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(In Abstract\*)

The third annual report of the Subcommittee on Highway Types and Roadside Areas contains a brief review of the two previous reports of 1937 and 1938 as a background for the present report. The objectives of the Subcommittee are outlined in a general way as the basis for a possible program for further detailed analysis on a regional administrative basis.

The 1937 report emphasized the need for a broader approach to the highway cross-section problem. The right-of-way as a whole should be considered a part of its surroundings.

The 1938 report further emphasized this relationship of the highway to its surroundings. The foundation of a well-balanced design is an adequate width of right-of-way, with roadbed, roadside, and adjacent lands all united in proper relation. The composite diagram in the report showing the "Trend in Expanding Widths of Divided Highways in Relation to Right-of-ways" presented basic information recognizing the need for those elements that contribute to a balanced program of highway development.

The present report includes typical highway cross-sections now in regular use in one specific administrative region or highway district to show the gains which have been made in recognition of the many advantages of orderly roadside development through integration of landscape practices in initial highway construction. The cross-sections for the region selected typify the evolutionary progress in the improvement of the actual right-of-way and the relation of the right-of-way to adjacent lands.

It is proposed that this single regional presentation serve as a sample for the guidance of further studies along similar lines in every administrative highway region of the United States.

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