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# Office Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Anchor Lake Rest Area Usage Study, T.H. 53

This rest area usage study was done to provide information on current use patterns. This information will be used in spacing rest areas and providing the proper number of facilities.

The information was obtained by giving each vehicle entering the rest area a questionnaire which was answered during their stay in the area. The questionnaire was then collected as the vehicle left the area. The study was performed for five consecutive days, Thursday - Monday, 8 hours per day.

The mainline traffic was counted and classified according to type of vehicle during the same time period. This allows us to derive averages for stopping of vehicles using the rest area.

The following information was collected:





We received general comments from 62% of the people stopping, about the excellent facilities, how clean and well-maintained they were and how attractive the rest area was. Other comments included the following:

The best thing that happened to the traveling public. I would even pay!

Perfect. There should be one farther up on 53.

Very neat and orderly, better than Indiana's.

Need water spigot.

Appreciate seeing good use of underground technology.

They all are great assets of our state.

Pleasant experience. Minnesota needs more rest areas!

Very impressed. One of the best in USA.

Very unique layout - superb.

Need more truck parking stalls.

Well above average. Give some advice to Wisconsin.

There should be more of them.

Should have access from both ends. Drive too long.

Excellent! Have to report to Ohio what should be done.