

ATLANTA TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COUNCIL

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A Citizens' Organization Devoted to Traffic Improvement and Accident Prevention

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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. Mayor City of Atlanta City Hall Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

A limited amount of funds will be available shortly through the new National High-way Safety Bureau. Of the \$1,067,158 apportioned for Georgia, forty percent will be available to local governments. Those who apply first will be given first consideration.

The application or applications are to be sent through the State Highway Safety Coordinator and must be endorsed by the head of the local government concerned.

It would seem that with the limited number of dollars available and the "first come, first serve" consideration, it would be advisable for the several Atlanta departments which might qualify for these funds to meet promptly and agree on one to two projects to be submitted. Application forms are expected to be ready in approximately two weeks and applications will be accepted approximately September 1.

I would guess that Atlanta would be fortunate if it received as much as \$100,000 from this source. This money is on a "fifty-fifty matching" basis but a number of items the City is now carrying out can be used to make up Atlanta's share. Consequently, the federal funds will be extra money for which the City will not have to appropriate matching funds beyond that money already being spent.

Some items which could qualify for these funds include expanding traffic court facilities; identifying and improving high accident locations; improving traffic records and accident records systems; studies pertaining to road design, construction and maintenance; studies concerning traffic control devices; and nearly any phase of expanding driver education. Expressly excluded from eligibility is any type of construction or maintenance costs and, at this time, the costs of traffic signal equipment. I have requested a ruling from the National Bureau on this last item and it might yet be included.

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While in Washington a few days ago I talked at length with officials of the Bureau of Public Roads regarding a program through which a substantial part of Atlanta's traffic engineering expenditures would be eligible for fifty-fifty matching federal dollars. I will send you information concerning this other program within the next couple of days, after I have received the notes and material from that meeting.

Sincerely,

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