

REPORT of COMMITTEE on ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

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The Committee on Roadside Development continues its study of the many aspects of highway landscape development that contribute to the safety, beauty, utility, and economy of "The Complete Highway".

During the past year the subjects of particular interest have been functional planting for traffic safety and guidance and the particular roadside problems of the Interstate Highway System. The program at the 36th Annual Meeting included a description of the planting design for the Connecticut Turnpike, a preliminary report on selective cutting and thinning of roadside vegetation, planting for screening headlight glare and for traffic guidance, a progress report on the use of herbicides on roadsides, and a panel discussion of roadside problems of the Interstate Highway System.

During 1956 the committee published, in addition to its Annual Report, Special Report 23 on "Planning and Management of Roadside Vegetation" and sponsored the distribution of a reprint from "Landscape Architecture" on desirable design factors underlying expressway or parkway construction, as endorsed by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Arrangements have been made to collaborate with the American Association of State Highway Officials Committee on Roadside Development by making available to it the research information that will aid in the preparation of AASHO policy and standards for roadside development.

The subjects scheduled for study during 1957 include the roadside development problems arising from increasing urban highway development; consideration of the roadside development problems involved in integrating service facilities into the highway system; and progress in erosion control measures, mechanization of roadside work, use of herbicides, selective thinning and cutting, and stabilized turf shoulders.