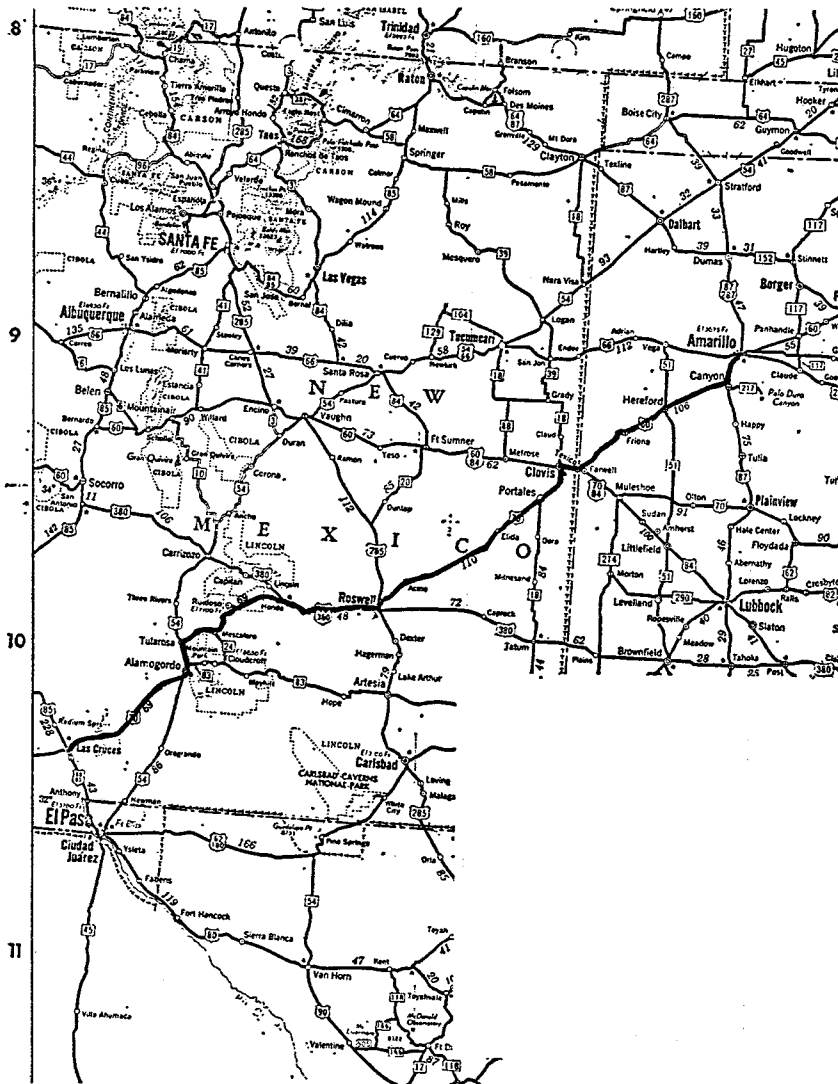




New Mexico has had on file with the Bureau of Public Roads since 1955 a request for addition to the Interstate System of loops through the Albuquerque area on both Interstate Route 25 and Interstate Route 40, totaling approximately 42 miles. In 1956, a further request was made for the addition of U.S. Highway 70 from Las Cruces, New Mexico via Alamogordo, Roswell, Portales and Clovis to the Texas line, being approximately 303 miles in length. We were advised by the Texas Highway Department that Texas concurred in the extension of the latter route via U.S. Highways 60 and 87 to connect with Interstate 40 at Amarillo. A map showing the present routing is attached hereto.

It would be earnestly hoped that funds for any enlargement of the Interstate System would be provided in addition to those needed for the urgent and critical needs of the Federal-aid Primary and Secondary Systems.