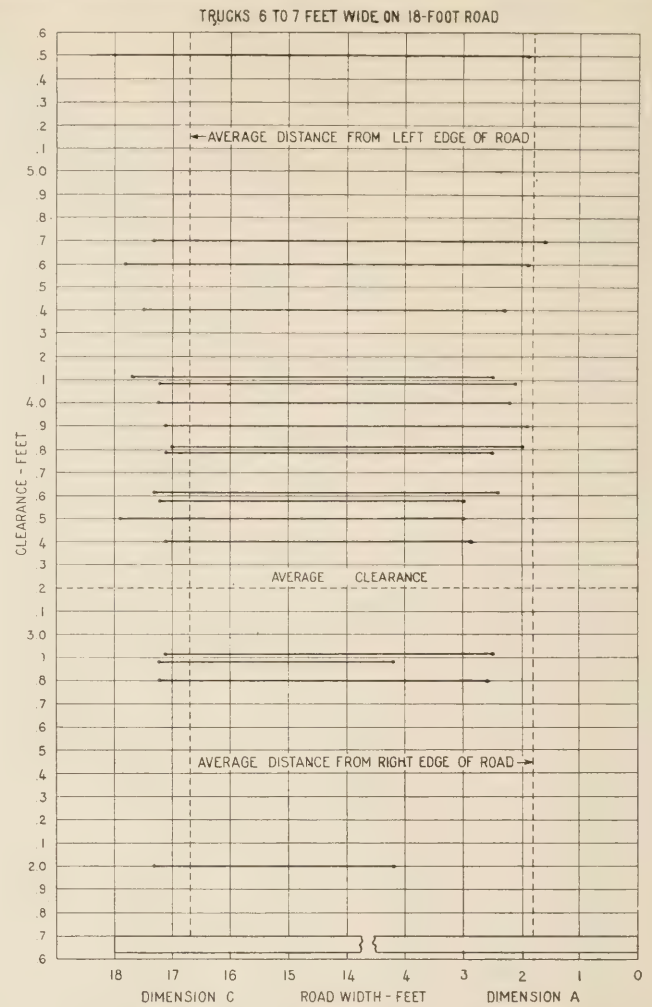


FIGURE 14.—GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION OF EDGE DISTANCES AND CLEARANCE WHERE PASSENGER VEHICLES, IN OVERTAKING AND PASSING TRUCKS, PLACED THE LEFT WHEEL WITHIN 1 FOOT OF THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. THE ENDS OF THE HORIZONTAL LINES SHOW THE POSITION OF THE RIGHT REAR WHEEL OF TRUCKS AND OF THE LEFT REAR WHEEL OF THE PASSENGER VEHICLES. THE AVERAGE DISTANCES SHOWN BY DASH LINES ARE FOR ALL OBSERVATIONS OF PASSENGER VEHICLES PASSING TRUCKS ON 18-FOOT PAVEMENTS REGARDLESS OF DISTANCES TO EDGES.

nearly all passings observed, where the clearance between vehicles was less than the average, the critical vehicle was taking more than the average edge distance. However, examination of those passings where the passing vehicle was close to the left edge shows more cases where the average clearance between vehicles was exceeded than there were below the average clearance. This suggests that about as many drivers run close to the left edge or off the road because of their own driving habits as are forced to by drivers of passed vehicles.

A comparison of the road width used in passing (A+D) in table 4 shows that passenger cars passing passenger cars used 0.8 foot less space than trucks passing trucks on each of the three road widths. Passages involving trucks and passenger cars required an intermediate amount of space.

The last column in table 4 shows the used space expressed as a percentage of road width. As the road width increases there is, for each vehicle class, a decrease of about 2 percent between the 18- and the 20-

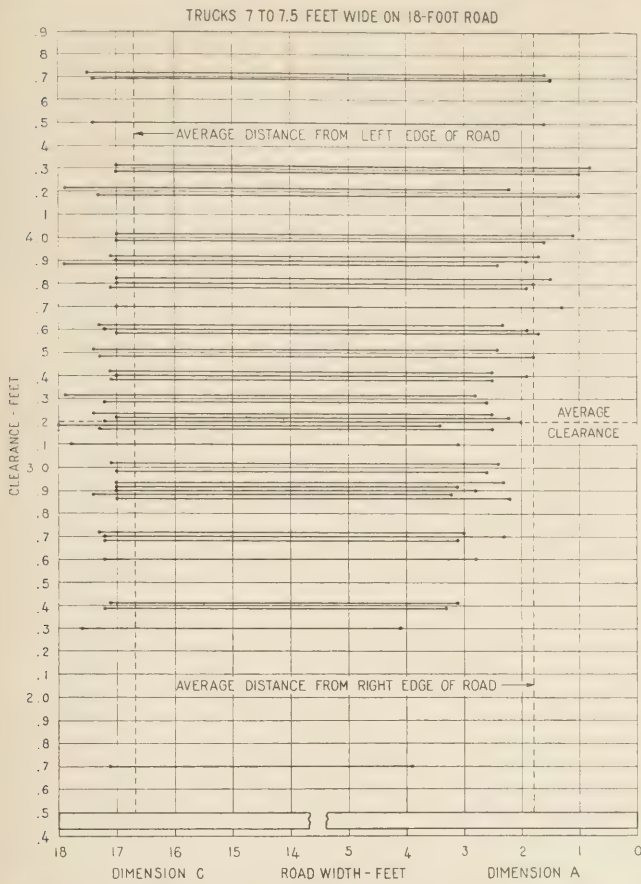


FIGURE 15.—GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION OF EDGE DISTANCES AND CLEARANCE WHERE PASSENGER VEHICLES, IN OVERTAKING AND PASSING TRUCKS, PLACED THE LEFT WHEEL WITHIN 1 FOOT OF THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. THE ENDS OF THE HORIZONTAL LINES SHOW THE POSITION OF THE RIGHT REAR WHEEL OF TRUCKS AND OF THE LEFT REAR WHEEL OF THE PASSENGER VEHICLES. THE AVERAGE DISTANCES SHOWN BY DOTTED LINES ARE FOR ALL OBSERVATIONS OF PASSENGER VEHICLES PASSING TRUCKS ON 18-FOOT PAVEMENTS REGARDLESS OF DISTANCES TO EDGES.

foot width followed by a much larger decrease between the 20- and 22-foot widths. This is again indicative of narrowness in the 18- and 20-foot roads and also of the release from width restriction that is experienced when a width of 22 feet is reached.

Figure 20 shows passenger cars passing on a 20-foot road.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Drivers of critical vehicles when being overtaken and passed tend to follow the centerline of their own traffic lane very closely.

