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The Honorable Ken Hechler  
House of Representatives

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 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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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

Enclosures - 3

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

COUNTY	10-year totals										Percent	Total Federal/State	
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975			Total
Barbour	\$ 460,370	\$ 21,674	\$ 91,006	\$ 33,990	\$ 6,450	\$ 4,668	\$ 10,234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 628,392	50	\$ 1,252,516
Berkeley	219,556	267,453	384,012	1,193,009	672,770	42,840	3,900,360	12,810	-	-	6,789,135	75	9,064,310
Boone	15,479	450,328	213,930	529,249	1,064,639	5,925,552	8,395,493	4,697	160,116	99,718	16,859,101	53	31,794,830
Braxton	2,375,735	1,287,257	9,606,468	25,476,204	33,322,063	29,859,643	13,891,006	155,070	71,584	3,519,699	119,564,729	88	135,527,168
Brooke	1,974,153	303,512	-	2,498,046	15,359	2,000	34,085	25,970	39,215	77,630	4,969,979	51	9,719,456
Cabell	2,149,238	807,488	630,704	2,965,747	784,445	294,594	1,345,197	202,828	721,041	9,268,338	19,169,620	68	28,024,179
Calhoun	-	-	2,391	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,391	50	4,781
Clay	441,813	97,920	552	74,700	741,564	17,360,883	3,045	50,094	-	1,265,936	20,036,507	90	22,241,566
Doddridge	1,359,883	572,341	5,171,427	13,246,398	18,190	172,164	127,408	76,345	8,400	4,998	20,757,554	53	38,961,031
Fayette	322,165	1,075,377	3,122,049	4,294,570	3,657,185	9,763,086	909,345	30,983,408	906,052	1,972,135	57,005,372	62	92,109,625
Gilmer	-	6,750	-	24,360	600	1,188,646	57,400	-	-	12,240	1,289,996	88	1,468,713
Grant	200,874	28,699	2,282	274,008	11,944	20,676	375,447	21,153	5,951	-	941,034	51	1,837,902
Greenbrier	4,188,809	6,513,432	14,638,942	12,318,268	636,379	118,406	6,277,542	238,132	-	766,973	45,696,883	89	51,138,893
Hampshire	-	-	9,150	-	12,549	2,708	-	33,375	-	2,700	60,482	52	117,117
Hancock	31,163	-	-	33,261	10,916	-	4,164,185	291,323	10,596,392	3,549	15,480,699	92	16,903,809
Hardy	-	-	173	-	-	1,051	5,710	-	-	-	6,334	52	13,270
Harrison	12,403,290	8,078,730	914,563	2,366,249	1,765,450	21,108,584	26,603,655	11,417,681	2,146,888	17,825,349	104,630,439	73	142,866,157
Jackson	14,961,753	92,080	822,137	1,140,461	154,278	169,467	1,641,294	131,755	172,200	8,656,064	20,161,489	86	23,516,289
Jefferson	97,202	-	241,719	1,935,551	53,484	63,872	-	-	-	-	2,391,828	50	4,738,159
Kanawha	11,102,110	27,332,785	13,785,339	16,763,174	24,213,959	9,142,365	120,280,212	98,539,235	33,563,318	65,219,585	419,942,082	87	483,573,162
Lewis	513,633	1,029,864	1,253,227	5,481,258	7,601,556	47,051,040	76,017	4,731,373	48,137	103,500	67,889,605	85	80,229,541
Lincoln	6,160	-	781	-	12,630	-	-	-	206,140	859,451	1,085,162	74	1,475,174
Logan	-	997,989	258,946	2,897,527	787,126	8,742,048	65,130	5,189,274	8,545,763	11,109,998	38,593,801	78	49,616,290
McDowell	28,954	1,317,970	1,646	-	-	-	75,890	71,691	181,474	399,468	2,077,093	78	2,659,272
Marion	10,322,351	2,282,027	4,671,764	2,497,498	119,019	102,195	840,047	52,450	-	4,514	20,891,865	88	23,607,370
Marshall	5,551,336	415,250	251,324	323,500	5,773,893	348,888	130,339	1,406,000	4,830	69,725	14,275,085	50	28,460,345
Mason	5,375	-	3,733,198	4,772,000	2,002,082	419,523	298,746	-	84,245	276,731	11,592,400	97	11,889,667
Mercer	5,381,726	5,498,749	1,360,305	18,735,496	9,628,384	6,702,538	10,865,825	8,996,524	2,736,530	29,191,885	99,097,962	73	135,827,732
Mineral	16,024	284,336	299,581	-	12,770	1,439	13,570	-	-	-	627,720	64	984,107
Mingo	13,464	378,161	1,279,966	6,491,207	2,889,742	76,340	884,191	6,498,601	551,856	7,689,880	26,753,408	58	46,112,235
Monongalia	487,227	6,553,087	6,488,215	3,031,720	15,503,361	38,073,842	8,706,711	20,904,172	1,925	1,399,350	101,149,610	69	145,824,165
Monroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,551,361	10,465	70	2,216,230
Morgan	-	-	-	-	5,075	-	-	5,390	-	-	-	50	20,931
Nicholas	117,950	293,726	354,179	4,265,214	15,006,862	7,260,904	4,186,294	605,689	315,298	5,552,009	37,958,125	68	55,562,402
Ohio	5,514,959	2,541,331	1,191,769	14,758,054	8,757,971	1,169,195	18,662,383	1,457,125	9,094,265	18,311,530	81,458,582	88	92,600,696
Pendleton	-	-	-	12,642	-	-	-	263,200	-	-	275,842	70	394,060
Pleasants	-	822,260	-	451,374	-	3,040	1,233,770	1,687,878	4,378,690	23,125,291	31,702,303	93	34,178,649
Pocahontas	1,710,080	-	2,641,428	132,071	344,513	3,281,320	-	38,325	1,049,151	1,049,151	9,198,013	97	9,474,657
Preston	-	1,125	177,432	267,672	4,572,553	12,839,595	-	17,500	81,451	-	17,956,203	71	35,049,417
Putnam	620,811	10,279	135,088	271,146	102,428	192,808	48,303	26,312	41,689	1,087,869	2,536,733	51	3,595,556
Raleigh	656,827	7,321	165,251	398,321	798,432	2,373,890	812,350	687,154	77,874	302,250	6,279,670	65	9,641,513
Randolph	402,748	813,925	723,449	723,449	21,004	445,605	11,088,374	1,221,810	25,549	149,690	14,892,154	52	28,379,200
Ritchie	830,503	446,457	8,728,399	5,949,673	4,459,149	296,626	8,135	-	-	20,299	20,739,241	52	40,099,365
Roane	890,494	36,083	171,253	690,005	33,311,901	7,772,469	7,563	66,864	1,299,994	1,354,224	45,600,850	90	50,805,079
Summers	704,049	-	76,234	785,990	83,670	12,492	173,448	206,485	476,618	-	2,518,986	93	2,710,924
Taylor	115,268	-	-	-	107,429	704,829	16,135	-	-	-	1,335,584	51	2,636,067
Tucker	98,085	-	-	-	-	54,248	-	47,679	-	-	200,012	59	341,779
Tyler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Upshur	-	-	-	189,802	-	18,305	16,395	1,288,389	-	18,000	1,575,940	56	2,838,532
Wayne	1,474,855	1,516,219	1,538,936	238,954	1,467	1,777,787	11,952	3,026,064	79,012	801,895	10,467,141	59	17,647,305
Webster	-	20,043	-	92,219	142,085	1,010,649	-	43,360	-	-	-	-	-
Wetzel	10,475	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wirt	-	-	367	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,318,831	51	2,579,256
Wood	23,944,376	851,713	9,678,513	4,535,015	1,480,296	700,022	3,691,232	4,521,213	1,408,239	396,020	396,387	75	529,333
Wyoming	415,834	-	1,021,473	-	31,206	-	-	3,175	39,950	4,388,251	55,198,870	67	82,058,264
Sub-Total	112,137,657	73,445,664	95,161,168	163,159,052	180,698,728	236,672,842	249,934,418	205,209,248	78,109,011	210,894,458	1,805,422,246	77	2,098,327,258
Statewide	1,550,754	1,198,885	1,317,905	1,838,325	1,966,269	2,195,681	3,665,220	2,258,147	2,580,983	5,200,454	23,772,623	83	28,765,577
Total	\$113,688,411	\$74,644,549	\$96,479,073	\$164,997,377	\$182,664,997	\$238,868,523	\$253,599,638	\$207,467,395	\$80,689,994	\$216,094,912	\$1,629,194,869	77	\$2,127,092,835

