

## Office Memorandum

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DATE: October 4, 1974

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SUBJECT: Oak Lake Rest Area Usage Study S.P. 6005 T.H. 2

Date: August 1-5, 1974.  
 Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.  
 Weather: Clear & Cool - Rained August 2nd.  
 Vehicles on mainline: 8177  
 Vehicles entering: 420  
 Percent of vehicles entering: 5.1%  
 Out of state vehicles entering: 68%  
 Average persons/vehicle: 2.9  
 Average time in rest area: 18 minutes

Purpose for Entering

Use restrooms	53.4%
To eat	17.0%
To rest	16.2%
Other	7.6%
Get water	2.6%
Get travel information	1.4%
Use telephone	1.0%
Dispose of wastes	0.8%

Percent of Persons Using

Restrooms	77.5%
Drinking Water	35.9%

Percent of Vehicles Using

Waste Disposal	24.8%
Travel Information	16.2%
Picnic tables	14.8%
Telephone	2.6%
Electrical outlet	0.7%

<u>Day</u>	<u>Vehicles Entering</u>	<u>Vehicles on Mainline</u>	<u>Percent Stopping</u>
Thursday	83	1616	5.1%
Friday	80	1736	4.6%
Saturday	78	1639	4.8%
Sunday	93	1528	6.1%
Monday	86	1658	5.2%
TOTAL	420	8177	5.1%

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Hour	<u>Time of Entry</u>					<u>Total</u>
	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	
9:00 a.m.	4	3	6	2	8	23
10:00 a.m.	9	9	6	10	9	43
11:00 a.m.	11	8	9	9	16	53
Noon	12	10	14	17	13	66
1:00 p.m.	13	13	10	18	10	64
2:00 p.m.	10	14	9	4	6	43
3:00 p.m.	15	11	14	16	17	73
4:00 p.m.	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>55</u>
TOTAL	83	80	78	93	86	420

Average time in Rest Area

To eat: 39 Minutes  
To rest: 22 Minutes  
Other: 21 Minutes  
Get Travel Information: 14 Minutes  
Use Restroom: 11 Minutes  
Use Telephone: 10 Minutes  
Get Water: 9 Minutes  
Dispose of Waste: 3 Minutes

Direction of Travel

Westbound T.H. 2 42.3%  
Eastbound T.H. 2 38.6%  
Northbound T.H. 59 9.7%  
Southbound T.H. 59 9.4%

Vehicles Entering

Passenger Cars pulling no trailer 63.3%  
Vehicles pulling a trailer 14.5%  
Pickup campers 7.4%  
Semi trucks 5.0%  
Buses 3.6%  
Single unit trucks 3.1%  
Other motor vehicles 3.1%

Questions Asked

Have you had any difficulty obtaining travel information? Yes 2.6%  
Have you stopped at any other rest areas in Minnesota? Yes 29.6%  
If out of state, how many days have you or will you stay in Minnesota? 93.4%  
of the out of state vehicles spend at least one day in Minnesota, with a average stay of 4½ days/vehicle.

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DAY OF WEEK _____	VEHICLE TYPE _____	NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN VEHICLE
DATE _____	TIME IN _____	
LICENSING STATE _____	TIME OUT _____	

1. WHAT WAS YOUR CHIEF PURPOSE FOR DRIVING INTO THIS REST AREA? (Check one)

1. \_\_\_ Use Rest Room      2. \_\_\_ Dispose of sewage      3. \_\_\_ Get Water

4. \_\_\_ Just to Rest      5. \_\_\_ Get Travel Info.      6. \_\_\_ Telephone

7. \_\_\_ Eat      8. \_\_\_ Dispose of Wastes      9. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Specify)

2. HOW MANY PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY USED THE FOLLOWING?

Rest Room Facilities \_\_\_\_\_      Drinking Water Supply \_\_\_\_\_

3. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES WERE USED BY YOUR PARTY?

1. \_\_\_ Picnic Tables      2. \_\_\_ Information Board

3. \_\_\_ Electrical Outlet      4. \_\_\_ Waste Disposal

5. \_\_\_ Telephone      6. \_\_\_ None of these

4. WHERE IS THE HOME BASE FOR THE START OF THIS TRAVEL?

State \_\_\_\_\_ City or County \_\_\_\_\_

5. WHERE IS YOUR DESTINATION?

State \_\_\_\_\_ City or County \_\_\_\_\_

6. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL?

Eastbound T.H. 2 \_\_\_\_\_      Northbound T.H. 59 \_\_\_\_\_

Westbound T.H. 2 \_\_\_\_\_      Southbound T.H. 59 \_\_\_\_\_

7. HAVE YOU HAD ANY DIFFICULTY OBTAINING TRAVEL INFORMATION?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

8. IF OUT OF STATE, HOW MANY DAYS HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU STAY IN MINNESOTA? \_\_\_\_\_

9. HAVE YOU STOPPED AT ANY OTHER REST AREAS IN MINNESOTA?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_