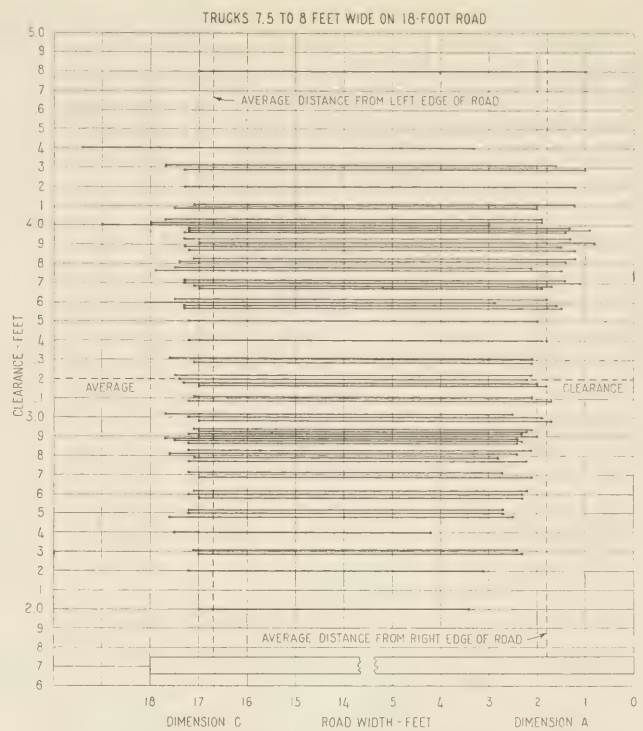


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2. Pavements of 18-foot width are too narrow for modern passenger cars alone or for modern mixed traffic. Pavements of 20-foot width are reasonably adequate for light-traffic roads used infrequently by wide trucks but are inadequate for heavy mixed traffic. Pavements of 22-foot width are entirely adequate for modern mixed traffic.

3. When passenger cars occupy unfavorable positions with respect to the left road edge in passing trucks, they do so because of the habits of the drivers as often as because of their being crowded over by the passed vehicle.

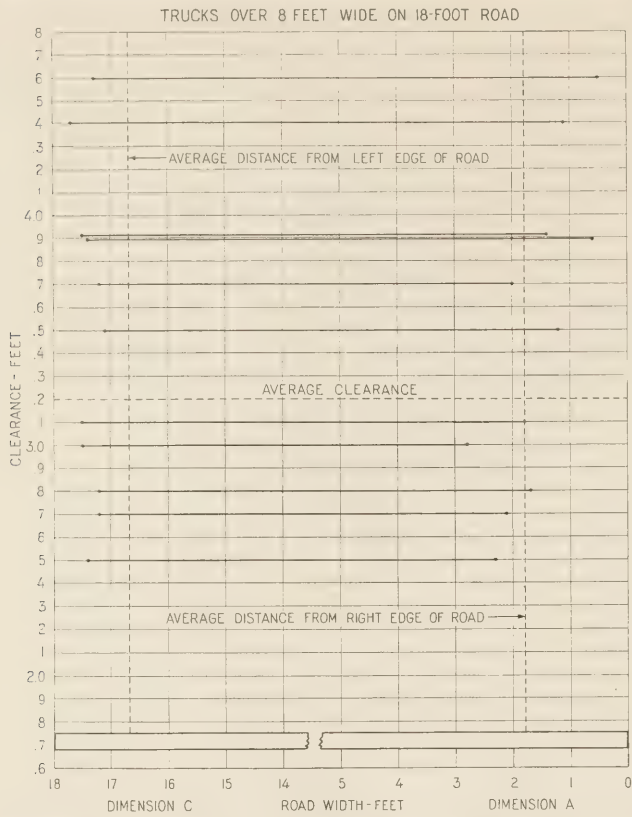


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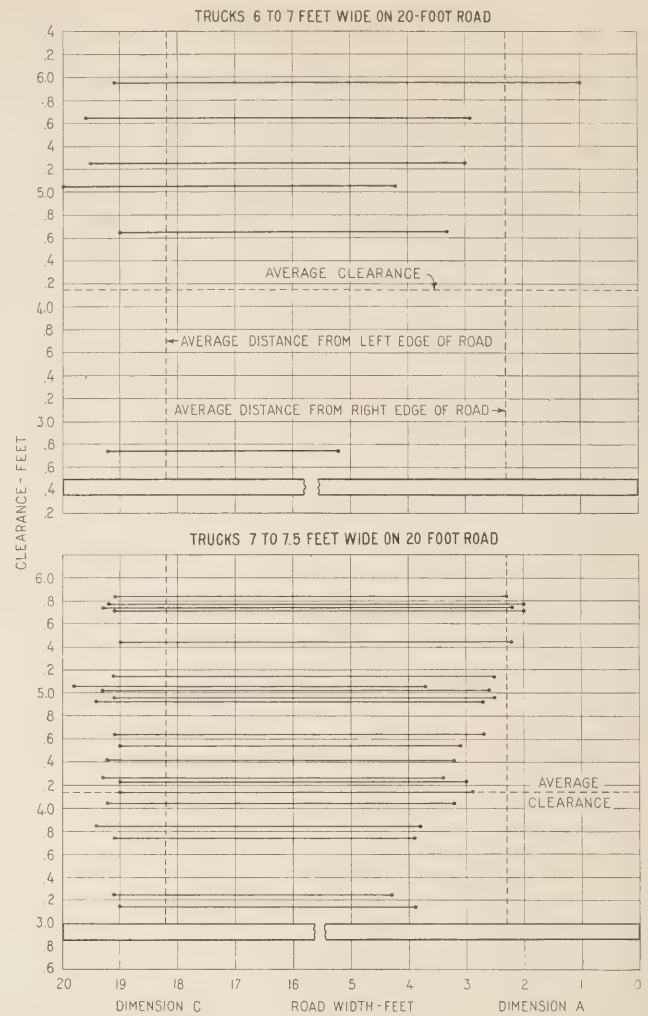


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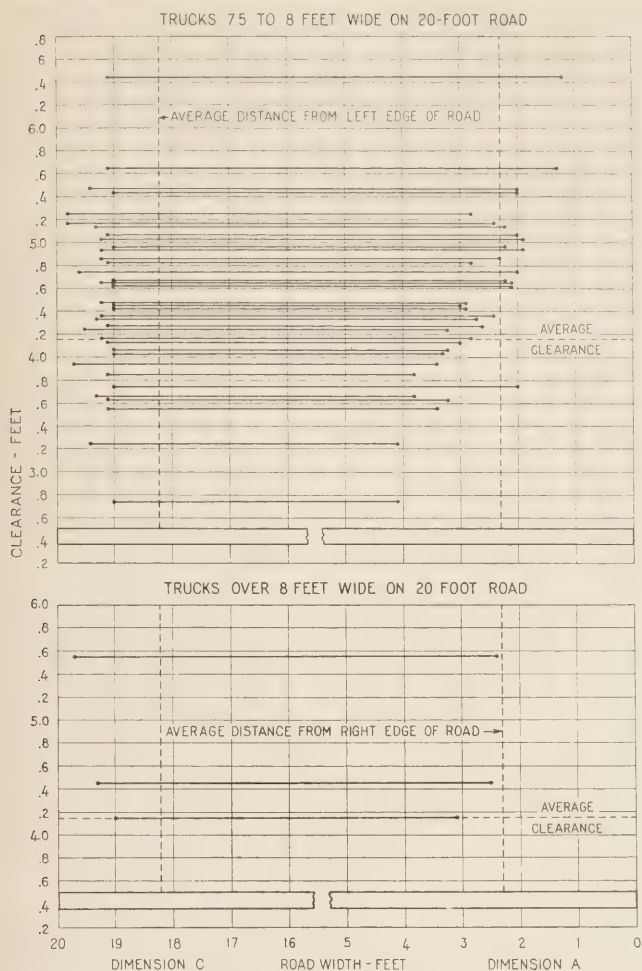


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FIGURE 20.—PASSING OPERATIONS ON A 20-FOOT ROAD.

