

Mr. MILLER. It depends on whether it went through our urban renewal areas.

Mr. BLATNIK. There has to be some coordination for the highway work quite separately. I mean the highway planners would not draw one map and show the route going this way and run it right through a brand new area that has just been redeveloped, would they?

Mr. MILLER. No. I think Mr. Appleby probably can explain it.

Mr. BLATNIK. Could you answer that, Mr. Appleby?

Mr. APPLEBY. I will try, Mr. Chairman. It gets coordinated really in two places, through the National Capital Planning Commission and through the District, now City Council, in approving an urban renewal plan. So that when a plan for a highway gets referred to the National Capital Planning Commission for advice on its location it must be approved by the City Council. The City Council also holds the statutory power to approve or not an urban renewal plan. So ultimately the City Council in both cases has to approve and, therefore, the various departments and the planning bodies have to get together before they get to that level.

Mr. BLATNIK. This get-together process required a lot of shuffling and shuttling back and forth and a lot of time, did it not?

Mr. APPLEBY. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. What changes will take place so as to streamline and simplify the lines of coordination under the present reorganization plan, Mr. Appleby?

Mr. APPLEBY. Well, the statutory powers of the RLA, while they do include planning, they relate primarily, as the chairman said, to carrying out the urban renewal plan. And, therefore, in its business of improved planning it is not the major benefit that would accrue here. It is in the carrying out of urban renewal programs after a plan with a highway in it or street in it has been designated.

Mr. BLATNIK. I see.

Mr. APPLEBY. Then it falls into the bailiwick of relocation. For example, how the Redevelopment Land Agency carries out a program for the relocation of families could have an obvious great impact upon the mayor and his city and how he carries out his program. So ultimately this would mean that he could have more direct control over that activity once a plan has been approved.

Mr. BLATNIK. So the reorganization plan directs itself more to the effective and judicious execution—

Mr. APPLEBY. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK (continuing). Of the operational end of your Redevelopment Land Agency?

I have more questions but we are a little short on time.

Mr. Erlenborn, would you please proceed.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it is true that in any urban renewal program of a city there has to be some agency like the RLA to plan and execute the urban renewal program. What is the usual setup in a large city? Do they have a separation, say, between the planning stage, such as the NCPC, and the execution stage, such as the RLA, or are they often combined?

Mr. HUGHES. The pattern, Mr. Erlenborn, with respect to the urban renewal functions is that these are ordinarily a part of the municipal functions. A number of cities are moving, and there seems