

THE INADEQUACIES OF OUR PRESENT HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

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If compared with those of any other nation the highway transportation facilities of these United States, in universal availability, safety of operation, cost per miles or other service characteristics, will not be found inadequate. Quite the contrary is true.

There is no absolute adequate or inadequate. The qualification is relative and must be measured in degree, i.e., the ratio of realized performance to the current requirements.

No narrow cataloguing of the physical defects of our highways is enlightening, since highway transportation in its present actualities is the product of many widely varied elements. Some of these not consciously associated with highway engineering have now and will have a profound influence in determining the degree of adequacy of our highway facilities. Important among these are the legal insufficiency of the authority and responsibility of officials, - highway, police and motor vehicle; the behavior of the individual driver; available revenue, public attitudes, particularly toward right public policies;