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- ¹⁶ Service of highway relief bonds, a State obligation incurred for improvement of local roads.
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- ²² In cities situated on State highways, one-sixth municipal allotment to be used on urban extensions of State system.
- ²³ For service of general State debt.
- ²⁴ In computing adjustment, amounts loaned to general fund for relief purposes in 1935 and 1936, and not yet repaid, have been included in the undistributed balance.
- ²⁵ For aircraft landing fields, \$121,000; cooperative work other departments, \$49,000.
- ²⁶ Estimated.
- ²⁷ For payments on real estate bonds.
- ²⁸ Service of general fund bonds, \$2,421,000; Great Smoky Mountain Park bonds, \$242,000; aviation projects, \$2,000.
- ²⁹ For county roads under State control in all but 3 counties, \$5,918,000; transferred to remaining 3 counties, \$239,000.
- ³⁰ For aviation purposes.
- ³¹ Debt service charges on \$10,000,000 emergency relief bond issue prorated in proportion to allotments for State highways, local roads, and nonhighway purposes.
- ³² To towns, cities, and villages in lieu of personal property tax formerly imposed on motor vehicles.
- ³³ Paid out of general revenue. Amount not reported.

- ¹ Amounts distributed during the calendar year differ in many cases from actual collections because of undistributed balances and lag between accounts of collecting and expending agencies. Adjustments also include deduction of proceeds of tax on gasoline used in aviation in Idaho, Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, and Wyoming.
- ² In many States the proceeds of motor-fuel taxes, motor-vehicle fees, and motor-carrier taxes are placed in a common fund from which the distribution is made. In these cases the amounts distributed have been prorated in proportion to the receipts, not otherwise dedicated, from these 3 sources of revenue. See table pages 140 to 143.
- ³ Where reported separately from collection expenses, funds allotted for motor-fuel inspection, administration of motor vehicle department, and regulation of motor vehicles, are shown in this column.
- ⁴ Includes funds allotted for expenditure on urban extensions of State highway system, where reported separately from other funds distributed for local roads and streets.
- ⁵ County or local obligations assumed by State as reimbursement for local roads added to State system.
- ⁶ In States indicated by star (*) law provides that allotments for work on local roads or streets may also be used for service of local highway obligations, but amounts so used not reported separately.
- ⁷ In a number of States, allotments for local road work may be used on city streets. This column shows allotments which were reported separately. See note 4.
- ⁸ To State general funds unless otherwise noted. Allocations to county or municipal general funds may have been used in part for highways, but such amounts not reported.
- ⁹ As fees for inspection of gasoline, dealers' license fees, and penalties for infractions of the motor-fuel tax law are not ordinarily regarded as highway revenues, the allocation of such funds to general revenue is shown separately from the allocation of regular motor-fuel tax receipts.
- ¹⁰ For engineering expenses in connection with irrigation.
- ¹¹ Funds allotted to counties for use on both State and local roads.
- ¹² For county roads under State control.
- ¹³ To division of airways.
- ¹⁴ For harbor improvement.
- ¹⁵ To Tolchester Ferry Co.
- ¹⁶ To Metropolitan District Commission.
- ¹⁷ Service of nonhighway portion of Emergency Public Works loan, \$1,271,000; flood relief and other expenditures for relief, \$521,000.

DISPOSITION OF STATE MOTOR-VEHICLE RECEIPTS, 1936

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities]

State	Net total receipts of calendar year	Ad-just-ments due to trib-uted bal-ances, etc.	Net total funds distrib-uted	Ex-penses of col-lection and ad-min-istrative pur-poses	For other ad-min-istrative pur-poses	For State highway purposes				For local roads and streets				For nonhighway purposes					
						Con-struction and ad-min-istration	State high-way police	Service of State highway obli-gations		Total for State high-way pur-poses	For work on county and local roads	For work on city streets	Service of local obli-gations	Total	To general funds	For relief of unem-pley-ment or desti-tution	For educa-tion	For other pur-poses	Total
								State high-way bonds	State-as-sumed local obli-gations										
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars		
Alabama	4,101	-118	3,983	419	1,240	278	1,321	1,321	2,839	854									
Arizona	1,028	16	1,044	80	750	29	736	19	1,157	2,749									
Arkansas	2,829	-	2,829	80	2,531	87	4,052	4,052	9,494	3,389									
California	21,087	-1,751	19,336	2,177	6,389	34	888	137	11,910	9,494									
Colorado	2,589	5,957	6,168	827	1,920	325	25	185	210	3,259									
Connecticut	5,457	211	5,546	94	587	68	235	235	1,103	12,182									
Delaware	1,102	39	1,141	46	209					865									
Florida	5,546		5,546	416	868	48	316	316	1,812	4,921									
Georgia	1,302	61	1,302	60	60					364									
I Idaho	2,175	2,175	2,175	316	6,045	48	8,929	63	8,992	16,458									
Illinois	19,410	-130	19,280	954	3,180	338	4,819	4,819	9,964	1,701									
Indiana	9,044	66	9,110	863	2,802	5	266	266	2,573	957									
I Iowa	10,793	-16	10,777	813	3,815	17	2,807	220	2,824	557									
K Kansas	3,815	24	4,615	411	2,797	404	687	907	4,108	340									
K Kentucky	4,991	125	4,237	129	2,118	100	942	942	3,100	524									
L Louisiana	3,582	44	3,626	117	9				1,248	274									
M Maine	4,744	2,317	2,427	345	322	584	490	490	1,071	131									
M Maryland	6,795	-217	7,012	1,489	35	2,756	250	250	5,911	17,677									
M Massachusetts	19,737	-406	19,331	1,067	1,818	41	2,228	16	8,530	337									
M Michigan	8,189	41	8,230	96	1,887	114	3,155	3,155	102	1,570									
M Minnesota	1,869	42	1,869	96	5,261	102	90	90	1,427	1,458									
M Mississippi	8,988	2,158	9,030	500	102	37	30	30	1,449	1,449									
M Missouri	1,730	-96	1,634	74	618	97	150	150	655	1,449									
M Montana	2,158	32	2,190	86	2,080	150	4	4	102	1,449									
M Nebraska	2,279	279	2,799	18	7,575	3	90	90	655	1,449									
N Nevada	2,635	14	2,649	140	2,080	150	4	4	102	1,449									
N New Hampshire	17,851	4,600	22,451	1,107	3				2,234	132									
N New Jersey	1,318	94	1,412	213	7,575	3	90	90	655	1,449									
N New Mexico	46,291	-347	45,944	473	83				7,575	6,445									
N New York	7,456	-209	7,380	398	7,173	775	5,012	5,012	12,960	9,185									
N North Carolina	1,456	369	1,815	95	1,736	71	2,318	142	4,267	13,239									
N North Dakota	23,956	862	24,118	807	827	21	848	848	17,067	386									
O Ohio	4,713	60	4,802	713	5,350	560	804	804	5,919	847									
O Oklahoma	2,832	37	2,795	331	305				1,550	2,235									
O Oregon	32,331	21	32,344	618	27,000	1,105	3,597	3,597	31,801	319									
P Pennsylvania	2,306	372	2,663	216	1,332	93	161	161	3,537	17,067									
P Rhode Island	1,876	37	1,933	96	376	155	205	205	804	16									
P South Carolina	1,340	18	1,358	61	304				319	80									
P South Dakota	3,706	1	3,707	191	200	67	67	67	1,157	16									
T Tennessee	17,725	-48	17,624	637	5,273	316	737	737	5,889	738									
T Texas	976	48	928	133	305	305	305	305	10,893	45									
T Utah	2,245	-108	2,137	38	1,071	86	307	307	615	45									
V Vermont	3,737	17	3,754	401	4,814	905	334	334	5,353	615									
V Virginia	2,980	139	3,119	318	2,658	120	24	24	4,824	23									
W Washington	3,852	33	3,885	189	1,249	24	3,551	3,551	6,265	819									
W West Virginia	12,213	14	12,246	727	4,637	8	166	166	3,052	514									
W Wisconsin	341	-109	232	12	369				6,543	33,597									
W Wyoming	963		963	95	49				188,824	7,537									
District of Columbia									52,194	4,921									
Total	359,784	1,726	361,510	24,215	126,400	10,230	40,589	11,350	255	92,670	2,698	1,544	96,912	520	33,597	4,921	46,603		

