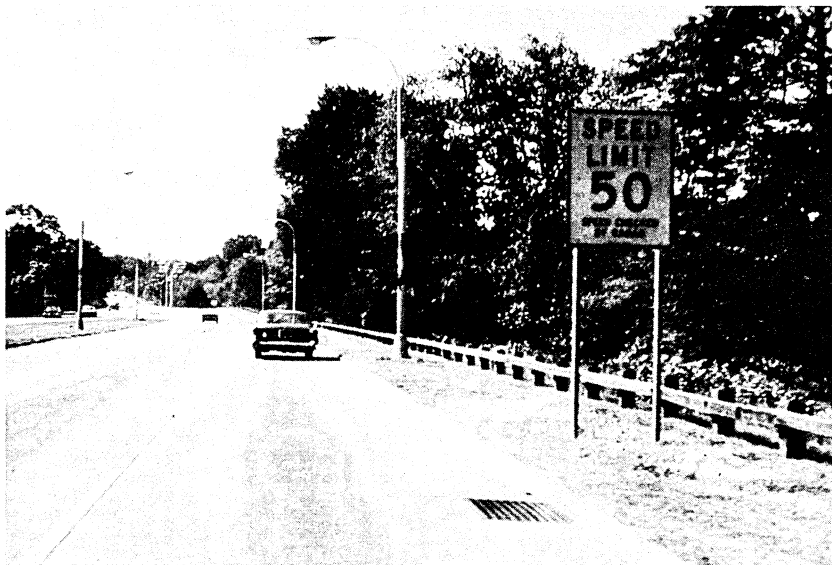




Here is the same type sign. It is being held up by aluminum poles, which are hollow. This can go down easily if struck, and yet it stands up during the strongest winds.

I would go further than this. I would put the sign on the light pole. We always manage to defeat the purpose of design.

Mr. W. MAY. Again we have spent extra money to create another hazard.

Mr. LINKO. That is right. Because you cut down the space between poles if you need to pull onto the shoulders; you need room to pull in. Here they are cutting down the space. They are saturating the roadside with unnecessary signs.

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Linko, on that picture, is that a concrete base on the pole?

Mr. LINKO. On this one here? [Indicating.]

Mr. HOWARD. No, the light pole.

Mr. LINKO. No, that is not. This happens to be a good installation of a light. It is aluminum. I will get into what you are talking about. I do have some slides on it. It is a serious matter.

Here is another sign which I feel we should discontinue on the highway altogether. It says "Use right shoulder," and it is held up by the heavy steel I-beams. Actually, it's meant for the driver in the left lane. You see the truck there, it could block the view in the left lane. On the left actually you have a 2-foot shoulder and nobody can really use that shoulder anyway. There is no sense in putting a sign that says "Use right shoulder" because nobody could use the left anyway. And yet there are hundreds of these signs scattered on our highways, and I feel they should be moved, because they are causing a hazard, and are not serving any real purpose. If they had to be put anywhere,