

[MN-44] RURAL MAILBOX TURNOUTS

Where mailboxes are erected at or near the outer edge of the shoulder, a section of the shoulder where the rural carrier must drive in delivering the mail should be stabilized sufficiently to prevent the shoulder surface from becoming rutted in wet weather.

Maintenance forces should work closely with the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers Association and local postmasters to make the individual letter carriers report shoulder conditions that need attention. Only conditions of genuine need should be reported. Reports should be made in writing to the District Engineer. The reports should show secondary road number, N.C. or U.S. route, mailbox number and owner's name.

Letter carriers should be requested to refrain from driving down the shoulder between mailboxes, and should be reminded when there is evidence that this practice has not been discontinued.

This policy in no way affects the responsibility of maintenance forces to check the condition of turnouts and make the necessary repairs without waiting for a report from the carrier.