- ¹ Amounts distributed during the calendar year differ in many cases from actual collections because of undistributed balances and lag between accounts of collecting and expending agencies.
- ² In many States the proceeds of motor-fuel taxes, motor-vehicle fees, and motor-carrier taxes are placed in a common fund from which the distribution is made. In these cases the amounts distributed have been prorated proportionately to the receipts, not otherwise dedicated, from these 3 sources of revenue. See tables pp. 138-139 and 142-143.
- ³ Collection expenses in many States include service charges deducted by county and local collectors.
- ⁴ Where reported separately from collection expenses, funds allotted for collection of motor-fuel tax, payments to auto-theft fund, and miscellaneous expenses of motor-vehicle regulation, are shown in this column.
- ⁵ Includes funds allotted for expenditure on urban extensions of State highway system, where reported separately from other funds distributed for local roads and streets.
- ⁶ County or local obligations assumed by State as reimbursement for local roads added to State system.
- ⁷ In States indicated by star (*) law provides that allotments for work on local roads or streets may also be used for service of local highway obligations, but amounts so used not reported separately.
- ⁸ In a number of States allotments for local road work may be used on city streets. This column shows allotments which were reported separately. See note 5.
- ⁹ To State general funds unless otherwise noted. Allocations to county or municipal general funds may have been used in part for highways, but such amounts not reported.
- ¹⁰ To county and municipal general funds.

- ¹¹ Funds allotted to counties for use on both State and local roads.
- ¹² For county roads under State control.
- ¹³ To metropolitan district commission.
- ¹⁴ Service of nonhighway portion of Emergency Public Works loan, \$473,000; flood relief and other expenditures for relief, \$193,000.
- ¹⁵ Service of highway relief bonds; a State obligation incurred for improvement of local roads.
- ¹⁶ To State general fund, \$180,000; county general funds, \$300,000.
- ¹⁷ Appropriations for highway purposes out of State general fund have been credited against payments of motor-fuel tax and motor-vehicle fees to the general fund and prorated in proportion to net receipts not otherwise dedicated.
- ¹⁸ To State general fund after crediting appropriations for highway purposes, \$16,788,000; New York City general fund, \$4,445,000.
- ¹⁹ To Bureau of Criminal Identification.
- ²⁰ Hospitalization of indigent persons injured in motor-vehicle accidents.
- ²¹ In computing adjustment, amounts loaned to general fund for relief purposes in 1935 and 1936, and not yet repaid, have been included in the undistributed balances.
- ²² For aircraft landing fields, \$156,000; cooperative work other departments, \$62,000.
- ²³ To towns, cities, and villages in lieu of personal property tax formerly imposed on motor vehicles.
- ²⁴ To District of Columbia general fund.

DISPOSITION OF STATE MOTOR-CARRIER TAX RECEIPTS, 1936

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities]

State	Net total receipts of calendar year	Adjustments due to undistributed balances, etc. ¹	Net total funds distributed ²	Expenses of collection and administration	Construction, maintenance, and administration ³	For State highway purposes				For local roads and streets ⁵			For nonhighway purposes			Total		
						State highway police	State highway bonds	State-assumed local obligations ⁴	Total	For work on county and local roads	Service of local highway obligations	Total	For other highway purposes (park and forest roads, etc.)	To rental funds ⁶	For relief of unemployment or destitution		For education	
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	
Alabama.....	187	-17	170	42	128	5	1	1	2	128	7	7	2,074	2,074				
Arizona.....	150		150	9	136					141								
Arkansas.....	3		3		1					3								
California.....	2,742	-90	2,652	564	251	10	7	7	7	261	7	7	2,074	2,074				
Colorado.....	568	-59	509	88	251					261								
Connecticut.....	290	-107	183		55					60								
Delaware.....	(⁷)																	
Florida.....	263		263	46	79					100								
Georgia.....	400	-165	235	135	49	26				75								
Idaho.....	122	-8	114	39	27					27								
Illinois.....	(⁸)																	
Indiana.....	641	-73	568	132	436					436								
Iowa.....	500		500	152	460	107				620								
Kansas.....	1,079		1,079	268	227	1				228								
Kentucky.....	309	-41	268	39	227					1								
Louisiana.....	4		4															
Maine.....	23		23	23														
Maryland.....	(¹⁰)																	
Massachusetts.....	84		84	66														
Michigan.....	481	-119	362	106	256					256								
Minnesota.....	19		19	19														
Mississippi.....	100	5	105	2														
Missouri.....	551	-470	81	81														
Montana.....	37	-4	33	33														
Nebraska.....	(⁹)																	
Nevada.....	199	1	200	12	185	3				188								
New Hampshire.....	3		3	3														
New Jersey.....	79	36	115	46	46					46								
New Mexico.....	149	3	152	11	128	13				141								
New York.....	(⁹)																	
North Carolina.....	175		175	175	43	2	58	4	62	107								
North Dakota.....	49	-13	36	36														
Ohio.....	728	-344	384	128	133					133								
Oklahoma.....	1,004	-21	983	49	934					934								
Oregon.....	1,012	-37	975	173	392	30	258		258	680								
Pennsylvania.....	5		5	5						5								
Rhode Island.....	11		11	11						1								
South Carolina.....	126	-32	94	22	65					65								
South Dakota.....	479	14	493	48	433					433								
Tennessee.....	323	-5	318	56	202					211								
Texas.....	82		82	72	10					10								
Utah.....	205	-109	96	21	75					75								
Vermont.....	(⁹)																	
Virginia.....	155		155	22	100					107								
Washington.....	187		187	197														
West Virginia.....	72		72	19	19					53								
Wisconsin.....	1,144	-70	1,074	326						72								
Wyoming.....	174		174	30	141	3				144								
District of Columbia.....	213	-1	212															
Total.....	15,137	-1,726	13,411	3,064	4,997	200	379	91	470	5,667	1,118	211	1,329	18	3,292	36	5	3,333

¹ Amounts distributed during the calendar year differ in many cases from actual collections because of undistributed balances and lag between accounts of collecting and expending agencies.

