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COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548



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The Honorable Ken Hechler
House of Representatives



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Dear Mr. Hechler:

On September 2, 1975, you forwarded for our consideration a copy of a letter from one of your constituents which requested us to inquire into the practices for expending Federal highway funds in West Virginia. You requested information on comparing amounts of Federal highway funds allocated to Mingo County and other counties in West Virginia. We subsequently agreed with your office to determine the amounts of Federal highway funds obligated in each West Virginia *counties* county for fiscal years 1966 through 1975 and, to the extent information is readily available, analyze obligations in terms of population, Federal aid mileage, and Federal highway taxes paid.

Although the Federal Highway Administration apportions or allocates Federal highway funds to the States as prescribed by law, the selection of highway projects for which the funds are obligated is largely determined by the States. Accordingly, we did not inquire into West Virginia's practices for selecting the highway projects funded.

The Highway Administration computer summary, "Federal Aid Highway Projects Authorized in West Virginia from July 1, 1965 through June 30, 1975," shows that about \$26.8 million, or 1.6 percent, of the \$1.6 billion of Federal highway funds obligated in West Virginia were for highway projects in Mingo County. According to Bureau of the Census figures for July 1, 1974, Mingo County's population was 33,500, or 1.9 percent of the State's total. Mingo County has 1.6 percent--223 miles--of the Federal aid highway mileage in the State.

We did not analyze the funds obligated on the basis of Federal aid highway taxes paid by the counties because such information was not readily available within the Highway Administration, the West Virginia Department of Highways, or the West Virginia State Tax Department.

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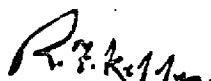
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Enclosed are schedules showing (1) amounts of Federal funds obligated for Federal aid highway projects in each West Virginia county for fiscal years 1966 through 1975, (2) an analysis of this information for each county in terms of population and Federal aid mileage, and (3) an analysis of Federal funds obligated by Federal aid highway programs in Mingo County only for the 10-year period.

Sincerely yours,



DEPUTY Comptroller General
of the United States

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ENCLOSURE I

FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN
WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES DURING FISCAL YEARS 1966 THROUGH 1975

COUNTY	1966	1967	1968	1969	1
Barbour	\$ 460,370	\$ 21,674	\$ 91,006	\$ 33,990	\$
Berkeley	219,556	267,453	384,012	1,193,009	6
Boone	15,479	450,378	213,930	529,249	1,0
Braxton	2,375,735	287,257	2,506,468	25,476,204	33,3
Brooke	1,974,153	303,512	-	2,498,046	
Cabell	2,149,238	807,488	620,704	2,965,747	7
Calhoun	-	-	2,391	-	
Clay	441,813	97,920	552	74,700	7
Doddridge	1,359,883	572,741	5,171,427	13,246,398	
Fayette	322,165	1,075,377	3,122,049	4,294,570	3,6
Gilmer	-	6,750	-	24,300	
Grant	200,874	28,699	2,282	274,008	
Greenbrier	4,188,809	6,513,432	14,638,942	12,319,268	6
Hampshire	-	-	9,150	-	
Hancock	31,163	-	-	33,261	
Hardy	-	-	173	-	
Harrison	12,403,290	8,078,730	914,563	2,366,249	1,71
Jackson	14,961,753	92,080	822,137	1,340,461	15
Jefferson	97,202	-	241,719	1,935,551	1
Kanawha	11,102,110	27,332,785	13,785,325	16,763,174	24,2
Lewis	513,633	1,029,864	1,253,227	5,481,258	7,6
Lincoln	6,160	-	787	-	
Logan	-	997,939	258,946	2,897,527	78
McDowell	28,954	1,317,970	646	-	
Marion	10,322,351	2,702,027	4,671,764	2,497,498	11
Marshall	5,551,336	415,250	257,324	373,500	5,77
Mason	5,875	-	3,733,198	4,772,000	2,0
Mercer	5,381,726	5,498,749	1,360,305	18,735,436	6,62
Mineral	16,024	284,336	299,581	-	1
Mingo	13,464	378,161	1,279,956	6,491,207	2,88
Monongalia	487,227	6,553,087	6,488,215	3,331,720	15,50
Monroe	-	-	-	-	
Morgan	-	-	-	-	
Nicholas	117,950	293,726	354,179	4,265,214	15,00
Ohio	5,514,959	2,541,331	1,171,769	14,756,054	8,75
Pendleton	-	-	-	12,542	
Pleasants	-	822,260	-	451,374	
Pocahontas	1,710,080	1,125	2,641,428	132,071	34
Preston	-	-	177,432	267,677	4,57
Putnam	620,811	10,279	135,088	271,146	10
Raleigh	656,827	7,321	155,251	398,321	79
Randolph	402,748	813,925	-	723,449	2
Ritchie	830,503	446,457	8,728,399	5,949,673	4,45
Roane	890,494	36,083	171,253	690,005	33,31
Summers	704,049	-	76,134	786,990	-
Taylor	115,263	391,923	-	-	10
Tucker	98,085	-	-	-	
Tyler	-	-	-	-	
Upshur	-	-	45,049	189,807	
Wayne	1,474,855	1,516,219	1,538,936	238,954	
Webster	-	-	-	-	
Wetzel	10,475	20,043	-	92,219	14
Wirt	-	-	367	-	
Wood	23,944,376	851,711	9,678,513	4,535,015	1,400
Wyoming	415,834	-	1,021,477	-	31
Sub-Total	112,137,657	73,445,664	95,161,168	163,159,052	180,691
Statewide (note a)	1,550,754	1,198,885	1,317,905	1,838,725	1,966
Total	\$113,688,411	\$74,644,549	\$96,479,073	\$164,997,777	\$182,657

