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To State Highway Commission
Re: Stop Signs in Municipalities

Answering your letter of April 27th, in re designation of certain state and state aid highways as through ways and to regulate traffic at intersections of such through ways, I beg to advise you that the statute seems to be silent with reference to the erection of stop signs at street intersections through cities and villages.

There is considerable doubt in my mind as to the authority of the highway commission to set up such signs in those portions of the cities and towns where the municipalities build and maintain the ways.

It seems to me that your suggestion with reference to getting in touch with the municipal officers in an endeavor to get them to co-operate with the State in erecting the signs contemplated by the statute is a wise one. Of course, the Commission can designate the State and State aid highways which they consider to be through ways. This should be done, it seems to me, in cities after conference with the municipal officers in order that there may be no conflict in this regard and after such designation, I think with a little diplomacy, you can come to an understanding with reference to the erection of the necessary signs.

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