a/ includes amounts not attributable to a particular county.

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	9,084,310	.43
Boone	27,300	1.5	203.37	1.5	16,859,101	1.03	31,794,830	1.49
Braxton	13,200	.7	287.59	2.1	119,564,729	7.34	135,527,168	6.37
Brooke	30,200	1.7	121.32	.9	4,969,970	.31	9,719,456	.46
Cabell	105,700	5.9	270.50	2.0	19,169,620	1.18	28,024,179	1.32
Calhoun	7,400	.4	175.79	1.3	2,391	(c)	4,781	(c)
Clay	9,700	.5	177.45	1.3	20,036,507	1.23	22,241,566	1.05
Doddridge	6,600	.4	194.51	1.4	20,757,554	1.27	38,961,031	1.83
Fayette	52,500	2.9	390.90	2.8	57,005,372	3.50	92,109,625	4.33
Gilmer	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	469.29	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	.01
Hancock	40,400	2.3	103.94	.8	15,480,699	.95	16,903,809	.79
Hardy	9,100	.5	158.21	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	23,516,289	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	419,942,082	25.78	483,573,162	22.73
Lewis	17,700	1.0	251.05	1.8	67,889,605	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
McDowell	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	99,097,962	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	101,149,610	6.21	145,824,165	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	81,458,582	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	3,595,556	.17
Raleigh	75,500	4.2	376.96	2.7	6,279,670	.39	9,641,513	.45
Randolph	25,900	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	14,800	.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	190.94	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	189.90	1.4	-	-	-	-
Wetzel	20,800	1.2	229.19	1.7	1,318,831	.08	2,579,256	.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	82,058,264	3.86
Wyoming	32,200	1.8	265.97	1.9	1,832,605	.11	3,409,212	.16
Statewide (note d)	-	-	-	-	23,772,623	1.46	28,765,577	1.35
Total (note e)	<u>1,790,700</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>13,797.66</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>\$1,629,194,869</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$2,127,092,835</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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>\$1,461,669</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	<u>2.5</u>	<u>.2</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.6</u>
			<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of State total</u>	
			<u>b 33,500</u>	1.9	
			<u>223.4</u>	1.6	
			1. Primary (55.2)	(2.3)	
			2. Secondary (163.4)	(1.5)	
			3. Urban (4.8)	(.7)	
			4. Appalachian <sup>c</sup> (21.7)	(4.7)	

a/ Rural Primary program included.  
b/ Bureau of the Census estimate for July 1, 1974.  
c/ Mileage is also included in Primary mileage.