

major problem. Environmental considerations also create problems in some cases.

17. Do you administer any grants, loans, or other disbursed funds related to this program? If so, is the size of your administrative staff commensurate with the magnitude of the outlays?

This is a grant-in-aid program, and the staff is considered adequate.

18. If your appropriations were reduced, how would you absorb the cut—by an overall reduction, or by cutting or curtailing certain activities?

Overall reduction in accord with the funding legislation.

19. If additional funds were available, what would you do with the new money?

Expedite the program in accord with the authorizing legislation.

Activity 2 (Federal Highway Administration): Highway Beautification

1. What is the nature of and authority for this program?

Three major programs were authorized by the Highway Beautification Act of October 22, 1965, as follows:

1. Title I: Control of outdoor advertising, which provides that just compensation shall be paid upon removal of certain signs, displays, and devices. Seventy-five percent of the cost of this program is to be paid from Federal funds.

2. Title II: Control of junkyards, which provides for Federal participation of 75 percent for screening costs in connection with junkyards, and that just compensation be paid to the owner for the relocation, removal, or disposal of certain junkyards.

3. Title III: Landscaping and scenic enhancement, provides for the use of highway trust fund moneys to landscape the highway right-of-way; and an amount equivalent to 3 percent of the funds apportioned to a State for Federal-aid highways shall be allocated to that State out of the funds appropriated to be used for the cost of landscaping and roadside development, including acquisition and development of publicly owned and controlled rest and recreation areas and sanitary and other facilities reasonably necessary to accommodate the traveling public. Matching State funds are not required.

Title IV of the act authorized appropriation of funds for administrative expenses to carry out the outdoor advertising, junkyards, and landscaping and scenic enhancement provisions of the act.

Authorizations under titles I, II, and III above, expired on June 30, 1967, and no obligations have been incurred since that date except costs of administering contracts awarded in fiscal years 1966 and 1967.

2. Who is the person primarily in charge of this program at the operative level (name and title)?

F. C. Turner, Director, Bureau of Public Roads.

3. How much money and capital equipment is available under this program for fiscal year 1968?

An appropriation of \$1,236,000 is available for carrying out the provisions of title IV for necessary costs of administration related to the projects initiated during fiscal years 1966 and 1967 pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

There is no capital equipment involved.

4. Would you describe the output generated by this program?

Administering the provisions of title 23, United States Code, sections 131, 136, and 319(b), to protect the public investment in the Nation's highways; promote the safety and recreational value of public travel; and preserve and enhance the natural scenic beauty along the highways.

5. Can you quantify this output in any way?

Seventeen States have signed agreements to control outdoor advertising along Interstate and Federal-aid primary system highways. Negotiations are presently underway with 31 additional States.

Twenty States have signed agreements to control junkyards adjacent to Interstate and Federal-aid primary system highways. Negotiations are presently in progress with the remaining States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Since October 1965, authorization has been granted for the screening of 1,395 junkyards and for the removal of 114 others.

Since October 1965, authorization has been granted for the acquisition of 5,406 scenic easements adjacent to Federal-aid highways, the construction or improvement of 509 roadside rest and recreation areas, as well as 753 projects to landscape selected areas along hundreds of miles of Federal-aid highways.

6. Would you describe the principal operations that are involved in producing this output?