² In many States the proceeds of motor-fuel taxes, motor-vehicle taxes and motor-carrier taxes are placed in a common fund from which the distribution is made. In these cases the amounts distributed have been prorated in proportion to the receipts, not otherwise dedicated, from these 3 sources of revenue. See tables pp. 138 to 141.

³ Includes funds allotted for expenditure on urban extensions of State highway system, where reported separately from other funds distributed for local roads and streets.

⁴ County or local obligations assumed by State as reimbursement for local roads added to State system.

⁵ In States indicated by star (*) law provides that allotments for work on local roads or streets may also be used for service of local highway obligations, but amounts so used not reported separately.

⁶ To State general funds unless otherwise noted. Allocations to county or municipal general funds may have been used in part for highways, but such amounts not reported.

⁷ Funds allotted to counties for use on both State and local roads.

⁸ To cities and towns.

⁹ No special taxes on motor carriers reported.

¹⁰ Ten-mile and passenger-mile taxes paid by motor carriers in lieu of registration fees included in motor-vehicle receipts, table pp. 140 and 141.

¹¹ For county roads under State control.

¹² To cities.

¹³ To District of Columbia general fund.

DISPOSITION OF RECEIPTS FROM STATE IMPOSTS ON HIGHWAY USERS, 1936

[Compiled for calendar year from reports of State authorities]

Table with columns: State, Net total receipts of calendar year, Adjustments due to un-distributed balances, etc., Net total funds distributed, Expenses of collection and administration, Construction, maintenance, and administration, Service of State highway obligations (State highway bonds, State assumed local obligations, Notes and other short-term loans, Total), Total for State highway purposes, For local roads and streets, For other highway purposes, For nonhighway purposes (To general funds, Motor-fuel inspection fees, dealers' licenses, etc., For relief of unemployment or destitution, For education, For other purposes), Total.

- ²¹ Service of nonhighway portion of emergency public works loan, \$1,714,000; flood relief and other expenditures for relief, \$714,000.
- ²² Service of highway relief bonds, a State obligation incurred for improvement of local roads.
- ²³ Service of institutional construction bonds, \$486,000; Department of Commerce and Navigation, \$90,000.
- ²⁴ To State general fund, \$180,000; county general funds, \$300,000.
- ²⁵ Appropriations for highway purposes out of State general fund have been credited against payments of motor-fuel tax and motor-vehicle fees to the general fund and prorated in proportion to net receipts not otherwise dedicated.
- ²⁶ To State general fund after crediting appropriations for highway purposes, \$53,759,000; New York City general fund, \$5,991,000.
- ²⁷ To Bureau of Criminal Identification.
- ²⁸ Hospitalization of indigent persons injured in motor-vehicle accidents.
- ²⁹ For service of general State debt.
- ³⁰ In computing adjustment, \$17,556,000 loaned to general fund for relief purposes in 1935 and 1936, and not yet repaid, has been included in the undistributed balance.
- ³¹ For aircraft landing fields, \$277,000; cooperative work, other departments, \$111,000.
- ³² In addition to this amount, \$3,675,000, reported as the balance in the general highway fund, Dec. 31, 1935, was reported in 1936 as no longer available for highway purposes. The latter amount represents highway user revenues of prior years, shown in previous tables as allotted for highway purposes.
- ³³ For payments on real estate bonds.
- ³⁴ Service of general fund bonds, \$2,421,000; Great Smoky Mountain Park bonds, \$242,000; aviation projects, \$2,000.
- ³⁵ For county roads under State control in all but 3 counties, \$5,918,000; transferred to remaining 3 counties, \$239,000.
- ³⁶ For aviation purposes.
- ³⁷ Debt service charges on \$10,000,000 emergency relief bond issue prorated in proportion to allotments for State highways, local roads, and nonhighway purposes.
- ³⁸ To State general fund, \$748,000; towns, cities, and villages in lieu of personal property tax formerly imposed on motor vehicles, \$3,607,000.
- ³⁹ To District of Columbia general fund.

- ¹ Includes receipts from (1) motor-fuel taxes, (2) motor-vehicle fees and fines, and (3) special imposts on motor vehicles operated for hire (motor-carrier taxes). See tables, pp. 138 to 143, which give distribution of these 3 classes of receipts separately.
- ² Amounts distributed during the calendar year differ in many cases from actual collections because of undistributed balances and lag between accounts of collecting and expending agencies. Adjustments also include deduction of proceeds of tax on gasoline used in aviation in Idaho, Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, and Wyoming.
- ³ Includes expenses of collection and administration of motor-fuel tax, motor-vehicle fees, and motor-carrier taxes, and miscellaneous expenses of motor-vehicle regulation.
- ⁴ Includes funds allotted for expenditure on urban extensions of State highway system, where reported separately from other funds distributed for local roads and streets.
- ⁵ County or local obligations assumed by State as reimbursement for local roads added to State system.
- ⁶ In States indicated by star (*) law provides that allotments for work on local roads or streets may also be used for service of local highway obligations, but amounts so used not reported separately.
- ⁷ In a number of States allotments for local road work may be used on city streets. This column shows allotments which were reported separately. See note 4.
- ⁸ To State general funds unless otherwise noted. Allotments to county or municipal general funds may have been used in part for highways, but such amounts not reported.
- ⁹ As fees for inspection of gasoline, dealers' license fees, and penalties for infractions of the motor-fuel tax law are not ordinarily regarded as highway revenues, the allocation of such funds to general revenue is shown separately from the allocation of regular motor-fuel tax receipts.
- ¹⁰ To county and municipal general funds.
- ¹¹ For engineering expenses in connection with irrigation.
- ¹² To State general fund, \$2,074,000; county and municipal general funds, \$3,353,000.
- ¹³ Funds allotted to counties for use on both State and local roads.
- ¹⁴ To cities and towns.
- ¹⁵ For county roads under State control.
- ¹⁶ To State general fund, \$2,846,000; municipal general funds, \$8,000.
- ¹⁷ To Division of Airways.
- ¹⁸ For harbor improvement.
- ¹⁹ To Tolchester Ferry Co.
- ²⁰ To Metropolitan District Commission.

