



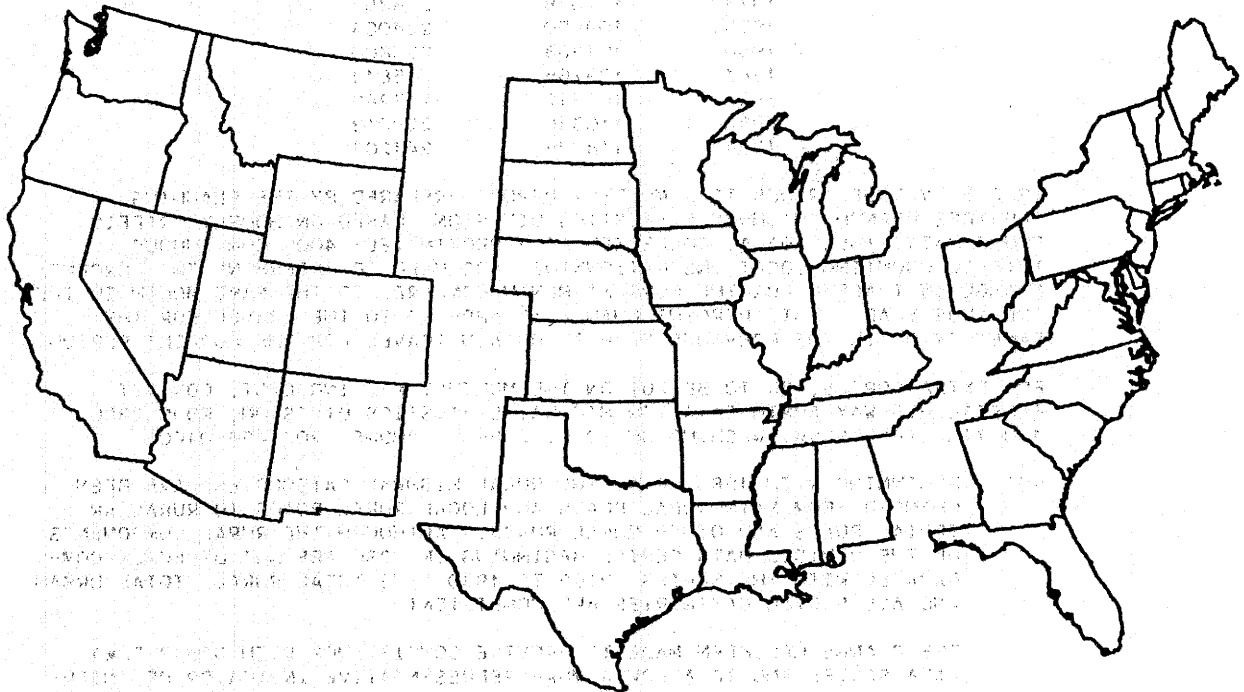
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

FEBRUARY 1984

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 6.5 PERCENT
FOR FEBRUARY 1984 AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1983.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - FEBRUARY 1984.

23.8 BILLION

51.0 BILLION

42.5 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+6.5

+5.6

+7.6

NOTE:

**ALL DATA FOR THIS MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY. REVISED VALUES FOR THE
PREVIOUS MONTH ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2.**

ALL VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1981 VMT-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF APRIL 11, 1984.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - FEBRUARY 1984

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING FEBRUARY, 1984 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 6.5 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1983, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 118034 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 50677 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 67357 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS.

TRAVEL FOR THE CURRENT MONTH AS WELL AS THE CUMULATIVE YEARLY TOTAL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS SHOWN BELOW. SIMILAR TOTALS FOR EACH YEAR SINCE 1970 ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