^a Includes amounts not attributable to a particular county.

I					10-year totals		Total Federal/State
	1972	1973	1974	1975	Federal Funds	Percent	
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		
668	\$ 10,234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 628,392	50	\$ 1,252,516
840	3,901,360	12,810	-	96,325	6,789,135	75	9,064,310
552	8,295,493	4,697	160,116	99,718	16,859,101	53	31,794,830
643	13,891,006	155,070	71,584	3,519,699	119,564,722	88	135,527,166
000	34,085	25,970	39,215	77,630	4,969,970	51	9,719,456
594	1,345,197	202,828	721,041	9,268,338	19,169,670	68	28,024,179
	-	-	-	-	2,391	50	4,731
883	3,045	50,094	-	1,265,936	20,036,507	90	22,241,566
164	127,408	76,345	8,400	4,998	20,757,554	53	38,961,031
086	909,345	30,983,408	906,052	1,972,135	57,005,372	62	92,109,625
646	57,400	-	-	12,240	1,289,996	88	1,468,713
676	375,447	21,153	5,951	-	941,034	51	1,837,902
406	6,277,542	238,132	-	766,973	45,646,883	89	51,138,893
708	-	33,375	-	2,700	60,482	52	117,117
	4,164,185	291,323	10,596,392	353,459	15,180,699	92	16,903,809
051	5,710	-	-	-	6,934	52	13,270
584	26,603,655	11,417,681	2,146,888	17,825,349	104,600,439	73	142,866,157
467	1,641,294	131,755	172,200	876,064	20,161,489	86	23,516,289
872	-	-	-	-	2,391,828	50	4,738,159
365	120,280,212	98,539,235	33,563,318	65,219,585	419,942,082	87	483,573,162
740	76,017	4,731,373	48,137	103,500	67,899,605	85	80,229,541
	-	-	206,140	859,451	1,085,162	74	1,475,174
348	65,130	5,189,274	8,545,763	11,109,998	38,593,801	71	49,616,290
	75,890	71,691	181,474	399,468	2,077,093	73	2,659,272
135	540,047	52,450	-	4,314	20,991,365	18	23,607,370
388	130,339	1,406,000	4,830	69,725	14,275,085	60	28,460,345
523	298,710	-	84,245	276,731	11,592,400	17	11,889,667
338	10,505,825	8,995,524	2,736,530	29,191,885	99,097,962	73	135,827,732
139	13,570	-	-	-	627,720	64	984,107
140	884,191	6,498,601	551,856	7,689,980	26,753,408	58	45,112,235
342	8,706,711	20,904,172	1,925	1,399,350	101,149,610	69	145,824,165
	-	-	-	1,551,361	1,551,361	70	2,216,230
	-	5,390	-	-	10,465	50	20,931
104	4,185,294	605,689	315,298	5,552,000	37,958,125	58	55,562,402
95	18,662,383	1,457,125	9,094,265	18,311,530	81,458,582	88	92,600,695
	-	263,200	-	-	275,842	70	394,060
40	1,233,770	1,687,878	4,378,690	23,125,291	31,702,303	93	34,178,649
20	-	-	38,325	1,049,151	9,198,013	97	9,474,657
95	-	17,500	81,451	-	17,956,203	51	35,049,417
08	48,303	25,312	41,689	1,087,869	2,536,733	71	3,595,556
90	812,350	687,154	77,874	302,250	6,279,670	65	9,641,513
05	11,088,374	1,221,810	25,549	149,690	14,892,154	52	28,379,200
26	8,135	-	-	20,299	20,739,261	52	40,099,365
69	7,563	66,864	1,299,994	1,354,224	45,600,850	90	50,605,079
92	173,448	206,485	476,618	-	2,518,986	93	2,710,924
29	16,135	-	-	-	1,335,584	51	2,636,067
48	-	47,673	-	-	200,012	59	341,779
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75	16,395	1,288,389	-	18,000	1,575,940	54	2,838,532
37	11,952	3,026,064	79,012	801,895	10,467,141	59	17,647,305
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	-	43,360	-	-	1,318,811	51	2,579,256
	-	-	-	396,020	396,387	74	529,333
22	3,691,210	4,521,213	1,408,237	4,388,251	55,198,870	67	82,058,264
	-	1,176	39,250	320,967	1,832,605	44	3,409,212
342	249,934,418	206,209,748	79,109,311	210,894,458	1,605,422,248	77	2,094,327,258
81	3,665,220	2,254,147	2,585,933	5,200,164	23,772,623	83	28,765,577
23	\$251,594,131	\$274,411,141	\$1,094,294	\$216,094,312	\$1,622,134,142	77	\$2,120,092,835

