

# THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

The FHWA's primary mission is to ensure that the Nation's highway transportation system is safe for public use. This movement of people and goods must be accomplished economically and efficiently. The FHWA also must consider how highways affect the environment, as well as social and economic conditions.

## FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM

The FHWA administers the Federal-aid Highway Program, an annual multi-billion dollar program of financial assistance to the States. Federal funding comes from a highway-user, tax-supported Highway Trust Fund. The principal revenue source is the motor-fuel tax.

## FHWA HEADQUARTERS, REGIONS, AND DIVISIONS

The FHWA has its headquarters office in Washington, D.C. The headquarters staff formulates policy and provides staff guidance and direction to the field organization. The field organization includes regional and division offices. Nine regional offices are located throughout the United States. A division office is located in each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The division offices are grouped under and report to the nine regional offices.

## RESEARCH CENTER

The Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center is in McLean, Virginia (near Washington, D.C.). The center provides laboratory facilities for staff and contract research.

*GRF student in Hydraulics Lab*



*LEFT: M-35 between Gwinn and Palmer in Michigan's Upper Peninsula*

## MOTOR CARRIERS

The Motor Carrier offices are collocated with each FHWA division office. The following States also have additional offices in key metropolitan areas: California, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Florida.

## FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION OFFICES

The FHWA has three Federal Land Highway divisions: Eastern Division, Sterling, Virginia; Central Division, Denver, Colorado; and Western Division, Vancouver, Washington.

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

Technical assistance is provided to nations around the world. Such international projects provide FHWA personnel the opportunity to work and live outside the United States.

*Interchange of the Dallas North Tollway with I.H. 635, Dallas, Texas*