CURRENT STATUS OF UNITED STATES WORKS PROGRAM HIGHWAY PROJECTS

(AS PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1935)

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1937

STATE	APPORTIONMENT		COMPLETED		UNDER CONSTRUCTION		APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION		BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS	
	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds		
Alabama	\$ 4,151,115	\$ 3,602,858	\$ 3,639,922	\$ 3,602,858	\$ 408,640	\$ 408,640	\$ 80,572	\$ 80,572	\$ 59,045	
Arizona	2,959,841	2,418,897	3,009,710	2,418,897	144,128	73,622			77,522	
Arkansas	3,352,061	2,951,502	2,951,502	380,793	379,276	35.8			40,121	
California	7,747,928	7,179,790	7,419,903	7,179,790	721,829	594,763			13,775	
Colorado	3,395,263	2,459,381	2,505,903	2,459,381	89,597	89,596		8,200	838,086	
Connecticut	1,418,709	732,184	783,035	732,184	597,540	579,820		64,455	42,270	
Delaware	900,310	580,185	605,918	580,185	278,155	278,155			41,970	
Florida	2,597,144	2,448,539	2,511,247	2,448,539	106,968	106,968			41,638	
Georgia	4,988,967	1,094,740	1,094,740	1,076,584	1,671,783	1,671,783		1,297,474	943,126	
Idaho	2,222,747	2,248,945	2,248,945	2,151,909	49,205	49,131			21,707	
Illinois	8,694,009	7,896,767	7,896,767	7,726,978	887,743	887,743			79,288	
Indiana	4,941,255	4,230,541	4,230,541	4,072,063	920,670	862,447			6,745	
Iowa	4,991,664	4,741,882	4,741,882	4,441,051	500,418	491,207		57,770	1,656	
Kansas	4,994,975	4,311,232	4,270,824	4,270,824	672,665	670,493		59,808	57,818	
Kentucky	3,286,271	3,227,153	3,227,153	3,099,896	548,005	548,005		35,840	78,370	
Louisiana	2,890,429	2,426,574	2,426,574	2,169,478	660,493	599,816		74,701	46,434	
Maine	1,676,799	1,476,926	1,476,926	1,464,500	187,028	184,429		27,870	379,160	
Maryland	1,750,738	471,481	471,481	468,705	747,571	747,571		193,134	41,919	
Massachusetts	3,282,865	391,467	391,467	391,467	2,609,120	2,218,350		27,870	71,955	
Michigan	6,301,414	6,480,310	6,480,310	5,940,287	287,2	287,2		1,149,906	25,324	
Minnesota	5,277,145	5,898,286	5,898,286	4,920,831	297,637	296,521		49,900		
Mississippi	3,457,552	2,659,690	2,659,690	2,655,872	332,378	332,378		42,575		
Missouri	6,012,652	4,981,893	4,981,893	4,883,496	698,700	697,660		40,000	64,020	
Montana	3,676,416	3,432,741	3,432,741	3,421,094	1,118,577	988,205		34,390	108,657	
Nebraska	3,870,739	3,130,666	3,130,666	3,031,142	278,930	237,591		8,462	9,269	
Nevada	2,283,074	2,209,009	2,209,009	2,209,009	33,646	33,646		226,511	7,119	
New Hampshire	945,225	789,220	789,220	758,968	160,072	159,287			26,970	
New Jersey	3,129,805	1,060,687	1,060,687	1,057,687	2,036,819	2,025,664		6,110	40,344	
New Mexico	2,871,397	2,605,098	2,605,098	2,600,277	210,438	210,438		14,681	48,486	
New York	11,046,377	10,350,071	10,350,071	9,920,008	543,989	543,989		130,000	452,380	
North Carolina	4,780,173	3,401,910	3,401,910	3,331,340	1,335,770	1,335,770		39,700	13,963	
North Dakota	2,867,249	2,368,075	2,368,075	2,362,829	197,505	197,249		292,734	14,453	
Ohio	7,670,815	5,560,739	5,560,739	5,479,661	2,007,417	1,973,367		182,130	35,657	
Oklahoma	4,580,670	4,140,688	4,140,688	4,042,366	492,646	492,586		77,400	10,410	
Oregon	3,078,642	2,763,204	2,763,204	2,656,321	513,539	369,706			12,615	
Pennsylvania	9,347,797	3,003,215	3,003,215	2,834,276	5,626,723	5,268,520		1,405,621	145,113	
Rhode Island	989,208	1,109,360	1,109,360	886,896	2,240	2,240			72	
South Carolina	2,702,012	2,179,123	2,179,123	2,093,166	690,235	587,605		21,242	33,998	
South Dakota	4,316,454	2,339,531	2,339,531	2,336,310	614,617	614,617		9,972	15,555	
Tennessee	4,192,460	2,759,284	2,759,284	2,722,492	1,185,681	1,185,681		123,170	151,117	
Texas	11,989,350	12,609,144	12,609,144	11,546,037	384,461	285,584		159,161	14,155	
Utah	2,067,154	1,952,289	1,952,289	1,751,363	277,275	276,714		11,021	28,056	
Vermont	994,306	1,016,181	1,016,181	883,048	49,422	36,400			4,858	
Virginia	3,652,667	3,337,365	3,337,365	3,267,100	180,845	180,845		58,618	146,218	
Washington	3,058,161	3,314,896	3,314,896	2,913,200	85,272	85,272		25,465	6,844	
West Virginia	2,231,412	1,158,692	1,158,692	1,149,044	1,178,085	1,042,188		47,560		
Wisconsin	4,823,884	5,205,645	5,205,645	4,690,599	337,7	337,7		5,025	4,385	
Wyoming	2,188,251	2,182,594	2,182,594	2,182,594	33,287	33,287			3,274	
District of Columbia	949,496	950,000	950,000	949,496				4,900		
Hawaii	926,033	623,701	623,701	605,700	334,743	265,689			54,644	
TOTALS	195,000,000	161,685,904	161,685,904	153,842,262	34,010,880	31,850,080	1,111.5	6,107,081	4,989,668	202.9

CURRENT STATUS OF UNITED STATES WORKS PROGRAM GRADE CROSSING PROJECTS

(AS PROVIDED BY THE EMERGENCY RELIEF APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1935)

