

Mr. PRISK. Well, I think that I should say—

Mr. CRAMER. I mean, so far as the distance is concerned? Downgrade is another question.

Mr. PRISK. This is a minimum requirement, the 30 feet. We do not ordinarily object to planting trees beyond that distance.

Mr. CRAMER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. HUELKE. Here is a typical example of what we see at expressway exit ramps and secondary roads more frequently in our area. But notice the tree (arrow) just beyond the apex of the curve, and you can see it was recently hit (circle). This is a photo taken the following day after the accident. Three young people were driving down this downhill, left-hand curve and struck this tree. These are the sorts of trees now that they are removing as hazards, but we see this time and time again.



Mr. CRAMER. I see there are three old trees and I see a new one in the middle, just planted. It looks like a tree.

Dr. HUELKE. There is a series of them along there, new ones.

Mr. CRAMER. It must be part of the beautification program. They are taking down the old trees and putting up new ones?

Dr. HUELKE. Planting a little farther back, though, about five—

Mr. CRAMER. A little farther back. As far as the curve is concerned, it looks pretty close to the new ones they are planting.

Dr. HUELKE. Yes, sir; I think about five—

Mr. CRAMER. That provides a hazard to some degree. That certainly is not the place to plant a tree, is it?

Dr. HUELKE. That is right.

Mr. CRAMER. Right around a curve, right in line with the travel of the car if it gets off the road, right?

Dr. HUELKE. Right. And I see no problem in planting of shrubs or bushes in this area for beautification, because they are very absorbing, as a matter of fact, as far as impact attenuation.

The trees today that are small and little saplings are attractive, but in 10 years—

Mr. CRAMER. Where is this located?

Dr. HUELKE. Outside of Ann Arbor.

Mr. CRAMER. What system?

Dr. HUELKE. This is a road that is nearby an expressway. Actually it has only a street name to it, but it is used for high-speed travel.