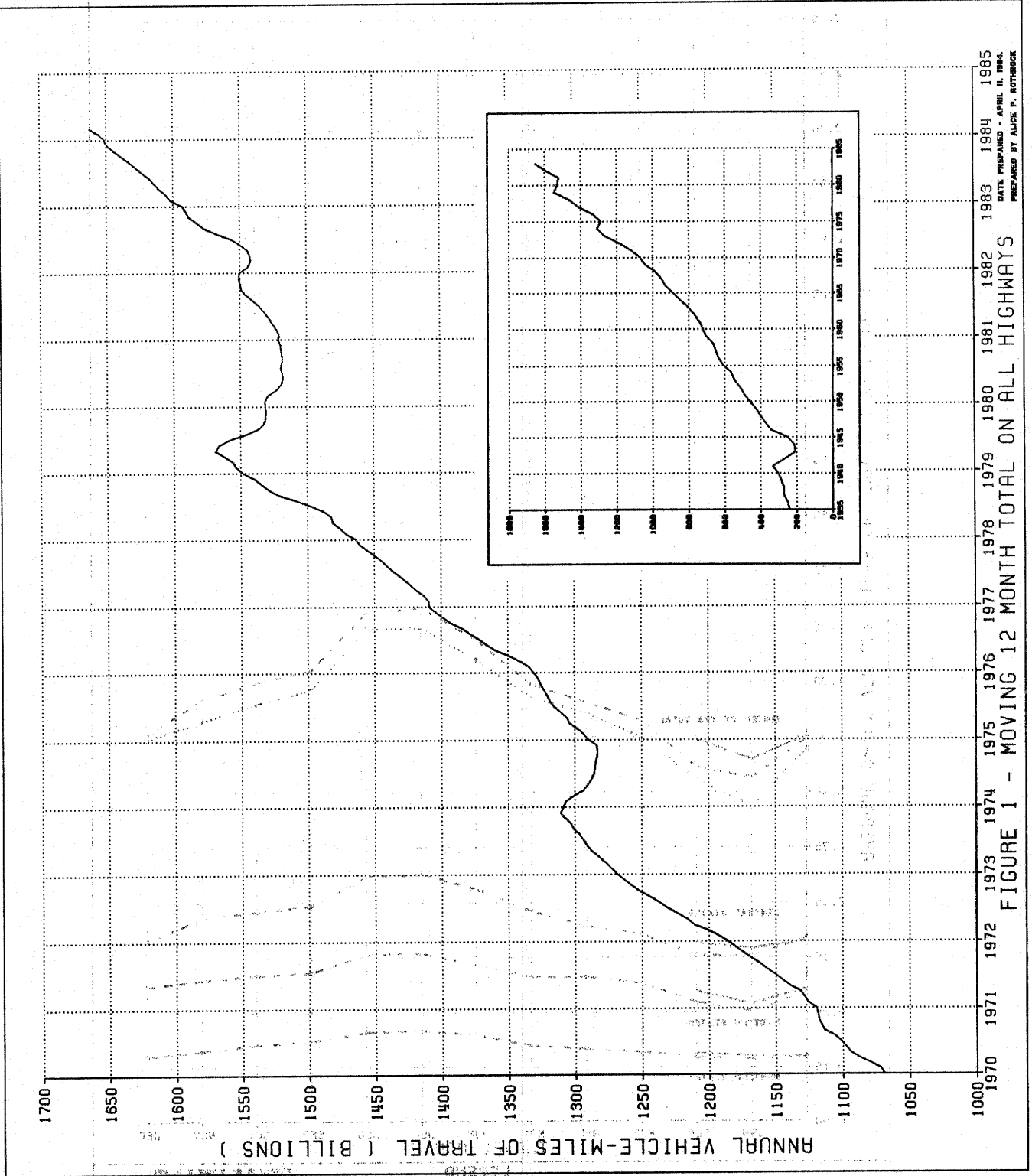
YEAR	TRAVEL IN MILLIONS ALL ROADS AND STREETS	
	FEBRUARY	YEAR TO DATE
1970	77442	157615
1971	80118	165454
1972	88272	180737
1973	92567	189231
1974	86426	181456
1975	91303	189645
1976	98528	200988
1977	102416	204861
1978	107018	216856
1979	109650	224004
1980	107338	223800
1981	109765	225814
1982	107512	217269
1983	110846	229513
1984	118034	241201

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE PLANNING SERVICES BRANCH, HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, BASED ON HOURLY TRAFFIC COUNT DATA. THESE DATA, COLLECTED AT APPROXIMATELY 4000 CONTINUOUS TRAFFIC COUNTING LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE, ARE USED TO DETERMINE THE PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC FOR THE CURRENT MONTH COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTH IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS PERCENT CHANGE IS APPLIED TO THE TRAVEL FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO OBTAIN TRAVEL FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD.

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NOTE: BEGINNING WITH 1980 DATA, THE RURAL HIGHWAY CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM MAIN RURAL ROADS AND LOCAL RURAL ROADS TO RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS AND OTHER RURAL ROADS. ALTHOUGH THE RURAL COMPONENTS OF THE REVISED DATA SERIES BEGINNING IN 1980 ARE NOT DIRECTLY COMPARABLE WITH THE SERIES PRIOR TO 1980, THE TOTAL RURAL, TOTAL URBAN AND ALL SYSTEM CATEGORIES ARE CONSISTENT.

