

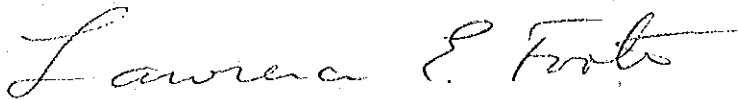
DEPARTMENT, HIGHWAY - Office of Environmental
Services x5771*Office Memorandum*TO : L. A. Korth, Director
Design and Right of Way Division

DATE: January 2, 1976

FROM : L. E. Foote, Director
Office of Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Thompson Hill Rest Area Usage Study

A report regarding the above is attached. During the five days of the study, the travel information center--rest area, served about 5,000 people or 1,000/day. About 2,400 people were serviced with travel information. All the various usage figures are about as we expected. The low percentage stopping is a reflection of the commuter traffic and the nearness to a large urban center. The large percentage - 28, of people entering the site for other purposes, is a reflection of the scenic quality and view from the site.

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Attachment.

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DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY-- Office of Environmental
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Office Memorandum

TO : L. E. Foote

DATE: December 19, 1975

FROM : R. B. Doerr
 Intermediate Highway Technician

SUBJECT: Thompson Hill Rest Area Usage Study
 S.P. 6982 I35

Date Aug. 22-26, 1974

Hours 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Weather Cool scattered showers

Vehicles on main line T.H. 2 (19,706) I35 NB(15,491)
 I35S.B.(16,931) Total 52,129

Vehicles entering 1,590

Percent of vehicles entering 3.1% *stopped 7%*

Out of State vehicles entering 31.4%

Avg. persons/vehicle 3.15

Avg. time in area 19.53 min.

Purpose for Entering

Get travel info	34.7 %
Other	28.0 %
Use Rest Rooms	20.2 %
To rest	8.7 %
To eat	7.0 %
Use telephone	.8 %
Get water	.4 %
Sewage disposal	.1 %
Waste disposal	.1 %

Percent of Persons Using

Rest Rooms	59.2 %
Water	40.3 %

Percent of Vehicles Using

Travel information	46.4 %
Waste disposal	11.8 %
Picnic tables	7.0 %
Telephone	3.3 %

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Highway Vehicles Entered Duluth on *

I35	48.2 %
T.H. 61	23.9 %
T.H. 2	14.6 %
T.H. 53	7.6 %
I535	3.5 %
T.H. 210	1.5 %
T.H. 23	.7 %

Highway Vehicles will leave by *

I35	58.3 %
T.H. 61	22.3 %
T.H. 2	10.0 %
T.H. 53	5.2 %
I535	2.2 %
T.H. 210	1.6 %
T.H. 23	.4 %

*Information obtained by asking people
Vehicles Stopping at NB I35 Rest Area

Goose Creek	7.6 %
Kettle River	7.0 %

<u>Day</u>	<u>Vehicles Entering</u>	<u>Vehicles on Main Line</u>	<u>% Stopping</u>
Thur.	301	10,098	3.0
Fri.	331	11,539	2.9
Sat.	313	10,115	3.1
Sun.	416	9,496	4.4
Mon.	229	10,881	2.1
Total	1,590	52,129	3.1

Vehicles Entering

Passenger car pulling no trailers	77.6 %
Vehicles pulling trailers	10.1 %
Pickup Campers	3.7
Single Unit Trucks	3.4
Buses	2.9
Other Vehicles	2.2
Semis	.5

Robert Doerr

Robert Doerr, Intermediate Highway Technician
 Office of Environmental Services

DAY OF WEEK _____	VEHICLE TYPE _____	NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN VEHICLE
DATE _____	TIME IN _____	
LICENSING STATE _____	TIME OUT _____	

1. WHAT WAS YOUR CHIEF PURPOSE FOR DRIVING INTO THIS REST AREA? (Check one)

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|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. ___ Use Rest Room | 2. ___ Dispose of sewage | 3. ___ Get Water |
| 4. ___ Just to Rest | 5. ___ Get Travel Info. | 6. ___ Telephone |
| 7. ___ Eat | 8. ___ Dispose of Wastes | 9. ___ Other _____ |

2. HOW MANY PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY USED THE FOLLOWING?

Rest Room Facilities _____ Drinking Water Supply _____

3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES WERE USED BY YOUR PARTY?

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. ___ Picnic Tables | 2. ___ Travel Information |
| 3. ___ Electrical Outlet | 4. ___ Waste Disposal |
| 5. ___ Telephone | 6. ___ None of these |

4. WHERE IS THE HOME BASE FOR THE START OF THIS TRAVEL?

State _____ City or County _____

5. WHERE IS YOUR DESTINATION?

State _____ City or County _____

6. WHAT HIGHWAY DID YOU ENTER DULUTH ON? _____

7. WHAT HIGHWAY ARE YOU LEAVING DULUTH ON? _____

8. IF N.B. ON I-35 DID YOU STOP AT GOOSE CREEK _____ OR KETTLE RIVER _____?