

HIGHWAY SAFETY, DESIGN AND OPERATIONS

Roadside Hazards

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:15 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. Kenneth J. Gray (acting chairman) presiding.

Present: Messrs. Gray, Fallon (chairman of full committee), McCarthy, Howard, Cramer, McEwen, Duncan, Schadeberg, and Zion.
Staff present: Same as previous days.

Mr. GRAY. The Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program will please come to order.

We resume hearing testimony in the nature of comment and observation by a panel of distinguished witnesses. They are specialists of many years' experience in the field of highway design and traffic engineering. We will resume the analysis and consideration of photographs made by subcommittee personnel and Mr. Charles W. Prisk of the Bureau of Public Roads, in each of the nine regions administered by the Bureau throughout the country.

In each of the nine regions a look was taken at recently opened projects on the Interstate System. This testimony concerns some of the design features that were noted at that time.

With that, I will recognize our distinguished counsel.

Mr. W. MAY. Mr. Constandy.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Thank you. Yesterday, Mr. Chairman, we reviewed the slides that related to the first two elements that we intend to look at in this project, guardrail and median barrier. I think it is correct to say that we found improperly installed guardrail on each of the nine projects we reviewed.

We go back to our original thesis that these nine projects are intended to be representative of the Interstate construction in the United States as of February 1967.

Mr. Prisk, do you have something further relative to guardrail and median barrier for this morning, or do you want to go directly into the next element, bridges?

Mr. PRISK. I think at a proper time, perhaps in the summation, it would be well to make some general remarks about guardrail. I would suggest that we proceed with consideration of structures at this time.