THE CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER FHWA DATA SERIES AND TO ALLOW A MORE REPRESENTATIVE INDICATOR OF INTER-CITY TRAVEL PATTERNS.



DATE PREPARED - APRIL 11, 1984.
 PREPARED BY ALICE P. ROTHSCH

FIGURE 2-A - TRAVEL ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY MONTH

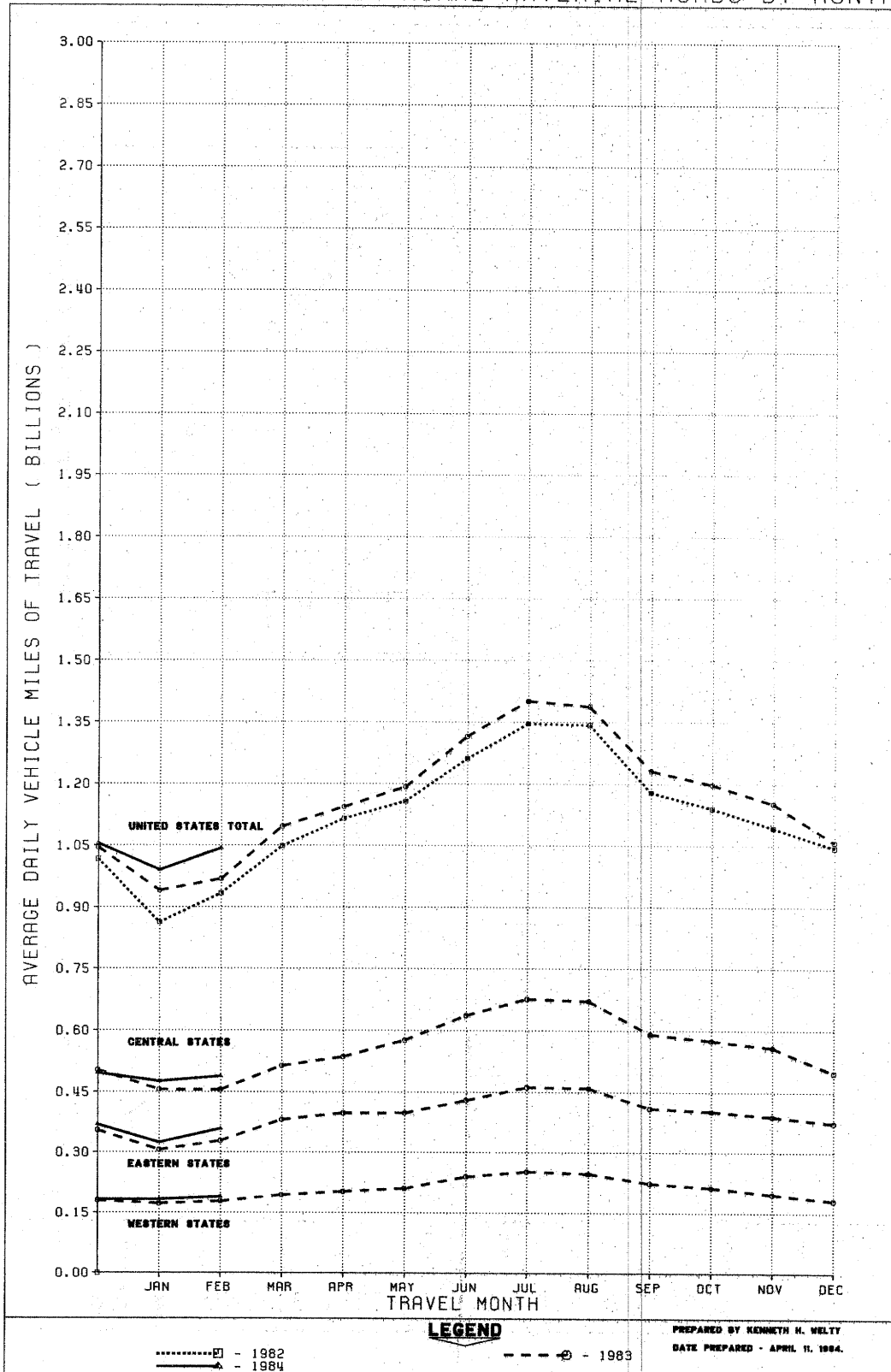


FIGURE 2-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH

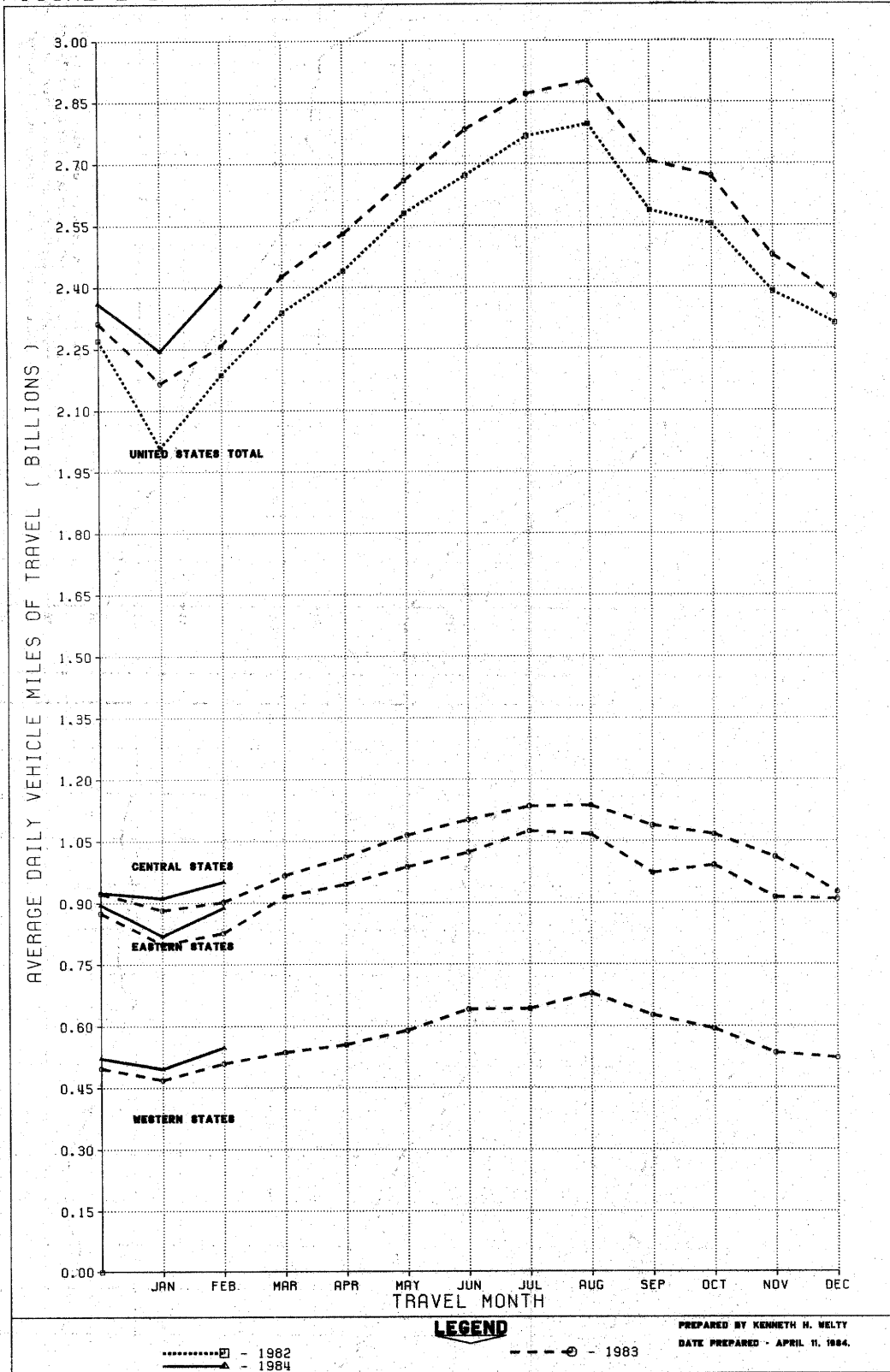


