

B. Public roads.—Equally necessary for the construction and use of private housing are adequate access routes. Road construction today is backed by massive Federal assistance through the primary, secondary, urban, and interstate highway construction programs. These programs, for which Congress expends billions of dollars annually, are particularly significant in the urban and suburban areas of the Nation where the pattern of housing development and redevelopment is geared to and dependent upon new road construction. Table III (see app. E) indicates the extent of this aid to each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia in the first 10 months of 1965.

The significance of Federal participation in the construction of urban access routes and highways may be appreciated from another illustration in the representative Atlanta metropolitan area. From July 1961 through June 30, 1965, the total construction cost of the federally assisted highways in this metropolitan

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