TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

MAY 1977

TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS UP 4.8%
COMPA'RED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO

TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS ONLY UP 5.7%
COMPARRED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO

VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL THIS MONTH = 45.07 BILLION TOTAL

WESTERN STATES

CENTRAL STATES

EASTERN STATES

6.42
22.71
15.94

NOTE: ALL VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1975 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

FOR OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTION
FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

AVERAGE DAILY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL-MILLIONS

UNITED STATES TOTAL

CENTRAL STATES

EASTERN STATES

WESTERN STATES

1977
1976
1975
FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

- --- WESTERN STATES
- -- CENTRAL STATES
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TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

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NOTE 1: RURAL MILEAGE OF EACH MAJOR TOLL ROAD IS CONSIDERED AS ONE UNI-CORE STATISTICAL UNIT, DEPENDING ON STATES' MET-CC OF REPORTING.

NOTE 2: WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IS DASHED AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS SHOWN, THE STATES PREPARED TRAFFIC ESTIMATES, GENERALLY BASED ON EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SURVEY SURVEYS.

NOTE 3: WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IS DASHED AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS DASHED, THE STATE REPORT WAS NOT RECEIVED AT TIME OF PRINTING, OR NO COMPARABLE DATA WERE AVAILABLE.

1977 "PRELIMINARY" DATA FOR MAY.
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* These are preliminary estimates which will be revised to agree with final estimates of 1976 annual travel provided by State highway departments.

** To be revised based on 1976 final travel estimates.

*** Table entries may not add to total "all systems" due to rounding.

For further information contact Kenneth Welty, Highway Statistics Division, Federal Highway Administration. 202-426-0180.
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**1977 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel in Billions**

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**Table 4**

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