FIGURE 3A - MOVING 12 MONTHS TRAVEL BY REGION - RURAL

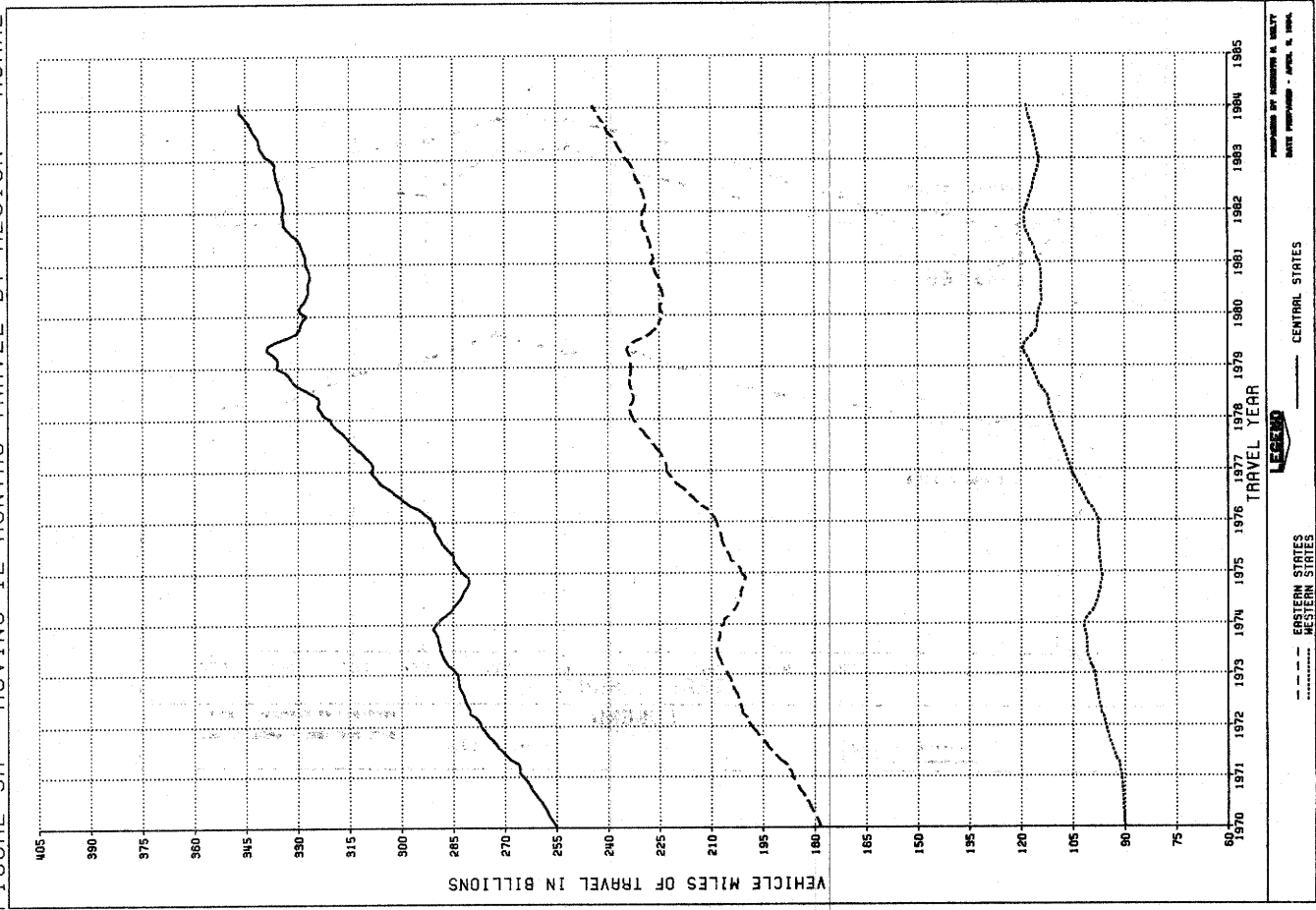
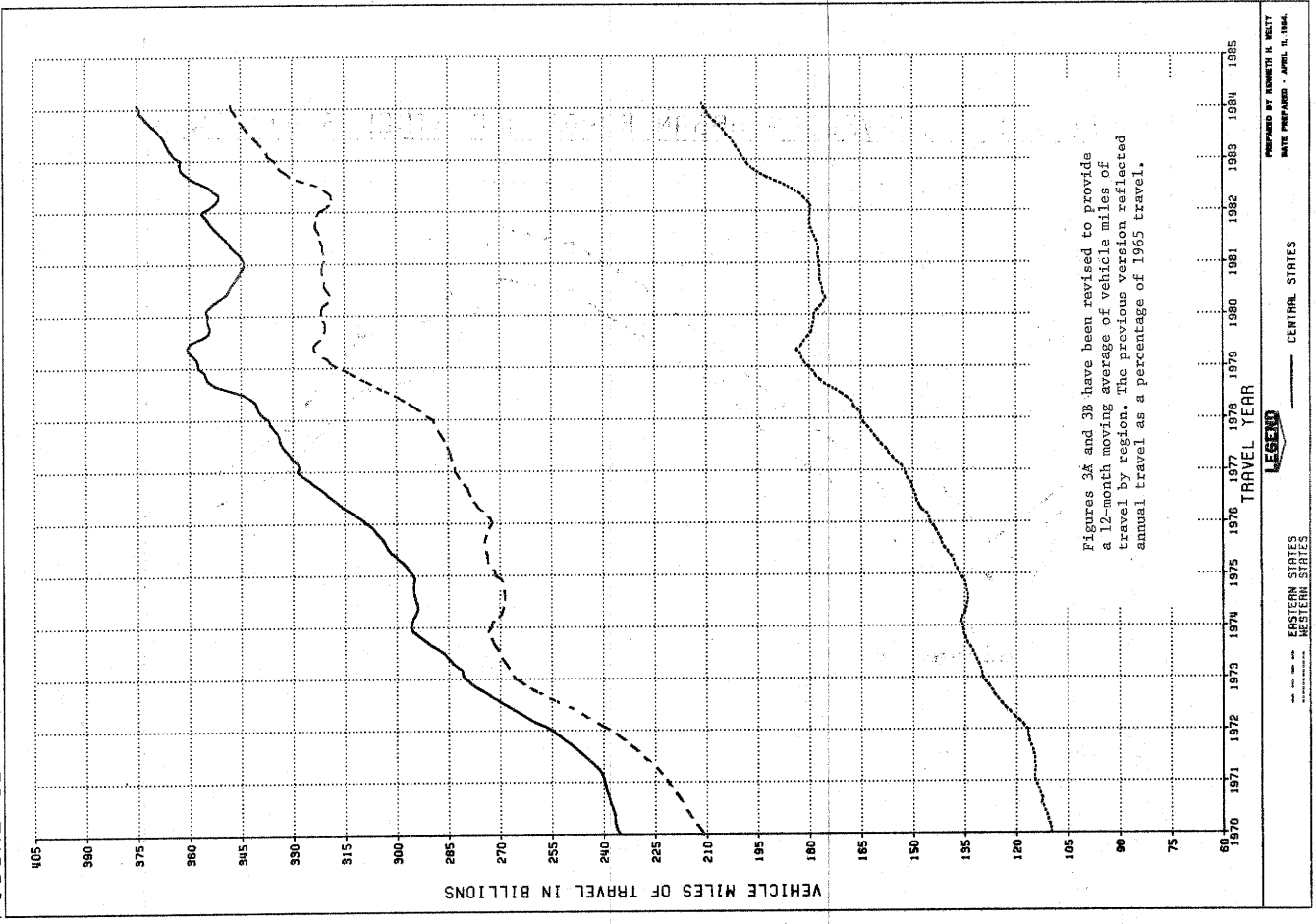