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1937

STATE	APPORTIONMENT		COMPLETED			UNDER CONSTRUCTION			APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION			BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER PROJECTS
			Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	NUMBER Grade Crossings by Separate Items Reconstructed or Relocated	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	NUMBER Grade Crossings by Separate Items Reconstructed or Relocated	Estimated Total Cost	Works Program Funds	NUMBER Grade Crossings by Separate Items Reconstructed or Relocated	
Alabama	\$ 4,034,617		\$ 3,041,147	\$ 3,040,883	42	\$ 798,172	\$ 798,172	6	\$ 256,063	\$ 195,563	5	\$ 14,674
Arizona	1,256,099		1,113,686	1,079,056	13	199,472	162,370	2	160,159	159,889	1	36,045
Arkansas	3,574,060		2,223,401	2,217,181	41	1,162,256	1,160,946	14				
California	7,486,362		6,627,729	6,394,391	38	1,082,369	1,079,589	9	10,000	10,000	5	2,782
Colorado	2,631,567		1,482,761	1,429,513	19	881,478	850,333	9	377,010	339,301	3	12,440
Connecticut	1,712,684		297,379	297,379	2	792,481	771,120	5	616,150	596,965	3	47,220
Delaware	413,239		130,000	130,000	1	277,993	277,993	2	71,470	71,470	27	10,246
Florida	2,827,883		2,081,687	2,073,968	25	442,767	441,818	2	1,026,000	1,026,000	16	235,166
Georgia	4,595,949		148,437	146,945	4	1,251,771	1,251,771	26	4,921	4,921	4	2,471,233
Idaho	1,674,479		1,261,824	1,254,540	19	396,821	396,731	4	161,000	161,000	2	50,520
Illinois	10,307,184		7,123,011	7,096,719	57	2,998,945	2,998,945	16			2	38,503
Indiana	5,111,096		3,494,867	3,342,522	31	1,730,071	1,730,071	11	80,407	68,690	1	5,415
Iowa	5,600,679		3,651,048	3,561,663	82	1,967,638	1,964,911	25	111,090	15,000	2	36,768
Kansas	5,246,298		3,307,564	3,302,561	49	1,968,175	1,891,929	9	614,656	601,064	4	52,287
Kentucky	3,672,267		1,084,522	1,073,247	14	2,230,291	1,945,189	10	862,485	660,466	7	196,1429
Louisiana	3,213,467		1,148,910	1,148,910	12	1,207,679	1,207,661	12	71,740	24,068	1	27,833
Maine	1,426,861		1,010,930	1,008,683	18	804,728	804,728	4	617,561	545,093	5	293,249
Maryland	2,061,751		418,680	418,680	3	2,211,631	2,211,631	13	249,991	249,991	1	216,060
Massachusetts	6,210,833		1,533,336	1,533,251	13	969,077	898,608	1	43,500	43,500	1	35,809
Michigan	6,765,197		5,981,247	5,787,280	43	1,365,677	1,354,254	10			2	13,849
Minnesota	5,395,441		4,146,084	4,027,089	75	1,123,568	1,123,568	16	40,100	40,100	14	485,039
Mississippi	3,241,475		1,592,932	1,592,768	39	4,942,291	4,761,400	30	1,650	1,650	1	20,258
Missouri	6,142,153		1,374,333	1,358,845	19	245,576	245,576	1			1	153
Montana	2,722,327		2,657,848	2,536,243	37	1,062,479	1,062,479	12	219,670	194,632	5	13,772
Nebraska	3,556,441		2,317,725	2,285,558	7	13,308	13,308	4	52,468	28,341	1	10,362
Nevada	887,260		885,820	859,960	8	311,396	311,396	4			2	39,768
Nevada	822,484		479,747	476,747	5	2,846,659	2,835,594	13	291,410	291,410	2	15,891
New Hampshire	3,963,826		1,017,094	1,017,094	9	25,879	25,879	2	56,505	56,505	1	177,188
New Jersey	1,725,286		1,678,000	1,672,314	18	5,236,660	5,236,160	20	484,680	484,680	4	162,512
New Mexico	13,577,189		8,315,865	8,069,841	25	1,311,593	1,292,042	18	1,088	1,088	1	396,995
New York	4,823,958		2,885,299	2,884,724	39	1,241,606	1,241,606	13	1,284,879	1,184,174	12	18,090
North Carolina	3,207,473		1,970,338	1,965,783	38	5,852,726	5,494,493	36	310,720	310,720	1	5,693
North Dakota	8,439,897		1,441,897	1,364,395	9	1,591,721	1,502,721	13	150,000	150,000	4	286,575
Ohio	5,004,711		3,180,739	3,173,280	51	174,122	174,122	2			2	396,995
Oklahoma	2,334,204		2,239,057	2,154,389	15	8,053,908	7,534,712	36			3	18,090
Oregon	11,483,613		3,872,046	3,512,325	46	44,314	44,314	9			1	2,683
Pennsylvania	699,691		653,760	652,694	4	1,183,309	1,154,008	18	213,307	213,307	1	401,839
Rhode Island	3,059,956		1,729,572	1,728,885	26	1,287,909	1,287,909	6	282,212	282,212	19	10,080
South Carolina	3,249,086		865,784	856,101	16	2,535,590	2,535,590	29	253,550	253,550	1	260,738
South Dakota	3,903,379		8,968,804	8,958,446	117	1,224,393	1,224,393	9	362,758	370,914	1	302,232
Tennessee	10,855,982		657,159	655,754	9	563,864	563,864	8			5	11,145
Texas	1,230,763		729,857	729,857	7	1,204,133	1,187,274	3	417,340	415,326	2	7,950
Utah	1,230,763		561,453	534,633	7	1,096,564	1,089,939	3	4,562	4,562	2	29,636
Vermont	3,774,287		2,349,255	2,339,385	39	645,948	645,948	2	27,947	27,947	3	76,448
Virginia	3,055,041		2,462,207	2,434,480	21	2,308,846	2,306,878	20	68,667	68,667	19	1,550
Washington	2,677,937		2,666,614	2,666,614	3	1,426,581	1,426,581	4			2	76,448
West Virginia	5,022,683		3,601,206	3,565,228	33	886,875	886,875	10			4	1,550
Wisconsin	1,360,841		410,804	410,804	3	467,369	467,369	4			4	6,706
Wyoming	410,804		293,667	292,776	3	226,162	158,370	2				
Dist. of Columbia	453,703		293,667	292,776	3							
Hawaii												
TOTALS	196,000,000		112,245,858	110,067,576	1356	73,195,657	70,256,595	544	10,011,316	9,104,705	109	6,571,214

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SEPARATE REPRINT FROM THE YEARBOOK

No. 1036Y. . Road Work on Farm Outlets Needs Skill and Right Equipment.

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY REPORTS

Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highway System of Ohio (1927).

Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highways of Vermont (1927).

Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highways of New Hampshire (1927).

Report of a Plan of Highway Improvement in the Regional Area of Cleveland, Ohio (1928).

Report of a Survey of Transportation on the State Highways of Pennsylvania (1928).

Report of a Survey of Traffic on the Federal-Aid Highway Systems of Eleven Western States (1930).

UNIFORM VEHICLE CODE

Act I.—Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Registration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act.

Act II.—Uniform Motor Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Act.

Act III.—Uniform Motor Vehicle Civil Liability Act.

Act IV.—Uniform Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act.

Act V.—Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways.

Model Traffic Ordinances.

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CURRENT STATUS OF UNITED STATES PUBLIC WORKS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 204 OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY ACT (1934 FUNDS) AND BY THE ACT OF JUNE 18, 1934 (1935 FUNDS)

