

that direction and is maintaining an active liaison with county and municipal planners in every part of the State. This State Roads Commission, because of its ability through a seven-member body to get at the grass roots planning and development picture, is not acting unilaterally in the highway planning field. It is not arbitrarily planning expressways that, to use a favorite newspaper term, "slash" through residential areas, farm lands, park lands, or separate children from schools, or cut off their parents from churches or shopping centers. This would be possible, and has occurred, in instances where the highway builder and the planner are not working together.

Of course, I have been talking about a subject that has long range implications. Are we meeting our responsibilities for the immediate future? Today's roads opening is evidence of this . . . .

This Administration and your State Roads Commission have twin objectives in the dynamic sixties. They are full speed ahead for better roads now, and in the future, highways that will contribute toward the orderly growth of our State and our nation.