

I thank you, gentlemen, for your attention. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Healy, for that excellent, well-prepared statement of yours. You really have a very long-range program under consideration, is that right?

Mr. HEALY. Yes, sir.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. You are talking about a continuing mass transportation program and a better interstate and local highway program, also Federal aid to the mass transit program. And your organization is opposed to any future extension of the Interstate Highway System as I understand it.

Mr. HEALY. Yes, we are.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The official mileage now for interstate is 41,000 miles.

Mr. HEALY. We are suggesting that any additional mileage be classified as State primary system mileage. It could be built to the same standard as the interstate, but that the interstate as such with its present matching ratio would be considered completed at the 41,000 and then at that time all systems would be on a same matching ratio, whatever you might determine.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. When we first enacted this in 1956 for the 41,000 miles, we thought we could complete it by 1972 as you know. Now they talk about 1973 and 1974 and I believe at this session they are talking about 1975 or beyond that. I would hope we could complete this. The sooner we do the better. The longer we make it the more money it costs.

You haven't said anything about the cutback here in your statement, have you? How do you feel about it?

Mr. HEALY. We don't have anything in our statement about that, but naturally the city officials of this country are just as much disturbed as I gather this committee is by the cutback.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. In other words, if we do not complete it by the next couple of years it will just take so much more money and more time. Is that right, if we stretch it out another year or two?

Mr. HEALY. Exactly.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any questions, Mr. Cramer?

Mr. CRAMER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want to congratulate you for a very interesting statement, Mr. Healy. It is a very thoughtful statement and one which points out a number of problems which obviously now and in the future to a greater extent will have to be met on not only highway construction but also coordinated transportation in the metropolitan areas. However, there are two or three questions I would like to ask.

One is the subject touched upon by our Chairman relating to more mileage on the Interstate System. As I understand it, you do not object to more mileage. You want it classified, however, as primary—

Mr. HEALY. Yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. —which under the present formula would mean 50-50 matching.

Mr. HEALY. That is right.

Mr. CRAMER. That, of course, is at odds with the American Association of Highway Officials' recommendation which suggested a 5,000 to 6,000 mile additional interstate connections and missing link program.