

HIGHWAY - Env. Serv., Rm. G-4
 Extension 6127

October 4, 1973

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Thompson Hill Rest Area Usage Study
 S.P. 6982 I-35

Date: July 26-30, 1973

Hours: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Weather: Rain & Cloudy July 26, 27, 29 & 30.

Vehicles on Mainline: I-35 (N.B.) - 16,104, I-35 (S.B.) - 17,113,

T.H. 2 - 21,004, Total - 54,221

Vehicles entering: 1553

Percent of vehicles entering: 2.9%

Out of state vehicles entering: 37.4%

Average persons/vehicle: 2.9

Purpose For Entering

Other	39.1%
Get travel information	30.6%
Use Rest Room	15.7%
To Rest	8.0%
To Eat	5.8%
Use Telephone	0.5%
Dispose of Waste	0.2%
Get Water	0.1%
<u>Percent of Persons Using</u>	
Rest Rooms	54.6%
Drinking Water	27.8%
Telephone	0.5%

Percent of Vehicles Using

Travel Information	48.2%	74.0%
Waste Disposal	8.6%	12.0%
Picnic Tables	7.2%	10.7%
Telephone	1.7%	2.6%

Direction of Vehicles Entering

I-35 Northbound	46.7%
I-35 Southbound	41.5%
T.H. 2	11.8%

Direction of Vehicles Leaving Duluth Area

I-35	63.3%
T.H. 61	19.4%
T.H. 2	10.5%
T.H. 53	3.0%
T.H. 210	2.6%
I-535	0.7%
T.H. 23	0.5%

Vehicles Stopping @ N.E. I-35 Rest Areas

Goose Creek	3.4%
Kettle River	3.2%
Both	1.5%

Vehicles Staying Overnight in Duluth Area

<u>1 Day</u>	<u>2 Days</u>	<u>3 Days</u>	<u>4 Days</u>	<u>5 Days</u>	<u>6 Days</u>	<u>7 Days</u>	<u>10 Days</u>	<u>14 Days</u>	<u>Total</u>
95	22	5	3	3	1	6	1	1	137 Vehicles

Note: 12.3% of vehicles interviewed stayed at least one night in the Duluth Area.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Vehicles Entering</u>	<u>Vehicles on Mainline</u>	<u>% Stopping</u>
Thursday	251	9955	2.5%
Friday	230	12,413	1.9%
Saturday	364	10,485	3.5%
Sunday	427	10,209	4.2%
Monday	281	11,159	2.5%
Total	1553	54,221	2.9%

Vehicles Entering

Passenger cars pulling no trailer	74.0%
Vehicles pulling a trailer	12.9%
Pickup campers	5.7%
Single unit trucks	3.2%
Buses	2.6%
Other motor vehicles	1.2%
Semi's	0.4%

September 11, 1973

Mr. Dick Struck
Westmoreland, Larson and Hill
600 Missabe Building
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Dear Mr. Struck:

Preliminary results of our survey at the Thompson Hill Information Center in Duluth have revealed that of the 1100 plus vehicles our office interviewed, 147 or 13% of these vehicles stayed in the Duluth area for a total of 249 nights. Length of stay varied from 1 to 14 nights. This survey was conducted July 26-30, 1973, from the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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November 26, 1973

Mr. Richard Struck
Westmoreland, Larson and Hill
600 Missabe Building
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Dear Mr. Struck:

The following are the preliminary results you requested concerning our survey at the Thompson Hill information center.

1. Dates of Survey: July 26 - 30, 1973
2. Hours of Survey: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
3. Vehicles interviewed: 1100

Of the 1100 vehicles we interviewed, 147 or 13% stayed in the Duluth area. Length of stay varied from one to fourteen nights. If I can be of any further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,

Stan Paulson
Senior Highway Technician

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