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS
IN WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES BY POPULATION AND MILEAGE -
JULY 1, 1965, THROUGH JUNE 30, 1975

COUNTY	Population		Federal-aid mileage		Funds obligated			
	Number (note a)	Percent of total	Miles (note b)	Percent of total	Federal		Total Federal/State	
					Amount	Percent of total	Amount	Percent of Total
Barbour	15,300	.9	202.76	1.5	\$ 628,392	.04	\$ 1,252,516	.06
Berkeley	40,200	2.2	263.42	1.9	6,789,135	.42	9,064,310	.43
Boone	27,300	1.5	203.37	1.5	6,852,101	1.03	31,794,330	1.49
Brazton	13,200	.7	287.59	2.1	1,956,729	7.34	135,527,166	6.37
Brooke	30,200	1.7	121.32	.9	4,969,970	.31	9,719,458	.46
Cabell	105,700	5.5	270.50	2.0	19,169,620	1.18	28,024,179	1.32
Calhoun	7,400	.4	175.77	1.3	2,391	(c)	4,781	(c)
Clay	9,700	.5	177.45	1.3	20,036,507	1.23	22,241,565	1.05
Doddridge	6,600	.4	194.37	1.4	20,757,554	1.27	38,981,031	1.83
Fayette	52,500	2.9	300.90	2.8	57,005,372	3.50	92,109,625	4.33
Glimer	8,000	.4	200.61	1.5	1,289,996	.08	1,468,713	.07
Grant	8,900	.5	139.35	1.0	941,034	.06	1,837,902	.09
Greenbrier	32,900	1.8	449.29	3.4	45,696,883	2.80	51,138,893	2.40
Hampshire	13,000	.7	214.14	1.6	60,482	(c)	117,117	(c)
Hancock	40,400	2.3	103.94	.8	15,480,699	.95	16,903,809	.79
Hardy	9,100	.5	153.21	1.1	6,934	(c)	13,270	(c)
Harrison	74,800	4.2	395.31	2.9	104,630,439	6.42	142,866,157	6.72
Jackson	21,900	1.2	276.29	2.0	20,161,489	1.24	23,516,239	1.11
Jefferson	23,800	1.3	194.40	1.4	2,391,828	.15	4,738,159	.22
Kanawha	223,700	12.5	624.75	4.5	419,942,682	25.78	483,573,162	22.73
Lewis	17,700	1.0	251.35	1.8	67,389,605	4.17	80,229,541	3.77
Lincoln	20,100	1.1	196.26	1.4	1,085,162	.07	1,475,174	.07
Logan	46,100	2.6	216.43	1.6	38,593,801	2.37	49,616,290	2.33
McNown	50,100	2.8	336.46	2.4	2,077,093	.13	2,659,272	.13
Marion	63,600	3.6	314.76	2.3	20,891,865	1.28	23,607,370	1.11
Marshall	38,500	2.1	250.40	1.8	14,275,085	.88	28,460,345	1.34
Mason	25,800	1.4	262.48	1.9	11,592,400	.71	11,889,667	.56
Mercer	65,900	3.7	345.81	2.5	99,097,362	6.08	135,827,732	6.39
Mineral	24,500	1.4	173.09	1.3	627,720	.04	984,107	.05
Mingo	33,500	1.9	223.36	1.6	26,753,408	1.64	46,112,235	2.17
Monongalia	68,800	3.8	352.12	2.6	1,114,916,610	7.21	145,324,165	6.86
Monroe	11,500	.6	234.59	1.7	1,551,361	.10	2,216,230	.10
Morgan	8,500	.5	133.79	1.0	10,465	(c)	20,931	(c)
Nicholas	24,000	1.3	229.69	1.7	37,958,125	2.33	55,562,402	2.61
Ohio	61,800	3.5	143.81	1.0	81,450,582	5.00	92,600,696	4.35
Pendleton	7,400	.4	196.53	1.4	275,842	.02	394,060	.02
Pleasants	7,600	.4	84.33	.6	31,702,303	1.95	34,178,649	1.61
Pocahontas	8,500	.5	327.50	2.4	9,198,013	.56	9,474,657	.45
Preston	26,700	1.5	367.53	2.7	17,956,203	1.10	35,049,417	1.65
Putnam	30,100	1.7	218.13	1.6	2,536,733	.16	3,595,555	.17
Raleigh	75,500	4.2	376.36	2.7	6,279,670	.39	9,641,513	.45
Randolph	25,300	1.4	363.53	2.6	14,892,154	.91	28,379,200	1.33
Ritchie	10,300	.6	239.17	1.7	20,739,241	1.27	40,099,365	1.89
Roane	14,300	.8	298.86	2.2	45,600,850	2.80	50,805,079	2.39
Summers	13,500	.8	211.46	1.5	2,518,986	.15	2,710,924	.13
Taylor	15,000	.8	150.12	1.1	1,335,584	.08	2,636,067	.12
Tucker	7,400	.4	154.60	1.1	200,012	.01	341,779	.02
Tyler	9,800	.5	193.00	1.4	-	-	-	-
Upshur	21,100	1.2	190.34	1.4	1,575,940	.10	2,838,532	.13
Wayne	38,200	2.1	312.69	2.3	10,467,141	.64	17,647,305	.83
Webster	10,100	.6	189.30	1.4	-	-	-	-
Wetzel	20,800	1.2	229.19	1.7	1,318,831	.08	2,579,251	.12
Wirt	4,400	.2	143.81	1.0	396,387	.02	529,333	.02
Wood	86,400	4.8	555.44	4.0	55,198,870	3.39	87,058,264	3.86
Wyoming	32,200	1.8	265.97	1.9	1,332,605	.11	3,409,211	.16
Statewide (note d)	-	-	-	-	23,772,623	1.46	28,765,377	1.35
Total (note e)	1,790,700	100.0	13,737.66	100.0	51,629,194.36	100.0	32,127,392.335	100.00

