

Office Memorandum

DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY

TO : L. A. Korth
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FROM : L. E. Foote
Director, Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Princeton Rest Area Usage Study

DATE: Nov. 10, 1969

Attached is a summary of our second year survey of usage at the Princeton Wayside. This was conducted last year as part of the Bureau of Public Roads research program regarding rest areas. This was to be a three year continuing study at each selected wayside. However, after one year's results, the Bureau of Public Roads research personnel changed their plans and dropped this wayside from their study. We continued it for another year for our own information. The results have been fairly consistent and I see no reason for us to continue a survey at this wayside. The survey has been of use to us and I think they should be continued at selected waysides as the need for certain information arises.

The Princeton Wayside is a small, low quality facility on a low traffic highway. The survey shows that this type of wayside has considerable value even though the percentage of traffic stopping is very low, one percent. During the hours of survey on the five days involved this wayside provided a service to 381 travelers.

As compared to last years survey, this years survey showed that the number of vehicles using the area increased from 75 to 119. And that the percentage of traffic using the area was somewhat higher.



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TO : L. E. Foote, Director
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DATE: 10-30-69

FROM : S. A. Paulson
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SUBJECT: Princeton Rest Area Usage Study

S.P. 4810 T.H. 95

$\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E. of Princeton

Date: August 14-18, 1969.

Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday - Saturday & Monday

6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday

Weather: Clear & warm

Percent of vehicles on mainline using rest area: cars 1% trucks 0.6%.

41% of the vehicles entering the rest area were out of state.

17% of the passenger cars entering the rest area were hauling some type of trailer.

Average persons/vehicle = 3.2.

Purpose for driving into rest area

To eat	38.7%
To rest	34.0%
Other	17.9%
Use rest room	8.5%
Dispose of waste	0.9%

Percent of persons using

Rest room	36%
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Percent of vehicles using

Waste disposal	42%
Picnic tables	40%

Average Stay

Other	44 min.
To eat	40 min.
To rest	36 min.
Use rest room	13 min.
Dispose of waste	7 min.

Vehicles Entering Rest Area

	6	7	8	9	10	11	Noon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Thur.	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	7	0	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	16
Fri.	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	3	6	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	25
Sat.	-	-	-	-	10	4	4	7	1	0	4	2	-	-	-	-	32
Sun.	0	0	0	1	2	1	6	3	3	3	5	0	1	0	4	0	29
Mon.	-	-	-	-	3	5	4	3	0	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	17
Total	0	0	0	1	19	18	19	23	10	7	12	5	1	0	4	0	119

Vehicles on Highway

Passenger car pulling no trailer	78.7%
Other single unit trucks	15.5%
Pickup camper	1.7%
Semi truck & trailer	1.2%
Passenger car pulling boat trailer	0.8%
Passenger car pulling house trailer	0.7%
Passenger car pulling camper trailer	0.6%
Passenger car pulling other trailer	0.6%
Other motor vehicles & buses	0.2%

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DATA OBTAINED BY OBSERVATION

DAY OF WEEK _____	VEHICLE TYPE _____	PEOPLE IN VEHICLE _____
DATE _____	TIME IN _____	
LICENSING STATE _____	TIME OUT _____	

REST AREA USE

1. WHAT WAS YOUR CHIEF PURPOSE FOR DRIVING INTO THIS REST AREA? (check one)

1. ___ Use Rest Room 2. ___ Dispose of Sewage 3. ___ Get Water
 4. ___ Just to Rest 5. ___ Get Travel Info. 6. ___ Telephone
 7. ___ Eat 8. ___ Dispose of Wastes 9. ___ Other _____
 (Please Specify)

2. HOW MANY PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY USED THE FOLLOWING?

Rest Room Facilities _____ Drinking Water Supply _____ Telephone _____

3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES WERE USED BY YOUR PARTY?

1. ___ Picnic Tables 4. ___ Waste Disposal
 2. ___ Travel Information 5. ___ None of these
 3. ___ Electrical Outlet

4. WHERE IS THE HOME BASE FOR THE START OF THIS TRAVEL?

State _____ City or County _____

5. WHERE WILL BE (OR WAS) THE FARTHEST POINT OF YOUR TRAVEL?

State _____ City or County _____

6. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

1. ___ E.B. T.H. 2 3. ___ T.H. 371
 2. ___ W.B. T.H. 2

7. ANY COMMENTS ON BUILDING OR GROUNDS?