AS OF AUGUST 31, 1937

STATE	APPORTIONMENTS		COMPLETED					UNDER CONSTRUCTION					APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION				BALANCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS	
	Sec. 204 of the Act of June 16, 1933 (1934 Fund)	Act of June 18, 1934 (1935 Fund)	Total Cost	1934 Public Works Funds	1935 Public Works Funds	Mileage	Estimated Total Cost	1934 Public Works Funds	1935 Public Works Funds	Mileage	1934 Public Works Funds	1935 Public Works Funds	Mileage	1934 Public Works Funds	1935 Public Works Funds			
Alabama	\$ 8,370,133	\$ 4,859,842	\$ 15,768,809	\$ 8,305,736	\$ 3,882,833	772.7	\$ 72,922	\$ 55,922	\$ 17,000	3.9	\$ 288,105		1.5	\$ 8,475	\$ 72,504			
Arizona	5,211,960	2,641,935	9,056,003	5,205,003	2,616,771	537.0	19,573	13,566	19,573					6,197	5,591			
Arkansas	6,748,335	3,422,049	11,094,422	6,714,187	3,409,259	626.4	47,750	33,944	13,566	10.9	3,200			2,005	2,005			
California	15,607,354	7,932,266	30,552,038	15,607,354	7,728,760	765.9	114,733	109,877	11,000					83,569	9,967			
Colorado	2,285,712	1,095,628	4,359,578	2,285,712	1,095,628	531.2	153,860	147,954	11,000	1.5				9,967	11,195			
Connecticut	2,869,740	1,354,868	4,559,578	2,869,740	1,341,596	744.1	153,860	147,954	95,119						11,195			
Delaware	1,819,088	923,395	2,782,532	1,818,804	916,149	128.9	8,210	284	2,246									
Florida	5,231,834	2,661,343	9,034,121	5,175,534	2,641,418	307.3	289,764	56,300	233,464	2.9								
Georgia	10,091,185	5,113,491	13,873,270	9,412,325	3,959,643	794.7	905,006	337,369	667,037	41.0	\$ 212,443		15.3	\$ 228,448	\$ 13,461			
Idaho	4,486,249	2,271,486	7,125,725	4,486,249	2,199,313	501.5	74,779	49,236	49,236	1.9				30,236	17,508			
Illinois	17,570,770	8,221,401	26,825,947	17,466,134	8,103,371	749.7	866,959	74,400	764,459	1.3				20,809	25,471			
Indiana	10,037,845	5,088,593	15,749,157	10,017,034	4,861,344	485.1	52,340	52,340	52,340						116,352			
Iowa	10,065,660	5,117,675	15,790,338	10,065,660	5,118,361	1,221.3	72,137	43,698	43,698	1.3	11,306			574	21,231			
Kansas	10,089,604	5,117,675	15,469,336	10,089,604	5,092,747	1,144.2	264,571	28,093	232,168	1.8	35,923			73,303	39,942			
Kentucky	7,517,359	3,818,311	12,206,160	7,480,082	3,744,977	814.7	39,626	39,626	39,626	.8				25,971	15,735			
Louisiana	5,828,591	2,963,932	9,132,363	5,795,288	2,688,031	258.9	395,131	235,959	235,959	18.4				8,644	39,942			
Maine	3,369,917	1,711,586	5,225,092	3,363,872	1,702,650	195.0	264,571	28,093	232,168	1.8				29,542	187,165			
Maryland	3,564,527	1,810,058	5,730,480	3,471,009	1,113,025	153.7	264,571	28,093	232,168	1.8				91,944	119,195			
Massachusetts	6,597,197	3,250,474	10,510,372	6,597,197	3,139,337	115.5	179,788	136,788	136,788	.4			.1	38,916	96,956			
Michigan	2,727,297	1,305,582	4,776,159	2,727,297	1,305,582	715.8	439,238	439,238	439,238	2.5	50,020			38,916	96,956			
Minnesota	10,656,569	5,425,951	16,344,282	10,587,653	4,911,972	1,641.2			410,723									
Mississippi	6,978,675	3,540,227	13,091,450	6,785,737	3,095,243	726.2	343,052	125,000	206,158	19.3	36,115		1.2	31,822	29,826			
Missouri	12,180,306	6,173,740	18,317,246	12,111,150	5,136,421	1,446.4	984,283	984,283	984,283	1.1				60,722	53,036			
Montana	7,439,748	3,769,734	11,764,611	7,425,285	3,659,874	1,058.4	131,534	6,995	57,239	.2				7,558	56,621			
Nebraska	7,822,961	3,964,364	13,080,739	7,812,918	3,656,568	1,044.8	139,099	16,043	88,400	10.7				4,889	19,396			
Nevada	4,945,917	2,362,396	7,073,517	4,945,917	2,266,394	758.8	21,979	21,979	21,979					13,413	3,443			
New Hampshire	1,569,855	969,462	3,001,921	1,564,951	959,160	78.5									10,276			
New Jersey	6,346,039	3,220,879	9,223,463	6,165,750	2,455,730	88.4	1,197,850	99,977	665,430	8.6	79,589		.5	723	77,844			
New Mexico	5,792,935	2,941,700	8,912,013	5,748,150	2,322,265	750.0	55,585	29,694	10,800	1.2				15,041	5,342			
New York	22,330,101	11,327,921	40,581,056	22,228,864	11,014,795	825.1	192,932	6,831	59,900	.1	6,600			87,786	128,326			
North Carolina	9,522,293	4,840,941	15,220,720	9,364,104	4,721,698	1,357.6	238,501	143,020	93,171	40.9	5,960		3.9	9,139	17,872			
North Dakota	2,335,967	1,195,967	4,927,781	2,335,967	1,195,967	2,151.7	112,386	50,000	112,386	14.9				68,339	220,305			
Ohio	15,464,592	7,865,012	24,845,573	15,426,822	7,948,553	795.4	362,122	50,000	232,663	4.9				8,170	70,504			
Oklahoma	9,216,798	4,685,180	14,722,580	9,214,165	4,449,957	806.6	232,664	46,467	232,664	.4				2,633	3,164			
Oregon	6,106,836	3,097,814	9,077,136	6,106,836	2,963,172	1,469.5	46,467	46,467	46,467					4,062	87,875			
Pennsylvania	18,891,008	9,590,788	29,414,947	18,589,519	9,130,544	1,057.3	743,047	256,582	421,025	13.5	12,000		1.0	32,993	39,215			
Rhode Island	1,928,708	1,014,572	3,150,270	1,928,708	1,012,094	89.1	2,478	948,007	2,478									
South Carolina	5,459,165	2,770,954	8,221,105	5,368,486	2,519,597	625.8	277,834	217	242,149	10.6	40,000		.5	50,462	9,208			
South Dakota	6,011,479	3,047,643	9,487,391	6,112,042	3,020,316	1,611.1	101,151	1,920	72,651	8.2	4,870		6.2	20,072	31,275			
Tennessee	8,492,619	4,202,991	13,915,252	8,492,619	4,302,972	504.7	338,328	2,797	335,531	.4				40,268	14,955			
Texas	4,239,650	2,139,159	7,050,884	4,239,650	2,139,159	2,139.6												
Utah	4,194,708	2,139,159	7,050,884	4,194,708	2,139,159	2,139.6								2,090	68			
Vermont	1,867,573	945,007	3,180,278	1,867,573	948,007	141.0												
Virginia	7,416,757	3,765,387	11,591,319	7,366,822	3,381,572	629.1	232,166	26,448	200,086	20.7	35,186		22.8	25,301	12,396			
Washington	6,115,867	3,106,412	9,407,780	6,112,042	3,020,316	303.0	46,596	46,596	46,596					3,825	39,500			
West Virginia	4,474,234	2,280,335	6,457,136	4,474,234	2,280,335	212.9	378,997	54,892	301,059	9.1	166,139		1.7	111,068	6,772			
Wisconsin	9,724,861	4,941,837	15,455,518	9,724,861	4,860,251	619.6	40,860	40,860	40,860	12.0	16,475		.9	675	24,251			
Wyoming	4,501,327	2,281,712	6,907,367	4,476,017	2,212,598	1,040.2	57,140	24,635	32,505					23,100	19,608			
District of Columbia	1,918,469	973,842	2,992,447	1,918,469	973,842	22.3												
Hawaii	1,871,062	949,778	3,142,645	1,857,812	925,649	54.2	175,648	725,649	172,480	1.1	13,250			26,799	24,850			
TOTALS	394,000,000	200,000,000	636,764,235	390,953,433	187,873,158	35,339.9	10,469,526	1,399,687	7,829,150	266.6	546,262		70.9	2,208,228	2,089,464			



