

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT

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The Committee on Roadside Development is continuing with its study of the many aspects of Roadside Development as they contribute to the Complete Highway.

During 1958, interest was centered particularly on certain phases of roadside design and their effect upon roadside maintenance. Two sessions were programmed for this committee at the 38th Annual Meeting; one session devoted to design and the other to maintenance. Papers were prepared and presented relating to the design of urban and rural highway landscaping, development in practices and materials used to control soil erosion, roadside design to reduce noise, and the effect on the maintenance of interstate highway roadsides by work operations, highway design, land use plans, and an anti-litter campaign.

During the year; the committee published its annual report and Special Report 27 on the selective cutting of roadside vegetation, and made 4 distributions of publications and other material from its Clearing House.

It is the opinion of the committee that topics for study for 1959 be based upon the general subject of conservation of land and landscape features. A sub-committee of the committee will consider such topics as noise abatement, rounding of slopes with regard to equipment and practices, preservation of existing vegetation, report on accidents caused by roadside objects such as trees, poles, etc., and roadside planting in semi-arid regions.