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Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT Highways for National Defense

- Refs.: (a) DoD Directive 5160.60, subject as above,
February 19, 1968 (cancelled herein)
(b) DoD Directive 5160.53, "Single Manager
Assignment for Military Traffic, Land Trans-
portation, and Common-User Ocean Terminals,"
March 24, 1967
(c) Title 23, United States Code

I. REISSUANCE

This Directive reissues and updates reference (a) which is hereby superseded and cancelled.

II. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

- A. This Directive sets forth policy, responsibilities, and authority in matters pertaining to Department of Defense (DoD) highway needs and, when appropriate, to the highway needs of other Federal agencies, during peacetime and emergencies, in the United States and its territories and possessions.
- B. The provisions of this Directive apply to the Military Departments and Defense Agencies (hereinafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components").

III. POLICY

In order to insure that the national defense is served by adequate, safe and efficient highway transportation, it shall be the policy of the DoD to (a) integrate the highway

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needs of the national defense into the civil highway programs of the various State and Federal agencies, and (b) cooperate with those agencies in matters pertaining to the use of public highways and in planning their development and construction.

IV. AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Secretary of the Army, as the Single Manager for Military Traffic, Land Transportation, and Common-User Ocean Terminals (see DoD Directive 5160.53 (reference (b))), is hereby designated as the Executive Agent for the Department of Defense (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Agent), in matters pertaining to (1) public highways to serve the national defense in meeting both peacetime and mobilization highway transportation needs in the United States, its territories and possessions; and (2) highway needs of other Federal agencies, when appropriate. The Executive Agent, or his designee, under the policy guidance of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), will:

1. Coordinate the DoD transportation interest in public highways, including the implementation of subsection (h), section 210 of reference (c) (see also C., below) and integrate foreseen DoD highway needs and operational requirements into the highway programs of the United States, its territories and possessions.
2. Review and analyze DoD access road needs, and, when appropriate, those of other Federal agencies from the standpoint of approved transportation engineering practices, statutory provisions, and policies and procedures of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.
3. Represent the DoD in matters pertaining to highways to serve the national defense in liaison with the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway Officials, and other appropriate Government and non-Government agencies.

4. Certify to the Secretary of Transportation on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, the public highway needs of the DoD and, when appropriate, the needs of other Federal agencies, as being important to the national defense. (See section 210 of reference (c).)
 5. Advise and assist the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) in matters pertaining to the (a) preparation and justification of budget requirements for defense access road needs, and (b) transfer of funds appropriated for this purpose to the Federal Highway Administration.
 6. Develop and maintain an efficient relationship between the design of military vehicles and State and Federal standards for the design of public highways to ensure the effective and efficient utilization of such highways by military vehicles.
 7. Represent the DoD in matters pertaining to highway traffic engineering in liaison with Federal, state, and local highway agencies and provide highway traffic engineering services to DoD Components, when requested.
 8. Insure effective cooperation between the Department of Defense and state highway authorities in matters pertaining to special defense utilization of public highways.
- B. The other DoD Components will:
1. Maintain official liaison with the Executive Agent in matters pertaining to the provision of public highways to serve the national defense and the access road needs of new or expanded DoD installations and activities.
 2. Furnish the Executive Agent with information and data on current and potential access-road, highway-system and traffic engineering needs on request.
- C. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, or their designees, are authorized to act for the Secretary of Defense under the provisions of subsection (h), section 210 of reference (c), in

determining, in connection with the funding of contracts for the construction of classified military installations and facilities for ballistic missiles, that construction estimates and the bids of contractors did not include allowances for repairing road damages.

- D. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Directors of Defense Agencies will program, budget, and finance for the responsibilities assigned by this Directive and their access road requirements.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Two copies of each implementing document shall be forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics) within 90 days.

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