

Mr. BRIDWELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Secretary BOYD. Mr. Bridwell is an old and valued associate of mine.

Mr. BRIDWELL. Mr. Chairman, the Highway Administration is made up of three component units, the Bureau of Public Roads, the National Highway Safety Bureau, and the Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety. It is the responsibility of the Federal Highway Administration to provide leadership and programs for the development of the Nation's highway transportation system, balanced with other modes of transportation, that effectively serve national, regional, and local requirements for the movement of people and goods. This system includes as interacting elements the roadway, the right of way and related structures, individual vehicles, the user, the control system and the environment.

Objectives of the Federal Highway Administration encompass planning, research, design, and construction of the national highway network, within the Bureau of Public Roads; development and administration of highway and vehicle safety programs within the National Highway Safety Bureau; and surveillance of safety practices of operators of commercial highway vehicles within the Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety. The greater part of these activities are carried out in close cooperation with States and local communities.

The Federal Highway Administration has 6,094 permanent positions and \$4.3 billion appropriations authorized in fiscal 1968. Of these totals, 5,297 permanent positions and \$4,242 million appropriations are applicable to the Bureau of Public Roads. 619 permanent positions and \$46 million to the National Highway Safety Bureau; and 178 permanent positions and \$1.8 million to the Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety. On-board strength of the Federal Highway Administration as of April 30 was 5,200 employees, and total funds available for fiscal 1968 are \$8,113,228,000, including trust funds.

The Federal Highway Administration was established without any increase in personnel above what would have been necessary for its three constituent units had they remained separate. The new activities of the administration comprise the Office of the Administrator, the Office of Policy Planning, and the Office of Science Adviser, for all of which funds and positions were obtained through economies resulting from consolidation of common functions of the three Bureaus. Major programs of the Federal Highway Administration are being developed to reduce the losses in death, injury, and property damage on the Nation's highways by developing and applying effective safety performance standards for motor vehicles, drivers, and the highway plant; stimulate increased performance, service and reliability in the highway transportation system to assure convenient movement of passengers and property by the most efficient means consistent with public safety; and accentuate, in present and future highway systems, the social, economic, and aesthetic contributions which will make the system more harmonious with its physical and cultural environments and will improve the overall quality of living.

This, in brief, describes the responsibilities and major programs and present personnel and appropriations information for the Federal Highway Administration.