- a/ Bureau of Census estimates for July 1, 1974.
- b/ Miles open to traffic as of October 9, 1975.
- c/ less than .005%.
- d/ Includes amounts not attributable to a particular county.
- e/ May not add due to rounding.

ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED
FOR FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY PROGRAMS IN MINGO COUNTY
BY FISCAL YEARS 1966 THROUGH 1975

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Primary (note a)</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Appalachian</u>	<u>Emergency Relief</u>	<u>Totals - Mingo</u>
1966	\$ 13,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,464
1967	-	-	378,161	-	378,161
1968	-	-	1,276,204	3,762	1,279,966
1969	-	-	6,491,207	-	6,491,207
1970	-	-	2,889,742	-	2,889,742
1971	-	-	76,340	-	76,340
1972	19,405	-	864,786	-	884,191
1973	-	57,378	6,238,850	202,373	6,498,601
1974	-	-	26,076	525,780	551,856
1975	<u>1,428,800</u>	-	<u>5,900,491</u>	<u>360,589</u>	<u>7,689,880</u>
10-year total					
Federal funds	<u>\$1,461,569</u>	<u>\$57,378</u>	<u>\$24,141,857</u>	<u>\$1,092,504</u>	<u>\$26,753,408</u>

Mingo County's
Percentage of
State Totals

2.5.26.21.31.6AmountPercent of State total

Mingo County population

^b33,500

1.9

Mingo County Federal aid mileage

223.4

1.6

1. Primary (55.2)

(2.3)

2. Secondary (163.4)

(1.5)

3. Urban (4.8)

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4. Appalachian ^c(21.7)

(4.7)

Rural Primary program included.

Bureau of the Census estimate for July 1, 1974.

Mileage is also included in Primary mileage.