FIGURE 3B - MOVING 12 MONTHS TRAVEL BY REGION - URBAN



Figures 3A and 3B have been revised to provide a 12-month moving average of vehicle miles of travel by region. The previous version reflected annual travel as a percentage of 1965 travel.

TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR FEBRUARY			REVISED DATA FOR JANUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1984	1983		1984	1983	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	29,230	27,140	7.7	30,711	29,179	5.3
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	21,447	20,539	4.4	22,896	22,358	2.4
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	50,677	47,679	6.3	53,608	51,538	4.0
CITY STREETS.....	67,357	63,167	6.6	69,559	67,129	3.6
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	118,034	110,846	6.5	123,167	118,667	3.8
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	10,043	9,207	9.1	10,065	9,495	6.0
CENTRAL REGION.....	13,692	12,763	7.3	14,775	14,146	4.4
WESTERN REGION.....	5,321	5,006	6.3	5,693	5,371	6.0
TOTAL.....	29,056	26,976	7.7	30,533	29,012	5.2

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY)		JANUARY (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY)		JANUARY (REVISED)	
	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE		NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE
NEW ENGLAND:					EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
CONNECTICUT.....	6	17.8	7	6.7	ALABAMA.....	45	7.6	45	8.7
MAINE.....	13	10.6	13	6.3	KENTUCKY.....	26	4.5	26	- 1.3
MASSACHUSETTS.....	6	15.6	7	7.5	MISSISSIPPI.....	39	4.2	39	3.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	48	10.4	50	9.1	TENNESSEE.....	15	3.7	11	1.2
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	3	6.6	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	27	8.2	25	7.9	IOWA.....	-	-	-	-
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	61	14.8	66	4.5
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	34	3.2	31	4.4
NEW YORK.....	-	-	17	7.6	MISSOURI.....	59	7.6	61	6.7
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	23	7.0	23	3.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	34	4.2	33	1.0
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	25	1.3	22	6.4
MARYLAND.....	26	15.1	28	4.9	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	3.6	-	2.6	ARKANSAS.....	12	6.0	12	4.4
WEST VIRGINIA.....	12	10.6	17	2.1	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	33	1.4	34	1.0
FLORIDA.....	52	4.6	54	5.7	TEXAS.....	81	8.7	82	6.7
GEORGIA.....	30	8.0	29	6.3	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	25	12.1	25	6.1	ARIZONA.....	21	8.1	22	7.0
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	11	12.0	12	9.5	COLORADO.....	35	0.2	35	1.3
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	53	1.3	50	0.3
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	-	-	MONTANA.....	28	5.8	30	1.0
INDIANA.....	-	-	18	4.2	NEVADA.....	14	11.3	14	7.7
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	34	5.6
OHIO.....	12	10.5	9	5.1	UTAH.....	-	-	15	-12.5
WISCONSIN.....	41	9.9	41	5.2	WYOMING.....	30	0.2	34	- 3.0
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	6.1	3	7.6	CALIFORNIA.....	13	8.9	12	11.0
					OREGON.....	-	-	14	4.6
					WASHINGTON.....	-	-	-	-

NOTE: 1-RURAL MILEAGE OF EACH MAJOR TOLL ROUTE IS CONSIDERED AS ONE OR MORE STATIONS, DEPENDING ON STATES' METHOD OF REPORTING.

2-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IS SHOWN AS A DASH AND A VALUE FOR PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS INDICATED, THE LATTER VALUE IS BASED ON A STATEWIDE ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY THE HIGHWAY AGENCY AS DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS

3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE ARE SHOWN AS DASHES, INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE AN ESTIMATE.

TABLE 3.

ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES ***

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.2	27.1	34.0	34.3	37.0	39.5	43.5	43.1	37.0	37.2	34.6	32.7
OTHER RURAL	22.4	20.5	23.8	23.3	24.6	24.9	24.9	25.1	23.6	24.8	23.1	22.9
URBAN	67.1	63.2	75.2	75.9	82.4	83.5	89.0	90.0	81.2	82.8	74.3	73.2
ALL SYSTEMS	118.7	110.8	133.0	133.5	144.0	147.9	157.4	158.1	141.8	144.7	132.1	128.8
1984 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.7	29.2										
OTHER RURAL	22.9	21.4										
URBAN	69.6	67.4										
ALL SYSTEMS	123.2	118.0										
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1984 VS. 1983												
RURAL ARTERIAL	5.3	7.7										
OTHER RURAL	2.4	4.4										
URBAN	3.6	6.6										
ALL SYSTEMS	3.8	6.5										

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1983 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1983 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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TABLE 4.

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES ***

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1983 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS ⁺												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.2	56.3	90.3	124.7	161.7	201.2	244.6	287.7	324.7	361.9	396.5	429.2
OTHER RURAL	22.4	42.9	66.7	90.0	114.5	139.4	164.4	189.5	213.1	237.9	261.0	283.9
URBAN	67.1	130.3	205.5	281.4	363.9	447.4	536.3	626.3	707.5	790.3	864.6	937.8
ALL SYSTEMS	118.7	229.5	362.6	496.1	640.1	788.0	945.3	1103.5	1245.3	1390.0	1522.1	1650.8
1984 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS ⁺⁺												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.7	59.9										
OTHER RURAL	22.9	44.3										
URBAN	69.6	136.9										
ALL SYSTEMS	123.2	241.2										
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1984 VS. 1983												
RURAL ARTERIAL	5.3	6.4										
OTHER RURAL	2.4	3.4										
URBAN	3.6	5.1										
ALL SYSTEMS	3.8	5.1										

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