

the State develop proposed standards for study and mutual discussion. On March 29, 1968, Mr. Bridwell again wrote to Commissioner Goldberg offering to resume the negotiations begun earlier. On May 17, 1968, Mr. Goldberg submitted a proposed agreement. By letter dated May 29, 1968, the State was advised that the agreement was entirely satisfactory.

NEW MEXICO

Negotiations were commenced on June 8, 1967, and continued on July 6, 1967. On these two dates representatives of the Federal Highway Administration met with State officials in Santa Fe. By letter dated September 5, 1967, the State forwarded a proposed agreement which was found to be entirely satisfactory and the State was so advised.

At the request of the State, an Administration representative met with State officials on October 25, 1967, and at that time the proposed agreement was rewritten to eliminate certain provisions objected to by the outdoor advertising industry. On October 26, 1967, the Administration representative spoke before the Highway Commission, explaining the requirements of the Federal Act. At that meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed agreement be given additional study by the highway department, the outdoor advertising industry, and the Federal Government. On December 21, 1967, the Chairman of the New Mexico State Highway Commission signed an agreement which was forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration on January 4, 1968. By letter dated January 24, 1968, the agreement was returned by the Administrator since the unzoned commercial or industrial area definition failed to require the existence of any commercial or industrial activity. Mr. Bridwell's letter pointed out to Chairman Trotter that this was contrary to the Secretary's policy as expressed in his letter of May 24, 1967, to Chairman Kluczynski. On February 23, 1968, negotiations were continued in a meeting between State officials and a Federal Highway Administration representative in Santa Fe.

NEW YORK

Negotiations were commenced on May 24, 1967, when a representative of the Federal Highway Administration met with State officials in Albany. These negotiations were continued on July 27, 1967, and by letter dated August 25, 1967, the State submitted for review a draft of an agreement. By letter dated September 1, 1967, the State was advised that the agreement was entirely satisfactory. The agreement, which required legislative ratification, executed on November 7, 1967.

By letter dated April 4, 1968, the State submitted a revised agreement, the details of which had been worked out in conferences with the outdoor advertising industry and representatives of the State Legislature. By letter of April 23, 1968, Highway Beautification Coordinator Fred S. Farr pointed out to the State those provisions of the proposed revised agreement which he felt would be unacceptable to the Secretary. On April 30, 1968, representatives of the Federal Highway Administration participated in a conference in Albany with officials of the State Department of Transportation, the State Legislature, and the Outdoor Advertising Industry. Most of the provisions which were in controversy were worked out during the conference and the remaining controversial points resolved during a series of telephone conversations between Washington office representatives and State officials. By letter dated May 13, 1968, the State submitted a revised agreement, which was executed by the Administrator on May 29, 1968. On May 27, 1968, the State advised telephonically that the New York Legislature, during the prior weekend, had enacted a bill containing the provisions of the agreement and that the bill was then awaiting signature of the Governor.

NORTH CAROLINA

On August 7, 1967, Administrator Bridwell wrote to State Highway Administrator Babcock asking the State to develop standards for study and mutual discussion. On August 23, 1967, Mr. Babcock advised that the North Carolina Highway Commission had instructed him to take no action towards an agreement until Congress voted an appropriation for highway beautification. By letter dated November 16, 1967, the State submitted a proposed agreement, which was discussed at a meeting in Raleigh on December 18, 1967. On April 9, 1968, negotiations with North Carolina were continued during a meeting in Raleigh.